

Henry Hutcheson
July 6th

Clonks Mills July

Dear Brother

Four of the fourth
was duly reserved this morning I
having just returned from a scouting
party of fifteen we have been out since Saturday
morning we went out eight miles on the
road to Fairfax our house we started
up three pickets & drove them in one
of the boys fired of his piece before the
order was given or else we would have
stood a chance to have taken them his
firing alarmed the rebels & we had to
retreat well we took the woods & struck
the back track crossed over to Springfield
which place is about four miles from
mill we stayed there all night expecting
to capture some of the secession pickets
but we were beat out there for they did
come down the road we were on well
we were getting very hungry towards morning