

Johnson's Cross Roads, W. Va. April 18, 1900

Mr. W.R. Graham Tazewell, Va

Dear Will,

I saw in the Bluefield Paper a few days ago notice of the death of your dear mother. I certainly was sorry to receive this news. I feel that I am bereaved, and that, I can sincerely sympathize with you. I have known her so long and always found in her a dear friend that seemed to have a double tie. The neighbor of my mother and father, when they both died

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and kinder hands never administered to bereaved children than hers. Motherly and good. My father always regarded your father and mother as his closest friends and these ties, were handed down to me a rich inheritance of greater value and which I cherish above silver and gold.

May her life be a continual guiding star for you, shining brighter and brighter, shedding its hallowed influence along your pathway until you shall have reached that mansion which has been made richer by her exit from this world.

Your friend, W.B. Morton