

## John R Jones Letter Regarding Andrew Upton's Death

Wednes [sic] April the 1st 1863 No 2

Murfreesboro Tennessee

My ever loveing [sic] brother and Sister I avail my self of the present opportunity of triing [sic] to wright [sic] you a fiew [sic] lines in order that you know that I am in moderte [sic] helth [sic] at this present time and I do trust in god [sic] that thease [sic] fiew [sic] lines will reach you and Find you and yourt [sic] in the enjoyment of the same great blessing James Dear brother I have some bad news to wright [sic] to you this morning that I am sorry to wright [sic] and that is this Andrew F. Upton is dead hee [sic] was taken sick a bout [sic] the 26th of March and died this morning at 4 oclock [sic] Dr [sic] [illegible] says the complaint was newmonia [sic] fever But I think it was newralgia [sic] fever James I expect you would like to hear how andy [sic] has lived since hee [sic] has bin [sic] in the army I can say of a truth that I have never heard andy [sic] swear one oath sence [sic] he has bin [sic] hear. [sic] and mee [sic] and andy [sic] has talked a great deel [sic] a bout [sic] religious afairs [sic] and he has allays [sic] sed [sic] to mee [sic] that hee [sic] entende [sic] to try to live more religious than hee [sic] had before in life. hee [sic] did not talk anny [sic] thing a bout [sic] Diing [sic] before hee [sic] died hee [sic] was out of his wright [sic] mind. Brother Wm was waiting on him when hee [sic] died hee [sic] said hee [sic] did not talk anny [sic]. James wee [sic] regreat [sic] the death of A.F. Upton a great deel [sic] But it is a debt wee [sic] will all have to pay sooner or later prepared or un prepared [sic] James I can say to you that wee [sic] all got a letter from you dated March the 20th it afforded us a great satisfaction to hear from you all and hear that you was all in tollable [sic] helth [sic] but your Wife I was sorry to hear that shee [sic] was not well. know [sic] James I can say to you that I was in hops [sic] that you could have come and seen us and a taken back our money for us But as you cant [sic] I will resk [sic] tenn [sic] dollars in this letter to you for I know that you are a needing it I could pay you every cent I owe you if I new [sic] it would gau [sic] safe. but I will just send \$1000 dollars in this and if it gets there safe wright [sic] imediately [sic] and I will sent [sic] you some more I want you to wright [sic] how much I am owing you I have sent to Ellen five dollars and I dont [sic] feel like I want to resk [sic] much more till I hear wheather [sic] it gets home or not James I want you to rite [sic] and give me all the news in the Country of importance if willing wright [sic] any war news this time for we have nothing but camp news and that aint [sic] reliable Wm and Thomas is as well as [illegible] James I must close as I will have to gou [sic] and help to Burry [sic] andy [sic] in a fiew [sic] minits [sic] I want you to wright [sic] just as soon as this comes to hand excuse bad wrighting [sic] and awkwardness I will close by saying I still remain your loveing [sic] Brother untill [sic] Death

Jno [sic] R. Jones

To James B. Jones and Wife