

Glenwood Oct 25 1863

Sunday

My Dear Son

I wrote you a hasty note this day
week__ You have been apprised of the illness of
your excellent Aunt Nancy¹__ We received to
day, a telegram from Winfield that she died this
morning at 4^{oclk}__ This is sad & distressing
news to us all. I am greatly pained that I was
not with her in her last hours, but it was out
of my power. Indeed our information, until
within a few day or two induced us to hope
that she was mending__ Our court is still
sitting. We have been engaged in an impor
tant case since Wednesday. I argued it
yesterday and the Jury went out after

¹ Aunt Nancy is Judge George Summers' sister, Ann Summers Millan. She died on the date of this letter. Nancy is a nickname for Ann.

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dark, and have not agreed__ I had to stay
in town last night__ I have other very
important matters for tomorrow, but I must
drop all and go down on the Victress.² We
received the news to day after the boats
had all left, or I would have gone today.

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Here, my son, is another dispensation
calling us to repentance & preparation
lest we all be ready for we know
not what a day may bring forth. Your
deceased aunt was, as we believe and
trust, ready on the call. She was
one of the best and finest persons
I ever knew_ripe and full of youth.
She has gone to her reward__ your

² The Victress was a steamship that made regular trips to various towns on the Ohio River.

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cousin Ann³ has been there all the time,

Mrs Cash & others.

Mother⁴ was to have written you

yesterday but some company prevented. She

will do so soon__ I trust you continue

well and are getting on successfully

-take good exercise and write us regularly.

Andrew [illegible] was buried yesterday.

He stuck a nail in his foot and died from

lockjaw. Ruffner & Newton⁵ are

elected to Legislature__ Whaley beat

Frost⁶ in this county 100 or over_ can't

tell results yet but W. probably elected.

Excuse this short letter.

God bless our child

³ Cousin Ann is probably Anna I. Summers Ryon, daughter of Judge George Summers' sister, Sydney L. Summers.

⁴ Amacetta Laidley Summers

⁵ Lewis Ruffner & Enos W. Newton were elected to serve in the 1864 WV House of Delegates.

⁶ K. V. R. Whaley ran against Daniel Frost in the 3rd Congressional District, originally made up in 1863 of Kanawha, Jackson, Mason, Putnam, Cabell, Clay, Wayne, Logan, Boone, Braxton, Nicholas, Roane and McDowell counties.

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& fit him for usefulness in this world

& eternal life hereafter.

Father

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