

Copy of letter to T. D. Sanford  
on hearing the death of his  
father, Gov. Sanford

Jacksonville Ala.

June 12<sup>th</sup> 1901

Hon. T. D. Sanford,

Opaloke Ala.

My dear Sir,

The sad news of  
The death of your beloved father and  
Alabama's much lamented Governor  
has filled me with the profoundest  
sorrow.

If my own health & strength had per-  
mitted, I should be at this hour <sup>for</sup> <sup>you</sup>  
<sup>day</sup> present in person to attest my grief  
and offer words of sympathy to you and  
the bereaved family in your great af-  
fliction.

His passing away was not unexpected,  
yet it came to me as a great shock,  
as it did to the citizenship of the  
State who knew his great worth,  
<sup>who</sup> <sup>had</sup> honored him while living, and now  
with unaffected grief mourn his death  
as a calamity to the Commonwealth.

From my earliest acquaintance I have  
enjoyed his friendship and esteemed  
his exalted virtues.

What a rich legacy he leaves those  
who survive him. <sup>He was</sup> a patriot, a states-  
man, in its truest sense; a brave <sup>and ear-</sup> ~~defender~~.  
<sup>next adopter</sup> of the right, on all occasions, at the  
Bar, on the hustings, in the Halls of Leg-  
islation, in his every day walk and con-  
versation; a blameless private citizen  
and a conscientious public servant  
in the execution of every public trust;  
scholarly, cultured, <sup>and a</sup> Christian gentle-  
man!

What a rich legacy he leaves those  
who survive him!

Please express to your grief stricken  
Mother & family, <sup>and</sup> words of tender-  
est sympathy, and believe me always  
cherishing the memory of your good  
father, I am  
Your friend  
Jno. H. Caldwell