

Halifax

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My dear Brother :

I sat myself this morning to inform you of Pa's death. He died last Friday morning 20 minutes after one o'clock.

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that he was perfectly willing to die, and expressed himself a changed man, saying that he had been praying for forgiveness of his sins for a long time, and that he believed he was a Christian.

Uncle Winton informed him of his approaching death and told him to live

on the subject of religion five days before his death. Pa thanked him for the interest he had evinced in his son, told him he had been a praying man for some time, and would continue to do so.

He always spoke of his death with the greatest calmness and composure.

The night before his death he suffered the greatest agony from having difficulty in breathing, an abscess having broken previous to his death and being very

strangled every breath he drew, still he talked to last, expressing his willingness to die, never complaining of his suffering at all.

Several times he attempted to tell ~~his~~^{our} sister Pauline something to tell his children but he could not finish the sentence on account of the matter which was continually rising in his throat. Brother Pat was standing by him fanning him when he drew his last breath. Though he died like a

Roman. He was buried at "Red Hill" and his funeral preached by Rev. Hammesly, a Presbyterian preacher.

I wish you could write a note to Cabell of this. Sister Pauline looks quite badly. Baby in arms and all sickness she has undergone. I don't know when she will be at your house again. With best love to Sister Fizzie and children.

I remain yours affectionately,
M. H. Henry