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LETTER TO SAMUEL H. EARLY

John McCARTHY, of Leavenworth City, Kansas Territory, writes to Samuel H. EARLY, of Charleston, Virginia, concerning coal lands surveyed by McCARTHY for EARLY. The letter is dated 13 July 1851.

SAMUEL HENRY EARLY (1813-1874)

Samuel Henry EARLY, son of Joab EARLY and Ruth HAIRSTON, was born in 1813, in Franklin County, Virginia, and was educated at the Patrick Henry Academy and at William and Mary College. He studied law in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and began the practice of law in Franklin County. He also served as postmaster at a post office in Franklin County. On 29 April 1846, he married Henriann CABELL, daughter of Dr. John Jordan CABELL and Henrienne DAVIES, of Lynchburg, Virginia. At the time of his marriage, he was a resident of Charleston, Kanawha County, Virginia, where he was involved in salt manufacture. He moved to Lynchburg in 1853. During the Civil War, he served as aide-de-camp for his brother, Jubal A. EARLY. He was wounded at Gettysburg and was brought home to Lynchburg, where he became conscripting officer. Following the war, he secured a contract to furnish railroad ties to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, which he supplied from his coal lands in West Virginia. He died 12 March 1874 in Charleston, Kanawha County, West Virginia, and was buried in Lynchburg, Virginia, at Spring Hill Cemetery.

["Marriage of Samuel Henry Early and Henriann Cabell," *Lynchburg Virginian*, 4 May 1846, p. 3 col. 2; Obituary, *Lynchburg Daily News*, 13 March 1874, p. 3 col. 1; Ruth Hairston Early, *The Family of Early* (Lynchburg: Brown-Morrison, 1920), pp. 108-110.]

Leavenworth City, K[ansas] T[erritory],

July 13th 1851

Dear Sir,

I received a note this morning from Thos. L. Brown Esq saying you desired me to write you and tell you where you could find Mr. Cole's Map of your coal lands; and also to send you the quantity of land in your tract as surveyed by myself. The map I found among some of my papers which I had carefully laid away in my trunk while on Coal River and by that means for got all about it when starting for Kansas. I will send it to you enclosed with this letter. The quantity of land inside the Traverse computed by Latitude & Departure is 6417 acres. The Traverse include Jack & Wash Dunlap's tracts and a small strip off of the West End of the Preston Survey. I should have incerted the amount on the map but at the time I finished the computation Mr. Rosecrans had it with him to N. Y. Any other information you may desire with regard to your Coal Lands I will most cheerfully give it if in my power.

Yours Respectfully,

John McCarthy

To Samuel H. Early, Esqr
Charleston Va