

Direct as before

Camp near Cherry Hill Nappahumene

Nov 1st 1864

Friend Linn

A great surprise seem to be mutual for I was not so soon expecting an answer to my first. The kindness that preceded your letter is a characteristic of your self home and afforded me great pleasure & more than ever lament not having paid you a visit which I am sure you would have appreciated. I appreciate what you might have done for me where I could not do for myself as if I had have been the recipient of the kindness that with which I would have been treated. I had heard before of the death of Bob which distressed me very much - he was a good southerner boy and would have been in our army had not all his family been Union & brother in the Yankee army. Bob and I were intimate

friends, and often I have lamented our separation, coming it so soon, her ministrations of consolation in this struggle, and a hope that I should be able to return to the waters of a western stream, as was left of seeing each other again after this that it might be wafted back to the war is over, and now I am bereft of that so original on the pebbly shore of the Ohio & have you glad to know that I am held in prison, I gave away everything to receive such high regard by yourself as to be offered me of her. So you may imagine after having a sweet, convincing word a sweet heart, and taken this precaution, and the lapse of years if she sees the object to whom she is given three years it did not distress me very and serious objections will be raised in her much to hear she was married mind to such a plan. I had thought of missing being Harry on the march of waiting patiently until peace was made. The Ky Brigade up the Valley, though before even desiring a civil heart, and only they passed within 100 yards of our camp, only we were ~~not~~ and judgment of us. We were encamped in a hollow thinking you could make a better choice little off and out of sight of the road. For one thing I could make for myself, and being at breakfast a time of my own promise her that no other ^{that} has any so interested as only to discuss the merits of a man upon my heart, and it is not a of what is before me, that more than half a wreck from having loved another hearing she of the command had passed before I had married as I had, I had counted the cost on they were passing, and I was near the front coming out to dissipate of having a wrong. We left our camp near Stanton last in Ky and seeing her need a flank, so the Sunday for the front, which was accomplished I had given her which was the time we reached our command retreating the last year) was withdrawn shortly after in Page Valley below Gury, but since

have crossed the Blue Ridge into the county
before named, and am glad to say the change
is much for the better. Most every thing
in Page has been either burned or consumed
by the army, but - here although it is the
adjoining county to the one (Bulgeper) from
which Grant moved in the spring to ex-
terminate Lee & take Richmond, not half
the scenes of desolation are presented, that mark
Sheridan's march up the valley - grass is
fine for the season and corn & hay plentiful.
This is surely a dull gloomy looking
day, and I am on guard - cannot but compare
it with some spent in Europe, and how
great the contrast. Thinking I have no hopes
of the war ending shortly or within 12 or 18
months, but I am resolved to be returned
battering for the cause, if I should live and
suffer upon 20 years, for which I have shed
my blood and seen my comrades fall
that I have a great desire to see my home
& people, and expect to slip into Kentucky this
winter & pay them a surprise.

I should like to show my appreciation of your
Father & Mother's invitation by coming to see you
Christmas, but have learned since I have been
a soldier not to anticipate pleasure even that
short distance in the future, but rest assured if
it is possible ~~be assured~~ ^{an} old friend wear-
ing a Dixie homespun jacket, will make
his appearance. Willie sends kind greetings &
promises to come also. Give my love to your
whom I am very sorry missed seeing, and Ma, and
I would not be forgotten to your little cousin
let me know her name in your next.
Sincerely your friend J. M. Brampton.

A GOOD CITIZEN CALLED TO THE WORLD ON HIGH.

Calmly He Passed Over the Dark River of Death.

About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon Judge William Ireland peacefully past away at his residence, corner of 14th street and Winchester avenue, after an illness lasting two years. The funeral services will be held at the M. E. Church, South, on Friday morning, Rev. Mr. Simms officiating, assisted by Rev. Mr. Medley. He will be buried with Masonic honors.

