

[Partial letter from V. W. Sargent at an army hospital in Keokuk, Iowa to his brother James]

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Keokuk Iowa

[Scribbled notation unclear] Aug 13 1864

Dear Brother James

I now sit down to try my hand in wrighting [*writing*] a few lines to you although I have wrote to you since I got one from you but I have moved my headquarters since that am at Keokuk Iowa came here a few days ago I havenot had any letter from anyone

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I am going to get to my regt [*regiment*] as soon as I can. I dont [*don't*] think there is much chance of me ~~my~~ getting a furlough and I am in a [*missing word*] to get out of the Hospital in fact I never was in one before and never want to be again

I supose [*suppose*] you have found out how soldering goes by this time I hurd [*heard*] you
[rest of letter is missing]