Letter from Thomas Jefferson Young to his father John Young, Jr. (for whom Youngsville was named).

This letter was written on September 16th, 1863 while Thomas Jefferson Young was a patient in Wayside Hospital, Farmville, Va. He was hospitalized for nephritis from 6/10/1863-10/13/1863.

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Thomas was captured on May 12, 1864 at Spotsylvania and subsequently imprisoned at Point Look Out, Maryland. He was a prisoner transfer & due to chronic diarrhea (dysentery) he was transferred to General Hospital #24, Moore hospital in Richmond, Va on September 22, 1864.



He passed away on September 24, 1864 from the dysentery. His burial location is unknown. He may have been buried in a mass grave in Richmond or sent back to Youngsville to be buried in the Young Family Cemetery.

TRANSCRIPT FOLLOWS:

Farmville, Va. Sept. 16th, 1863

Dear Father,

I seat myself this evening to write to you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I am _____ but my breast hurts me a little this evening.

I hope this may find you all well and doing well.

I am sorry to hear that unkle wiley had to go off but not ______. Sorry that Calvin Winston had to go and Henry Pearce.

I wrote you a letter & yesterday was 2 weeks ago & I wrote in it for you to send me a little money. If you have started it, it has not come to hand as yet. It may come tomorrow morning.

I received your letter the other day but I thought I would wait for an answer from the one that I wrote before, but I had to write at last. Write as soon as you get this and let me hear from you all.

I got a letter from James Young the other day & he was well. Also I got a letter from Tink Spencer and he was well. I will send you a piece of poetry that Tink sent me. Look at it & see if you don't think it suited. As I have wrote about all I can think of I shall ______.

From your son.

T. J. Young

P. S. I heard of the tearing up of the Raleigh Standard and the Journal. I didn't care for none of it. Both of them ought to be in the field or at least Spelman had. I am not in favor of either of them.

(Note: During the above time period, John Spellman was publishing at Raleigh, "The Daily State Journal".