Wm. Crutcher Ireland was born Nov. 28, 1823, at Cabin Creek, Mason County, Ky. At an early age he began the practice of law, and continued in that profession up to two years ago, when he was compelled to retire owing to failing health. He has been a very prominent man in his time. He was clerk of the State senate in 1863-4; was elected several times to the Legislature from Greenup county; in 1870 he was nominated for Congress, but declined to run owing to his wife's health; in 1874 he was elected Circuit Judge of the 16th Judicial District, serving in a most successful manner. He declined a renomination to the place to devote his time to his large law practice. He was married in 1848, at the age of 25 years, to Miss Parmeila Robb of Louis County, Ky., who survives him. There were six children born to bless their union, three of whom are dead. Of the living, are two daughters and one son. Luta is the wife of Rev. J. W. Hampton, formerly of Texas, but who has been in Ashland since the beginning of Mr. Ireland's illness. Sally is the wife of E. S. Norton, of Washington, D. C., and Samuel R., the son, is a bright and successful lawyer of Elwood, Ind. All of them are present at the bereaved home.

Mr. Ireland was an honored member of the Masonic order, being a member of the Maysville Commandery and of the Ashland Chapter, F. and A. M. He was a thorough Christian man, being an active member of the Methodist Church, South. He was Senior Trustee of the State University of Kentucky, at Lexington, also a leading member of the Filson Historical Club, of Louisville. He numbered among his most intimate friends some of the most prominent men of State and National reputation.

In the death of Judge Ireland Kentucky loses one more of her most brilliant stars in the legal profession, and a man who was liked by all who knew him. He has been a patient sufferer, his illness dating from two years ago, when he was suddenly attacked by paralysis, which was the immediate cause of his death.

Rev. Wm Hampton
ob. notice. by J. M. M.

"On Monday July 25. 1887. quietly passed from labor to rest, the venerable Rev. William Hampton, one of the best known men in Eastern Kentucky."

"Brother Hampton was born about six miles from this place, June 26. 1808 - He connected himself with the Methodist Church when about 21 yrs of age. & soon thereafter was licensed as a local preacher, which position he filled ~~creditably~~ ^{with credit} to himself and honor to the Church, until the problems consequent upon advancing years rendered such labor no longer possible."

"As a preacher he was exceedingly practical, had a good command of language, & frequent bursts of impassioned eloquence rendered his sermons very attractive."

"In appearance he was striking, commanding respect from all. of medium size, regular build, dignified mien, venerable & patriarchal looks, he would have been selected even by a stranger as a man of mark."

"As a citizen brother Hampton was above reproach, for no more honorable or upright man was lived in this place. He was the very soul of honor, & had the confidence of all who knew him. His ~~word~~ ^{word} was as good as his bond, and when he made a statement that was the end of a thing."

"Brother Hampden was as true to the Church of his choice as the needle to the pole. But while he lived he was in the Church, he was the friend of all Christian people, and of every good cause & work."

One incident in his life is worth repeating. At the close of the war a meeting was held in this place to consider the question of building a Southern Methodist house of worship. There were just seven persons present. The writer being one of the number. After discussing the question for some time a subscription book was opened, and it was decided to begin with the oldest & on to the youngest. Father Hampden being the oldest person present, the book was handed to him, and with a steady hand he wrote: William Hampden \$500. Four others followed with like sums, his with half the amount each, and so by the example of Brother Hampden that small company gave three thousand dollars, thus securing the building of our elegant church edifice in this place.

"Brother Hampden raised a large family - part of whom have crossed over the river, the remainder are filling

honorable stations in life, in this state and in the great West. Rev. J. S. Hampden worthily wears the mantle of his sainted father. He leaves also a devoted wife, & is sincerely mourned by hundreds of people."

"He was buried from his residence Rev. J. A. Black & the writer conducting the service. The masses performed this beautiful ceremony at the grave. Peace to his memory!"

TELEPHONE 60.

Chas. J. Lordier's
PHARMACY.

