

Prescott, Arizona Territory
January 15th 1867

W.P. Jones. Esqr..

Dear Sir/Brother

I visited Dr. J..T.. Alsap a few days since and he shoed me a letter that he received from you in regard to W..P.. Jones Death who was your son I was acquainted with him long before he went back to the States in Sixty two he likewise sought me out when he returned in Sixty three I was then living in Aurora. Esmerelda. Nevada. territory in the fall of that year we started together the Gold Fields of Arizona arriving here in late November where we mined until March 28th when we started on a prostpecing tour further out on the frontier where we found nothing but Hostile Indians we returned again on the 25th of April we commenced Placer Mining then in Lynx Creek where I was shot by the Indians then your son went to Big Bug District where I joined him the latter part of May on June 1st there was large party going to prospect for Placer Mines to the White Mountains and as we were partners he agreed for me to go out prospecting and he stay home he accompanied me as far as Woolsey's Ranch where he received some seven or eight letters bid me goodby and started home reading his letters

as he rode along when about half way the Indians that were watching the prospecting killed him not more than three miles from where I was It was then some two months until I heard of his death I immediately returned back but could do nothing on account of Indian troubles in regard to having him taken up and buried near town at that time there was no graveyard and men were generally buried where they fell I felt more like losing a brother than anything else for for I loved him more than I thought I was capable of loving anyone We lived together at different times for nearly three years as partners at the time of his death there was no Quartz Mines discovered and all W.P Jones.. had was a few placer Claims and they were jumped and worked out before my return he had some very good Mining Property in Aurora, Nevada Territory when he started to this country and if that Mining Camp turns out well I will see to his intrust and Forward you the proceeds Mining Camps is generally carried up and down by excitement and the men who follow Mining are here today and off tomorrow out of a Party who started from Aurora when your Son died of fourteen men I am the only one alive today. they were all killed by the Indians.

Masonice W..P..Jones at the time of his death was a member of Esmeralda.Lodge.Aurora. now the state of Nevada the charter for the lodge at this place is on the road and will arrive here in a few days when he will be taken up and buried with Masonic Honors I expect to return to my home in New Orleans Louisiana this coming summer and if possible I will call and see you and give you all the information in my power if W.P. J. had lived he would be a bright

Star in this territory he was liked by everyone although like myself he came from too far south to suit the Radical of the North if I ever make anything in this territory I will see that his relatives have some of itlike yourself I am Brother

Master Mason and the only one hear who knew your son to likewise. I traveled all through the Samon River Country with him and he never deserted a friend in the hour of trouble there is nothing more for me to write to you about I should have written you at the time but there was no mail running at the time I was called unexpectedly to the southern part of this territory and I left his letters with Dr J. T. Alsap who sent them to Miss Kate Duval

Yours Respectfully&Fraternally
Joseph C. Lennon