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## Letter from Jacob G. Armstrong, Jane Armstrong, and Matilda Hull to Thomas S. Armstrong

Jacob G. Armstrong

Jane Armstrong

Matilda Hull

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1st

Norwich Muskingum Co.  
Sabbath March 30<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Brother

I write to you  
to let you know that I have  
not forgotten you - I am sorry  
that you do not get our letters  
so long after they are written -  
We have answered all of your  
letters but one and that one you  
told us not to write till you  
told us your whereabouts

We are very anxious for you as  
you are the only one now that  
is away from home we hope  
the Lord will spare your life  
to meet us at home once more  
Brother Wilbur is much better off  
than we - but it was hard to part  
with him



Father has written this on the  
slate for me to copy

"My dear Boy

I send you a few  
lines to encourage you to put  
your trust in God he is the only  
source of comfort Wilbur was so  
anxious we live so that we make  
an unbroken family in Heaven  
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but the Lord has been so merci-  
ful as to give us an assurance  
that Wilbur was prepared for  
his heavenly home - it is our  
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providence and say the Lord  
hath given and the Lord hath  
taken away blessed is the Lord  
If you are sick try to get home  
from your Father Wm. Armstrong

2nd

You must not expose your self  
for the purpose of getting promoted  
for health is much better than  
promotion what good will it do  
you if your health and constitution  
is gone we know that you can't help  
being exposed some times you must do the  
best you can and we will pray for you and your  
safe return do not think we do not think of you J. G. A.

Thinking Dear Brother that a few lines from  
me would not be amiss and as Mary and Jacob  
are visiting I will try and write a little  
I am at Fathers today where we were  
unexpectedly summoned last sabbath by  
the death of our dear Brother Wilbur  
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and told Richard Sigler that W. G. was  
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told us the saddest news it has ever been  
my lot to hear we got ready and went to



to the station and got on the Freight  
train at 10 o'clock arrived at the depot  
at <sup>past</sup> 2 stood at Mr Sensabaugh until morning  
and then Abram went up to Norwich hired a  
team and we came home Abram stood until  
Tuesday and then he went home I thought I  
would stay a week or two Father Mother  
Mary and I went to class meeting this morning  
I am trying to be a Christian so that when death  
comes I will be ready my daily prayer is that  
your <sup>life</sup> may be spared. and that you will soon  
be at home. I want you to write soon direct  
to Claylick Matilda & I will

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you ask me in your last letter  
to write you a few lines. you must not think  
because I do not write that I do not feel  
anxious about you your absence causes me many  
anxious moments. O! if you were only at  
home My heart yearns for you my dear  
boy. How I long to see you. If you are sick  
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tinually ascend for you May the Lord grant  
you a safe return my love to you  
Your Mother  
Mother requested me  
to copy the above for her  
Mary

Jane E. Armstrong



Mr. <sup>W</sup> Thomas S. Armstrong

Company B 78 Reg't,

Ohio Volunteers,

Care of Col M. D. Leggett  
Fort Henry

(forwarded on to 78<sup>th</sup>) Tennessee.



Recd. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 1862

Answered

March 30, 1862

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Your mother,

Jane E. Armstrong

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