117 W. Winchester Ave.
ASHLAND, KY.

R The prominent feature in the intellectual character of Judge Deland was the power of discrimination by which he detects the minutest shades of difference among agents whose recent merits would confound. He never appeared to so much advantage as when occupied in detecting sophistry, repelling objections, and assuring with serene superior accuracy the exact boundaries of truth. With this

I was not sufficient to take possession
of a very high order in the courts of justice.
As a lawyer he had few equals.
He also stood as a moral force in
his legal calling. As a circuit
judge his charge to the grand
jury breathed the spirit of prayer
sympathy & the temple to be desired
from vigorous enforcement of law as a
duty - they owed to the Commonwealth.

Thomas, W. J.
Aug. 29 1950

Dear Mrs. Copeland:

I regret that I can not give you any help on your Hampton ancestors, arms etc.

I have never had any copy of their arms, altho I am sure that they must have borne arms as they were a very ancient family of gentle blood in England. You should be able to find the arms described in some book on heraldry, or other records of gentle English families, of the crest in Fairbank's (I think) Crests. No doubt all such books are in The Congressional Library.

Also replying to your card last May I can not give you any help on the marriage of John Hampton III to Margaret Pierce of Westmoreland Co., Va. You know many Virginia County records were burned by the Union army in the War between the States, and the record of this marriage may have been in them. Fire, mice and other destructive agencies also made way with many old Parish Registers, some of which were kept in private homes that at some time burned.

So far as any one joining the D.A.R. through Hampton ancestry I can not say. However you should be able to learn this through the records of that organization in their National office in Washington.

I think however that probably some of the descendants of Dr. Henry Cary Hampton, who served in the Revolution, probably have. He was born and lived in Prince William County until about 1800, when he moved to a large tract of land he inherited from his father on the Ohio River where the city of Huntington, W. Va. now stands. There is still standing in Huntington a large fine old brick house he built a few years later, about 1830, for his only daughter as a wedding present.

Dr. Henry was the great grandfather of my wife's father, John W. Hampton a prominent attorney in Ashland, Ky.

My son, Dr. John Hampton Miller, a prominent New England heart specialist, has Dr. Henry Hampton's medical diploma, and also miniatures of him and his wife "Betsey" Hampton. If you should ever be in Richmond Virginia go to the Miller Library on Clay street opposite the old Confederate White House, and they will show you a large silhouette of Dr. Henry and his wife with the silhouette of the two story home between them. Also you will see portrait of myself in the library painted more than a year ago by David Silvette, a prominent Richmond lawyer. *Portrait painter*

I have not done any genealogical work on the Hampton family for some 25 years. I am 75 years old and in feeble health. When your card came in May I was just back home from several weeks stay in a hospital where I had several transfusions etc. to keep me from dying then. So far as publishing the data I have collected on the Hamptons I will never be able to do that. So far as the Halley, Huttons I do not recall their names as among the Hampton connections altho I am sure they are as you say they are. In fact my memory is so poor I could not say about a number of other names that I found in what research I did that were connected with the Hamptons.

My wife has been dead more than 25 years, and I never married again. We had three sons, and none of them ever joined the Sons of the Revolution, altho they could have through the Hampton record

of Dr. Henry Hampton, as well as through the record of my own great grandfather, Sergeant Christian Miller of Woodstock, Va. and my great great grandfather Lt. John Henderson, as well as through my mother's great grandfather Thomas Davis, who wrote an interesting account of the surrender of Cornwallis while he was serving under Gen. Washington at Yorktown. He was born and grew up in Spotsylvania County, Va. and soon after the Revolution moved with his family to land he owned about 20 miles from Lexington, Ky. in Woodford County.

Neither one of my older sons--twins nearly 48 years old had any children, and my youngest son, the doctor has but one child a boy nearly 11 years old, so as I said I can not give you any information on the Hampton descendants who belong to the D.A.R.

Hoping you will find the data, arms etc. that you want I am,

Sincerely Yours,

J. Miller