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(1861-1877) Box 3
[Thomas H. Hines]

Dear Pappa this letter was written in
Oct. for you but I could not send
it from the coast - reach it and
think of him who is now your son
and I hope some day to hear you
say that you are proud of him -
Nannie

October 30th 1864

Captain J. B. S.

Dear Captain,

For four long years I
have sought an opportunity to make
known to you my love for your daughter
Nannie, and to show you how necessary this
love and your approval will ever be to
my happiness; But - unfortunate circumstances
have rendered a personal interview with
you impossible, and reduced me to
the necessity of making this statement
through the cold medium of a letter.
If by I am here and why I write to you at
this particular time, I can not tell you;
I can only say that duty to my country
may at any moment call me beyond
the lines and render any communication
with you impossible. Nannie and I
have loved each other since we first
met: More than four years ago she promised

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