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## Letter from Mary Armstrong and Jacob G. Armstrong to Thomas S. Armstrong

Mary Armstrong

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Norwich

March 30<sup>th</sup> /62

Dear Brother S. S.

We received your last letter (dated 20<sup>th</sup> inst) yesterday. We were glad to hear that your health is better as we were very uneasy about you a report having reached N. that you were quite ill. I wrote to you last Tuesday giving you an account of our beloved Brother Wilbur's death and the circumstances connected therewith. You will find the text from which Mr. Meath preached the funeral sermon, in Ecclesiastes instead of Ecclesiasticus. Mr. Meath died on Friday last. We have not heard the particulars concerning his death. He was not well when he preached Wilbur's funeral sermon. Said he would not have come this far had it been any

one else beside a Soldier and in less  
than one short week therefrom the  
two is numbered with the dead. Surely  
death is abroad in the land! He  
leaves a wife and 2 daughters at home  
and two sons in the army to mourn  
the irreparable. Sp L W Sinsabaugh ar-  
rived home last Thursday. We have  
not yet seen him. O! how I wish you  
could have come with him, dear brother  
take good care of yourself. do not expose  
yourself as we are so anxious to hear  
that you once more enjoy good health.  
Many will be the prayers that will  
be offered for your safe return to  
your friends who long to see you again  
amid the quiet scenes of Home.

Our school closes next Wednesday with  
an exhibition at night. I shall not  
take a part in the speaking exercises.  
I will help play some duets that  
we have prepared for the occasion.  
I am going to teach this summer.

A S Hull has engaged the Little  
Claylick school for me. I do not  
know when it shall commence teaching.  
I know it will be hard for you  
to bear the tidings of Wilbur's death  
as you are away and the sympathy  
of your friends is not the same to  
you as though you were among us  
yet you know the true source of  
all consolation and has he not had  
a glorious promotion from the ranks  
of our earthly army to that of  
the redeemed spirits that throng  
the courts of Heaven. May the grace  
of God be sufficient for you in  
every trial! Heaven bless you  
and watch over you and give you a  
safe return is the prayer of your  
Sister

Mary O Armstrong  
I received a letter from R W  
last <sup>Tuesday</sup> week which I shall answer  
the first opportunity. Mary

Dear Brother you will think  
 this is rather queer letter writing  
 as all hands are writing you  
 may rest assured that we think  
 of you often we are well and  
 hope when you get this you  
 may be enjoying good health  
 Our stock is doing very well  
 at present the ewes are having  
 lambs we have about 30 and about  
 100 more to have lambs we had  
 a very nice day it made me  
 feel a little like taking the spring  
 fever we have not plowed any yet  
 we have not commenced any of our  
 spring work yet but will this week  
 if the weather is favorable the roads  
 are very bad it has rained nearly half  
 the time since you left Camp Gilbert  
 I am glad to hear that George Porter  
 is well Give my respects to all  
 the Boys especially Harrison & George Porter  
 My love to you J.S. Armstrong

March 30, 1862

Norwich

March 30th/62

Dear Brother T.S.

We received your last letter (date 20th inst.) yesterday. We were glad to hear that your health is better as we were very uneasy about you, a report having reached Norwich that you were quite ill. I wrote to you last Tuesday giving you an account of our beloved Brother Wilbur's death and the circumstances connected therewith. You will find the text from which Mr. Heath preached the funeral sermon in Ecclesiastes instead of Ecclesiastions.

Mr. Heath died on Friday last. We have not heard the particulars concerning his death. He was not well when he preached Wilbur's funeral sermon. Said he would not have come this far had it not been any one else beside a soldier and in less than one short week therefrom, he too, is numbered with the dead.

Surely death is abroad in the land. He leaves a wife and 2 daughters at home and two sons in the army to mourn. The irreparable L.W. Sensibaugh arrived home last Thursday, We have not yet seen him. Dear brother, take good care of yourself. Do not expose yourself as we are so anxious to hear that you once more enjoy good health. Many will be the prayers that will be offered for your safe return to your friends who long to see you again amid the quiet scenes of home.

Our school closes next Wednesday with a exposition at night. I shall not take part in the speaking exercises. I will help play some duets that we have prepared for the occasion. I am going to teach this summer. A.T. Hull has engaged the Little Claylick school for me. I do not know when I shall commence teaching.

I know it will be hard for you to bear tidings of Wilbur's death as you are away and the sympathy of your friends is not the same to you as thought you were among us, yet you know the true source of all consolation and has he not had a glorious promotion from the ranks of our earthly army to that of the redeemed spirits that throng the courts of Heaven. May the grace of God be sufficient for you in every trial. Heaven bless you and watch over you and give you a safe return is the prayer of your sister.

Mary E. Armstrong

I received a letter from R H last Tuesday which I shall answer the first opportunity.

Dear Brother,

You will think this is rather queer letter writing as all hands are writing you. You may rest assured that we think of you often. We are well and hope when you get this you may be enjoying good health. Our stock is doing very well at present. The ewes are having lambs. We have about 30 and about 100 more to have lambs.

We had a very nice day. I made me feel a little like taking the spring fever. We have not plowed any yet. We have not commenced any of our spring work yet but will this week if the weather is favorable. The roads are very bad. It has rained nearly half the time since you left Camp Gilbert. I am glad to hear that George Porter is well. Give my respects to all the boys especially Hanson and George Porter.

May love to you

J.G. Armstrong