

Mr. Joseph Chandler, of this place was buried yesterday, September the 8th. Bro. Chandler just lacked a few days of being 83 years of age, he was a soldier in the Confederate army, but best of all was a soldier of the Cross, he professed faith in Christ in early life and lived a devoted Christian life serving God by doing all good to humanity that a man in his position could do. He was one of those men that talked his religion, and was not ashamed of his Lord, on no occasion I have personally known him for more than 18 years, and he died as he lived he has fought and fallen. But, just, in the darkest hour light come, it was Sunday night 12:30, when he went to sleep on earth in the arms of Jesus, and woke up on the other Shore, in the presence of Jesus. While we have lost a good citizen and a good Christian neighbor his aged wife has lost a good husband, and his children has lost a good Father. But he has gained all, I think there was great rejoicing on the other shore, just as the old ship landed and as the old Soldier entered with shouts of Joy, and Songs of triumph and was greeted by a number of friends who had preceded him on earth past and Heaven now.

Soldier of Christ well done, rest from thy new employ, the battle fought the victory won enter the Master, joy in the presence of a crowd of weeping friends and relatives. We laid his body down to rest, to await the resurrection asking God to watch his sleeping dust. Commending his bereft family to him that bears the sorrows of all who lay their sorrows down at his feet.

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