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

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Norwich
March 30th, 18__

Dear Brother T.S.,

We received your last letter (dated 26th inst.) yesterday. We were glad to hear that your health is better as we were very uneasy about you. A report having reached us 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 Ecclesiastes. 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 been any...
one else beside a Soldier and in 50
Make one short week there from the
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 loss of A W Shubert who ar-
ived home last Thursday We have
not yet seen him C! 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 exercise.
I will help to play some duets that
we have prepared for the occasion
I am going to teach this summer.

A J Hall has engaged the little
Claybrick school for me I don't
know when I shall commence teaching
I know it will be hard for you
to bear the tidings of Shubert's death
as you are away and the sympathy
of your friends is not the same to
you as though you were amongst
yet you know the true source of
all consolation and that is the promis
gion 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 helps you
and watch over you and give you a
safe return is the prayer of your
sister

Mary E Armstrong

Received a letter from you last
Tuesday which I shall ans
the first of tomorrow, Mary
3rd

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 Ewe’s are having lambs. We have about 80 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 ready 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 Hansen & George Porter. My love to Ben. 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 if 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