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A COMRADE'S TRIBUTE.

BOONVILLE, Mo., January 14, 1886.

THE ADVERTISER: I was deeply pained to hear of the sudden and unexpected death of my friend and comrade, Mr. John M. Finley, which occurred at his home, in this county, last Monday. I served with Mr. Finley in the Confederate army for about four years in General Lewis' brigade in Company "G," under Maj. Stemmons, who now lives in Texas. He was a brave man and with his bravery he combined a character which endeared him to his superiors as well as to his comrades. I have frequently heard Major Stemmons refer to him as being one of his most trusted men and soldiers, and whenever it was necessary to accomplish any work with the soldiers there was no one who could do more with them than John Finley,—so brave, so true, so manly and so sympathetic was he always. Many of our brave men were at times reckless and bad, but Mr. Finley was as gentle and as tender as a woman, and his influence was always exerted in the right direction. I, together with all his old comrades throughout Missouri and the South, deeply sympathize with the members of his bereaved family in this trying hour.

Respectfully, F. P. BRONAUGH.

Finley