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Letter from Jacob G. Armstrong to W.G. Spencer

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Norwich Winstington Co.

Feb 5th A.D. 1863.

M^{rs} W. G. Spencer & Family

Dear friends.

Your kind and interesting message was duly received and after the lapse of several weeks I seat myself to reply to it
Please pardon delay—

We as a family all ^{we} thank you for the trouble you took of procuring a Miniature of Grand mother Gibson for us
^{we} Trust we may be able to do you a favor in return— We are all well and enjoying our selves as best we can under existing circumstances
You inquired about Thomas S. in your letter

He got Home last May was discharged from the service he after he got home he quite recovered his health and got very hearty - After he got well he went to Putnam to school and while there got in the notion of going into the army again

He received a Lieutenancy in the 122nd Regt Ohio Volunteers it's head quarters was at Janesville while recruiting. The 122. has been in service 5 or 6 months they are at Winchester Va. they think they will winter there. They have not been in any battle yet. L.S. has not been sick a day since he went out the last time. When he came home last May his weight was 118^{lbs} now it is 165 lbs quite an increase. He says he is enjoying himself first rate

I dont believe there will be any more fighting in the East this winter. As the Commanders are changed - What think you of the change? For my part I liked Burnside very much but Hooker is a good man. It may all be right I think if Burnside had had his own way in crossing the Rappahannock it would have been a success insted of a disaster. Sometimes I feel encouraged and at others rather disheartened. There is no doubt the Lord will sustain the right and of course that is the North. I hope the time will soon come that Peace may be restored and every Bondman will be free and I think this war will not close till this is accomplished. I believe the Lord has let Slavery exist as long as it shall

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was when you were at our house
We are tryin to do our part in raising
Wool to supply the deficiency of
Cotton we had nearly 2000 lbs last
July and expect to have about the
same this coming July the sheep
business has been very good this last
fall. Dont you think the prospect
of wool is going to be high next
shearing? We have had any amount
of snow and rain the last two month
Back but very little sleighing
there is the best prospect of sleighing now
there has been it commenced last night and
still is snowing it is some 4 to 8 in deep and has
an excellent foundation

The family join me in sendy
there best regards to Uncle James & family
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Yours Respectfully J. G. Armstrong

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