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Description: Nancy P. Hall and her daughter Amanda C. Ricker wrote to George F. Shepley to get information about Frank Ricker, their son and brother, respectively, who was serving in Battery F. of the 1st U.S. Artillery.

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