

Final Statement of Private P. W. Watson of Company "E" 45th Alabama Regt. Deceased

P.W. Watson a Private of Capt. Jacksons Company "E" 45th Ala Regt. 26 years old, brown eyes, dark hair, fair complexion, five feel 11 inches high. Was born in Ala. by profession a farmer. Was enlisted the 20th day of March 1862 by W. J. Lee in Mason County, Ala. to Serve for three years or the war.

Said Soldier died at Murfreesboro, Tenn. The 18th day of Feb 1863 of wounds received in action at Murfreesboro, Tenn the 30th day of Dec 1862.

Said Soldier has received his Bounty. And was last paid by Capt. Scott to 31st day of October 1862

Amts due by Government

To pay from the 31st of October 1862 to the 18th day of Feb. 1862. Three months and 18 days at \$11.00 per month. Amount \$39.60

Commutation from 20th of March 1862 to 8th of October, 1862. \$27.50

Commutation from 8th of October 1862 to 18th of Feb. 1863 \$48.46

Less Clothing drawn \$24.00 Amt. (\$24.00)

Amt due \$91.56

I certify that the above is a correct transcript from the Records of Company "E" 45th Ala Regt.

Stational Tunnel Hill, Tn} James Jackson Capt

Date December 10th, 1863} Comd Co E 46th Ala Regt

Said soldier has never received a Lowrys Brigade furlough of Indulgence (Signed Duplicate) neither as he ever received commutation in Lieu of Transportation
James Jackson Capt

Camp near Knoxville Oct 28 1862

Dear moley it is with the gratist [sic] of pleasure that I seate [sic] myself to inform yo [sic] that I am well at this time hoping that these few lines may reach and find you and Willey injoying [sic] the same blesing [sic] of god I have nothing of mutch [sic] importanle [sic] to rite [sic] to yo [sic] hit [sic] has bin [sic] some time since I heard from yo [sic] I hope that yo [sic] have bin [sic] well all the time since I hird [sic] from yo [sic] I recon [sic] yo [sic] think that I had forgottin [sic] yo [sic] but hit [sic] is misstake [sic] in yo [sic] if yo [sic] think that way I wod [sic] give all that I am wirth [sic] in the wirlld [sic] to go home and stay with yo [sic] and Willey & mouter [sic] the remaines [sic] of my life. I recon [sic] yo [sic] know the reson [sic] that I have not ritin [sic] to yo [sic] be for I have bin [sic] on the march every since the 28 of August we travild [sic] about 1000 miles on half rashions [sic] that is mity [sic] hard for the soldar [sic] to live on We march throo [sic] tinnissee [sic] & kaintuckey [sic] we had too fights since we left Chatanooga [sic] I do not know

whar [sic] we will take up winter qarters [sic] at home or at Chatanooga [sic] I doo [sic]
not know whar [sic] we will take up winters qarters [sic] at some [illegible] at
Chatanooga [sic] hit [sic] is mity [sic] cold hir [sic] know hit [sic] snowd [sic] hir [sic]
yisterday [sic] I want yo [sic] to sind [sic] me some socks by the first pasing [sic] mi
pants are both far to the patch I patch for mi [sic] self tell moth [sic] to have me apar [sic]
of good boots and sind [sic] thim [sic] by the first pasing [sic] and I will sind [sic] him the
money as soon as I git [sic] hit [sic] I want some of thim [sic] to come to see me this
winter if tha [sic] can get the chance I wood [sic] give iney [sic] thing for yo [sic] to come
if hit [sic] war aplase [sic] fit for a lady to be at Moley I thought had sean [sic] somthing
[sic] be for I left home had no seaniney [sic] thing I want yo [sic] to rite [sic] as soon as
yo [sic] git [sic] this give mi [sic] respeck [sic] to all of the famley [sic] and save a portion
for yorself [sic]
P W Watson
Mary A E Watson

Tupelo, Miss July 27 1862

Dear moley it is with the gratist [sic] of pleasure [sic] that I seate [sic] my self to rite [sic]
to yo [sic] I have nothing of importance to rite [sic] to yo [sic] I have not hird [sic] from yo
[sic] in some time I wood [sic] be glad to hir [sic] from yo [sic] all I am well at this time
and I hope that these few lines will reach and find yo [sic] all well James Irvin is dead he
dide [sic] on the 25th instant Gorge Hill is will [sic] is dead hit [sic] greaves [sic] me
mitley [sic] to think that so miney [sic] of our company dyes [sic] we have lost 14 of our
company the helth [sic] of our companey [sic] is improving I think Jesey [sic] is at the
horsepital [sic] he ware [sic] minding whin [sic] I hid from him we will leave this plase
[sic] pirty [sic] soon and go to Chattanooga tinnissee [sic] yo need not rite [sic] untill
[sic] I rite [sic] again I will have my ambrotyke [sic] and sind [sic] hit [sic] to yo [sic] if I git
[sic] the chance I want yo [sic] to have hit [sic] for the satisfaction of yo [sic] and the
baby I wood [sic] like to see yo [sic] the best in the wirld [sic] we will go throo [sic] Ala yo
[sic] cood [sic] see me if wir [sic] at auburn some time next weake [sic] but I don't know
what day I will rite [sic] as soon as I git [sic] to my girneys [sic] ind [sic] tell mr jonson
that albert is minoring and billey Finney is gitting [sic] well tell mr johnson to take out yor
[sic] lettars [sic] win he gits [sic] his I will sind [sic] some money I mirst [sic] close for the
presen [sic] give my respeck [sic] to all of the family and a portion for your self P W
Watson to Mary A E Watson his wife untill [sic] death

