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Document: *Letter of condolence from J. E. Shomier to Major Blanton C. Welsh*

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Major Blanton C. Welsh,
Columbia, Pa.

Dear Major Welsh,

It was with sincere regret that I learned of the death of Miss Thomas and I wish to express my sincere sympathy. I have been in touch with your family more or less intimately for a great many years. As a small boy I was attracted to your mother through her beautiful character and sweet motherly disposition and I remember how, when she came into church Sunday nights, I would leave ~~leave~~ my seat and take a coveted place at her side, singing from the book that she held. She always received me with one of her gracious smiles which encouraged me to join her the following Sunday. I was graduated when Miss Mary Y. was principal of the high school and later, as a member of the Board of Education, kept in very close touch with her. She always my highest respect as a woman and educator.

Through church affiliations I was associated with Miss Alice and Miss Thomas and knew Miss Effie quite well through frequent calls at your home. You can readily understand how the death of Miss Thomas opens up a flood of cherished recollections. Miss Thomas by her useful life and thorough knowledge and of the art of music, so conscientiously passed on to others, has done an inestimable amount of good, appreciated by the many whom she came in contact in a professional way.

May I ask that you remember me to Doctor Lilian, who was principal two of the years that I spend in the high school. She has my highest esteem and richly deserves the great success she attained in the medical profession. I indulge the hope that she enjoys good health.

With kind regards and assurances of my best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Thomas

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Scope and Content Note:

Letter of condolence from J. E. Shomier to Major Blanton C. Welsh on the death of his sister Thomas. Letter contains sweet recollections not only of Shomier's respect for Thomas, but also his contacts with other members of the Welsh family through the years.



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