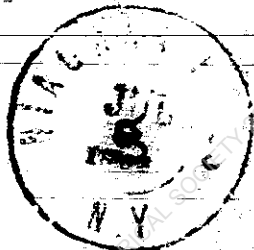


Thursday 21st June 1862
Dear Husband
I read your letter of
June 21st 62 yesterday at Beanesville
It had been forwarded to me from
Beanesville on the drill ground when
Noble brought it to me. I think you
hardly expected that your letter would
be read with a regiment of red coats
in sight and the band playing "God
save the Queen" but such was the fact
These are volunteer companies formed in
every town in Canada, drilling and pre-
paring for an invasion of the Lakes
ours but I don't like it better of course
Southern sympathizers are so rarely in
though they respected our feelings so much
that we did not get punished more than
once a day. I thought the soldiers
went through the drill quite as well as
ours did at Gettysburg. They had some
evolutions which were quite new to me
through "Noble Sam" and "John Bull"
that letter of yours cost 86 cts. It
was a "Dud" for it when it came
to Beanesville that with the Canada

age of ten cents had been paid when I left Comment. Father, I did not think of its being a double letter and with "Johnny" I all the post age is not paid it I just as well not be paid at all. and it came to me with "Due 20. 00" making in all 36cts. But see here that had to be paid in silver which is thirty in our money. so it cost 46.00 They made quite a haul out of that. I was glad to get it and appreciate it for its value. We left our friends this morning at 11 o'clock and came across the bridge where we are to remain until tomorrow morning. We have just returned from a ride over Goat Island. We waited some hour and half for the carriage and we were only crossing the first bridge over the rapids when it began to rain. It was just a sprinkler however and we told the driver to go on to Sunadale where we were going to have our picnic. He followed our direction and when we got to the stairs that

led down to it the girls jumped but the clouds looked so threatening that I would not consent to leave the carriage and crossed them to get back. and the driver said he would take us to a summer house which we had passed on our way where we could wait until the storm passed over. He did so and we had scarcely reached it when there came a perfect hurricane of wind and rain. They said it had not rained here before for months and it seemed that we was paying up for neglect by giving an ample supply at once. The house was crowded full of visitors and when Alice stepped from the carriage a pale sweet looking lady rose to meet her, which she recognized as Lelia Sheldon of her school day or Mrs. Hicks. They had just met since her marriage. She was with her husband and some other friends from Cleveland. She was to be married to my husband who had honored her with a call when he passed through on his way to the Regt. Her party had been on Aug or so at the Falls enjoying the

for the first time. I had seen her
on the stage at Kingsville but never
met her before. The rain was a
providence you think, don't you?
I never saw such a shower though
we managed to keep pretty dry though
by the gentleman standing up around
the ladies and we had fine spots
over it. He had to come back though
without seeing much. It has stopped
raining now and we are going to walk
over when it dries up a little.
All my sight seeing of the Falls
has been on the Reducian side
before and I don't want to lose
my chance now of seeing this side
Friday morn. We had a delight-
ful trip last evening but I
was so tired that I have not
rested yet. We leave on the 8.20
train this morn. I shall only stay
a day or so in Frederica with Down
Anja does a week or more.
Put all things together I have had
a very pleasant time and rather
dread to go home. You must excuse
pencil marks as I could not get at mine
in my trunk. Be true - Wife



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