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**LETTER FROM JAMES CHALMERS TO HIS MOTHER, MRS. S.E.
CHALMERS**

The letter was written by Chalmers at Fauquier Springs [VA], 6 August, N.y., to his mother, Mrs. S[arah]. E. [Coleman] Chalmers of Halifax Court House, VA. He is hoping his visit to the springs will improve his health and sends news about relatives.

There is included on the last page a note from Fanny Chalmers concerning relatives.

The letter predates 26 January 1852, when Mrs. Sara E. Chalmers died in Halifax County, Virginia, at age 42.

JAMES CHALMERS

James Chalmers, the son of David and Sarah E. Coleman Chalmers of Halifax County, Virginia, was born in 1829. He attended Chapel Hill & the University of Virginia. He married Fannie M. Saunders on 8 December 1852, in Lynchburg. During the Civil War Chalmers, a Lynchburg attorney and tobacconist, served as a sergeant in the Wise Troop, 2nd Virginia Cavalry.

On 1 October 1861, James Chalmers was wounded and died at Fairfax Court House, Virginia.

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