Chattanooga Oct 26th 1863

Mr. Moses Long

Having Received your letter of the 11 Inst. I will try & give you all the Information Concerning your Son Reuben that I can. It is with much regret that I cant inform you of him being buried. He was killed in the first fire on Sunday morning. we had all our dead in our possession until Sunday evening when we were driven from that part of the field all fell into the hand of the Enemy. Now weather they were buried or not is more than I am able to say. If they were buried at all. It would be impossible for you to find your son, bsides the Enemy holds the Battle field yet.

This is all the information I can give you at present Your Effectionate Friend

Samuel W.Lantz

ToMoses Long

Our orderly Sargent wrote to you soon after the Battle & stated all the XMXXXXXX particulars concerning the death of your Son