

Captain William A. Barnard, 20th Michigan Infantry, 1862-1865

Envelope: Miss Ellen A. Barnard, Willsboro, Essex County, New York

Camp Parole Annapolis Md.
May 12th 1865

Dear Sister

I reported here yesterday & applied for my Muster Out & discharge papers under general orders No. 82 and shall be a civilian on the 15th inst. after a vigorous race in the military service of my Country. I shall be obliged to return to the Regt. for a short time (which is near Washington) to look after back pay from the 11th of Nov. 62 to Apl. 25th 63 - after that think of returning to Willsboro to spend the summer months & accustom myself to the peace & quiet of civil life - review my studies & read a little law preparatory to attending Ann Arbor Law School in the fall. I had my visit out at Wilton, Groton, So. Reading & Boston & returned here via Newport R. I., N. York, Philadelphia & Baltimore with officers that were in prison with me - and will be honorably discharged by order of the President to date May 15th. I shall get my discharge papers by next Tuesday or Wednesday & go to my Regt. & settle up with the U. S. & then start for home.

Fred Hinckley will not have to leave Willsboro - tell him to remain there until he is discharged. He is safe as long as he sends certificates - but I think applies to some of the state officers for his discharge - the Surgeon General of the State I believe.

I will find out & let him know when I get home if he is there & not out of the service.

Yours

Wm. A. Barnard