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## F.A. Treadwell to Amelia Treadwell, 18 April 1843

F. A. Treadwell

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Columbia ~~April~~ <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1843

Dear Grand Mother,

It falls to my lot to inform you of the death of your eldest son and our Father loved and respected by us his children and esteemed I believe by all who knew that kind, he was taken ill on last Sunday was two weeks and died on the Monday Morning week about 10 o'clock, which was the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

For a year past he has been one of the greatest sufferers that I ever knew, having had inflammation of the bladder and kidney, and with great difficulty attended to his business, he did however do the duties of his office of Tax Collector with my assistance and brother Ben's until almost the day when he was taken ill, the week before his last illness he was in town all the week collecting the taxes, and had his office in a room in the Court House, with <sup>out</sup> a fire except a little in a foot stove for his feet, the weather was cold and rainy and we think that was the cause of <sup>his</sup> death so soon, though none of us thought he could live long and suffer as much as he did his sufferings in his last illness were past human conception, he was taken with violent throwing up and diarrhea which continued until he died, he bore his afflictions with great patience he believed he was going to die and told us to meet him in

Hearm. That his Father calla him and he must  
go, and said he did not fear Death. We have no  
doubt of his pardon from all his sufferings and  
that he is now with Jesus, singing his praises around  
his Throne. Oh that we may meet him there. I for  
one am determin'd by the Grace of God to make my  
Calling and Election sure. And now after a long life  
of toil and labour what was perhaps his greatest grief  
he has left Mother and our two little sisters without  
anything, it will all he has and more to pay his debts  
our Mother and the Children however will not want  
so long as <sup>son</sup> she has care supply them, I have been ap-  
pointed by the Governour to Collect the taxes for this Year  
which I shall or the proceeds of which I shall give to  
Mother and the Children, there will have to be an  
Election for Tax Collecter in the fall and my friends tell  
me with proper exertion I can get the office, the effort  
I shall not fail to make if I ~~can~~ live and nothing  
happens, Our Mother has born the affliction much  
better than any of us hoped she endeavours to put her  
trust in the Lord who has promised to take care of the  
Widow and the Orphan, her general health is better  
far than we ever expected it to be, and we hope and  
trust that a good and Gracious God will spare her to  
us many years to come, We are all in good health,  
at this time our Town is quite healthy, there is however  
a few cases of small pox in our vicinity though  
we dont think it can spread, Dear Grand Mother  
I often often think <sup>of</sup> you do not know how much I

love you, and how much I long to see you once more in  
the land of the living, and the thought that we shall  
never meet again this side of the grave is a sore affliction  
to me and to us all, Oh that I could shake hands  
with and hear the voice of my Old Grand Ma once  
more, Oh that I could, but Ah separation is the lot  
of us all in this life, and it is a consoling and cheer-  
ing thought that there is a land where separation and  
affliction and sorrow are not known and never felt, Oh  
May we, May we, reach that happy place where we  
shall be forever blessed, May God grant it to us all  
for his Mercy sake is my sincere prayer, You may  
not have heard of the death of Brothr Williams Wife  
she died on the 16<sup>th</sup> of last month, leaving him and  
4 little Children to mourn her loss, and now I am  
closing my letter to a close hoping this may reach safe  
and that you will let us hear from you soon and  
often, and I promise you that your letters shall all  
be promptly answered, I remain as ever Your  
affectionate son

F. A. Trudwell  
"

Death of Benjamin

Apr 10 1843

Box collector

F. J. Goodrich  
grand-son of "Amelia"



Resent & forwarded

of  
Mrs Amelia Trask  
~~Holly Springs~~  
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3 Marshall Co. Mississippi