

In The Field Near Atlanta 8th mo 10th 1864

Honored Parents Brothers & Sister

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I think. I see Aunt has the letters
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our other works but it is in a hollow
in our rear now where we go to cook
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