Tupelo Miss July 11th 1862

Dear wife it is with the gratist [sic] of Pleasure that I seate [sic] my self to inform yo [sic]
that I am not well at this I have had the dyrear [sic] for tin [sic] days and the wirst [sic]
cough yo [sic] ever saw in yor [sic] life I cough so that I cant sleep at night I don't think I
can stand the camp life I am the porist [sic] thing yo [sic] ever saw in your life I recon
[sic] I am some betar [sic] to day I am in hopes that I have takin [sic] a chang [sic] for
the bettar [sic] if I dont git [sic] b [sic] I will try to come home and stay till I git [sic] beattar
[sic] if dont come I will go to some horse pittal [sic] and stay till I git [sic] well or wirse
[sic] one of the too [sic] I dont no [sic] witch [sic] I wood [sic] like to come home if I cood

[sic] you and mouther [sic] cood [sic] docktor [sic] me beattar [sic] than iney [sic] boday [sic] ilce [sic] in the wirl'd [sic] I think of yo [sic] and mouther [sic] are my hold studdy [sic] I think of Willey [sic] some too but not like I doo [sic] you and mou [sic] Id give iney [sic] ehing [sic] to seen yo [sic] and mouther [sic] rite [sic] know I wood [sic] like to sea the rest of the famley [sic] virery [sic] well I am glad to hir [sic] from the contry [sic] by iney [sic] sorce [sic] I am glad that you have [sic] had rain we have not had rain enough to run since we go hir [sic] the crops is sorery [sic] hir [sic] thar [sic] is nothing but corn in this part of the contry [sic] the land is por [sic] hir [sic] hit looks like rain to day I wood bea [sic] glad to see rain for the dust is so bad that the solgars [sic] cant see how to drill We li [sic] down in the dust at night the next morning blankits [sic] is hid in dust yo can gess [sic] how we sleap [sic] you know that dust is mity [sic] bad to iney [sic] unter [sic] with that is a grate [sic] miney [sic] deaths hir [sic] is this bridgaids [sic] we are in lonesis bridarde [sic] mustard dirreishion [sic] all the ridgmints [sic] is from Lusania [sic] tha [sic] are all dutch and irish & frinch [sic] the maddist [sic] pople [sic] in the wirl'd [sic] I think tha [sic] can stand it no mo [sic] than we can tha [sic] have bin [sic] raisd [sic] hard not on [illegible] anuf [sic] to eate [sic] in thir [sic] lives the most of thim [sic] are from new orleanes [sic] tha [sic] livd [sic] on beaf [sic] all of thar [sic] lives I cant eate [sic] beaf [sic] we git [sic] one pond of bacon for the man for sevin [sic] days the rest of our rashions [sic] is beaf [sic] & syrup rice I wood [sic] like to have some vedgitations [sic] to eate [sic] now we cant git [sic] nothing to eate [sic] in that line I am in hopes that the war will ind [sic] soon if hit [sic] does ind [sic] I will come home as soon as I can git [sic] thar [sic] to saive [sic] my life thar [sic] is sixteen of our company is gon to the lorderdail [sic] springs and eighteen sick hir [sic] and nine dead and sevin [sic] home on furlos [sic] witch [sic] leaves twenty eight to doo [sic] duty hit [sic] gives the boys down the contry [sic] thar [sic] is from tin [sic] to twelve on gard [sic] every night we have got the wirt [sic] lookin [sic] company yo [sic] ever saw I recon [sic] tha [sic] have some of thim [sic] got the bloose [sic] the wirst [sic] yo [sic] ever saw in yo [sic] lif [sic] I will close on the subjeck [sic] I will sind [sic] yo [sic] some money by John parrl whin [sic] he co home Moley don't yo [sic] recon [sic] that imely [sic] parrl will take afit [sic] win [sic] john gits [sic] to stay with hir [sic] I wirsht [sic] the chance that John has got to come homey [sic] Moley I will come as soon --- he will god knows the best hoo [sic] is the wirst [sic] off I will take cir [sic] of ma [sic] self the best I can I will rite [sic] to you every weake [sic] whin [sic] I can git [sic] paper hit [sic] is hard for us to git [sic] hir [sic] we cant git [sic] no post stamps yo [sic] mirst [sic] not think hard of one for paying the poorstidg [sic] on the letars [sic] I sind [sic] to I cant git [sic] no posstamps [sic] nevarmind [sic] I will make it rite [sic] for you moley dockter [sic] Swanson is dead & [illegible] Harper too tha [sic] died on the 7th of July died rite [sic] clos [sic] to us I wint [sic] to see harper burid I want yo [sic] to tell nath pranf and parrl to rite [sic] to me amediatiley [sic] tell thim [sic] not to git [sic] mad with me for not riting [sic] to thim [sic] I cant git [sic] no paper to rite [sic] on hardly to rite [sic] to yo [sic] as long as I can git [sic] a strip of paper and ink tell all of thim [sic] to rite [sic] to me I [illegible] to all of thim [sic] I haveant [sic] had the chance to rite [sic] to iney [sic] bodey [sic] elce [sic] but yo [sic] I mirst [sic] close for the presnt [sic] for hit [sic] is morst [sic] night rite [sic] soon as yo [sic] git [sic] this give my respeck [sic] to all of the famley [sic] and save agood [sic] portion of love for yor [sic] self and mother and kiss Willey for me hir [sic] is one from me to tell all of the famley [sic] to rite [sic] as soon as yo [sic] git [sic] this tell mouther [sic] god bles [sic] hir [sic] sweate [sic]

old time I doo [sic] love her kiss hir [sic] for me tell all the famley [sic] howdy for me so
no more at present I remain your sinsir [sic] husband till death P. W. Watson to Mary A
E Watson and the famley [sic]