

Senate Chamber Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 1868

Dear Sir

In answer to your note of this morning requesting me to give you such information as was in my knowledge relative to the Battle fought on the 30<sup>th</sup> October at the Mills on Shole Creek between the Citizens and Mormons I will state that the Company I belonged to was stationed in the rear as a reserve at a distance of about 40 yards of the line of battle as soon as the line of battle was formed and before all the troops in the line had dismounted the fire commenced by the Mormons as I was told by those in front. As the position I occupied prevented me from seeing the commencement as soon as the firing commenced the Company I belonged to dismounted and ran in the line in front when I got sight of the position of the Mormons they were all in the house or under the bank of the Creek and the smoke of their guns from both places appeared to me to be continual our men took a few fires at a crack in the house when I heard the order to charge the house which order was promptly obeyed the men <sup>ran</sup> to the house as we approached it I saw one man have out his gun in front of me I stepped to one side & that the man

our point of view squatted down  
and pitched under the myrtle lay  
still until the gun fired he then  
rose and as the Mormon drew back  
his gun our man showed his gun  
in the House & fired by this time  
our man got possession of all the port  
holes cracks &c and kept up such a  
constant fire that the Mormons could  
not get their guns out to shoot they  
then broke out of the house  
and run ~~down~~ towards the creek but  
many fell in their flight about  
that time I heard the cry of for  
quarters among our own  
men I recollect distinctly of hearing  
one of our men say (they called for  
quarters) I then ~~believed~~ <sup>believed</sup> quarters  
quarters as loud as I could which was  
recoed by all around me the firing  
then ceased on our parts at which  
time a volley came from the creek  
I then thought they had ~~heard~~ <sup>heard</sup>  
us calling for quarters and  
thought we were whipped the firing  
then renewed <sup>on our part and continued</sup> as long as there was  
any Mormon in sight except the  
wounded after the battle was near  
a close I saw some of the Mormons that  
had reached the top of the hill south of  
the creek about 300 yards from us  
sloped turn round and shot back  
at us and then run on after the  
battle was had subsided I saw some  
of our men carry an wounded man  
into a house and laid him on a bed

The men in counting the dead  
found one man in the house not  
hurt who had fallen down  
in the early part of the action  
and was covered with the slain  
I saw him and talked with him  
the moment he was taken prisoner  
in those who counted the dead

said 31 was killed of the mortals  
and seven of our men was  
wounded we then got a waggon  
and horses and such of our  
wounded as was unable to ride  
was put in the waggon and  
we left the place The above  
is an ~~act~~ out line of that  
affair as my recollection  
serves me. Yours respectfully  
Genl J B Clark Daniel Ashby

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Major Ashley, Veterans  
of the Council at the

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