

Transcription of Samuel Davis's Letter, November 26, 1863.

Pulaski Giles Co Tenn.

Nov 26th 1863.

Dear Mother

Oh how painful it is to write to you. I have got to die to morrow morning — to be hung by the federals. Mother do not grieve for me. I must bid you good bye for ever more — Mother I do not hate to die. Give my love to all.

Your Dear Son

Sam.

Mother tell the Children all to be good. I wish I could see all of you once more, but I never will no more.

Mother and Father

Do not forget me, think of me when I am dead, but do not grieve for me, it will not do any good.

Father,

You can send after my remains if you want to do so, they will be at Pulaski Tenn. I will have some things too with the hotel keeper for you. Pulaski is in Giles Co Tenn, South of Columbia.

Copied from his little Book. Met Coleman in the road — 1 package (crossed out word) tied up, letter sealed. 12 miles from Mt. Pleasant, half an hour in the road, stayed all night with him. 6 weeks before Had sick leave from the army (3 weeks stayed near Columbia awhile at Gillespie's home 5 miles out. Smyrna 20 miles from Nashville & Stevenson R.R. [Railroad]. Brother & sister members of the Methodist Church would not care about the mode of death being changed to shooting. Hope something may turn up some day to let the officers that Guard[?] me (Know) that I am innocent.

Mrs. C.L. Davis, Smyrna Post Office, Rutledge Co., Tenn.