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**L.A. Bridges, Holmesville, Mississippi, to sister Mary**

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Holmesville. May 29th 1864

Dear Sister Mary

It has become my painful lot to announce to you the death of my brother, your husband. He died at Fathers on Saturday 26th inst at two O'clock in the evening he was delirious most of the time after he was taken sick on the Wednesday before his disease was pneumonia. I did not have the happiness to see him alive when I got to Fathers he had been dead 24 hours. From what I could learn he did not express any wish about his business in any way his death has cast a dark shadow over the Old Homestead that will not soon vanish. Oh sister my heart aches for you as well as my self in this great bereavement what will his children do particularly Blouhard it seems as if he might have been spared a little longer for his sake if no other. But the all wise disposer of events saw fit to take him and we should bear the dispensation with humble gratitude for what is left for us to love and care for in this world.

Father had you notified by letter and  
telegraphic dispatch of Brothers sickness  
and as all things are uncertain he requested  
me to write to you as soon as I arrived at  
home to let you know how it had termin-  
-ated. Henrietta is very sick at the present  
time and thinks sometimes that she will die  
she has pneumonia. Give my best love to the  
children and accept for your self dear  
Mary <sup>the</sup> love of your affectionate,

Sister  
S. A. Bridges

P.S. answer this as soon as you can  
Yours S. A. B.