

Thomas Hord Letter

[handwritten note at top of page says, "8th TN Infantry, CSA"]

Nashville Pike five miles from Murfreesboro

January 12th 1863

Mr. Stratton

I wrote to you and others yesterday at the request of Captain R.J.C. Gailbreath who is here severely wounded urging some of his friends to come for him as soon as possible as he is suffering extremely and cannot get the attention he needs among so many wounded. I gave that letter to a surgeon to send to the Post Office in Nashville but meeting an opportunity of writing to you by a citizen of Nashville who will either see you or leave the letter at your house I write again this morning hoping you will certainly get one letter or the other this evening and come to his relief immediately as a day or two's delay may cost him his life. I do what I can for him but that is but little as my house is a hospital and I am dependent for nearly everything on the hospital supplies myself.

In haste Respectfully

Thomas Hord

P.S. I directed the letter I wrote yesterday to you, Will Cook, Mrs. Martha Ann Goolby and Joseph D. Gailbreath.

(On outside of letter)

P.S. Since writing the within the Captain is dead. I will have him buried where his remains can be found by his friends.

Thomas Hord

To: Mr. R.H.T. Stratton

Nashville, Tennessee