SIMEON FREEMAN
LETTER, 30 OCTOBER 1864

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Simeon Freeman (1838-1900) was born in Orange County, Indiana. In September, 1857 he married Nancy E. Lee and they produced five children. Sometime in the early 1860s Freeman and his family moved to Marshall County, Indiana. On 19 December 1864, Freeman was drafted into Company D of the 48th Indiana Regiment and was mustered out on 15 June 1865. After the war Freeman and his family moved to Sharpsville in Tipton County where he was a day laborer and a carpenter.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The letter in this collection was written by “Sime” (Simeon) Freeman to his wife (Nancy) “Emma” from Etowah River, Georgia, while serving with the 48th Indiana on 30 October 1864. In it he expresses his loneliness and tells her not to worry about him not coming home, but if he doesn’t for some reason, then not to hold on to his memory too long and to go on living. Sime also enquires about the other men from his area that were drafted—did they go, or did they hire substitutes. Freeman inferred that if he had to serve, then the other men of the area should as well. He also asks her how her father felt about the recent elections with Colfax and Morton winning.

Also included is a transcription of the letter and some biographical information on Freeman.

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