Chester D. Hubbard of Wheeling, one of the founding fathers of West Virginia, died on August 23, 1891.

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Investigate the Document: (First and last page of letter from Chester D. Hubbard, Ms2006-044, Wheeling Artificial Collection)

1. Where was the 4th of July celebration, mentioned in the letter, to be held?

2. Who was the Mr. Willey invited to deliver an address at the event?

3. How many soldiers did Hubbard expect West Virginia to furnish for the draft?

Think Critically: Why did so many of the founding fathers of West Virginia come from Wheeling?
I can possibly come. In the first place I would be expected any time — my mind and the Senate would probably refuse its assent in any event, so that I would have to take leave in this case. So that my coming is involved in some uncertainty, but I shall not be deterred by light reasons.

One Sunday School go to the Campgrounds at Moundsville for their "4th of July" celebrations. Mr. Willey has been invited to deliver an address on the occasion. We hope to have a good time if such a thing be possible under present circumstances.

I shall not make any arrangement for you unless you are here to choose for yourself. The Six months draft in the State is hoped will be met by volunteers. The Boys told me yesterday he thought it would be done. We do not expect to furnish over 800 men. The regiment of Cavalry is filled up already.

July 30, 1863

My dear child,

Shall I congratulate you on having attained the end of your course? While I do so it is with a regretful thought in my impractical mind that the debt and burden of the day is now to take the place of a pleasant indulgence in pursuits which are to you their own reward.

Don't ask anything about your future, tell you, God Home and conduct.

The position of things here is as bad as mismanagement could make it.

Anna is at home. Content to keep quiet. He is progress on standing as you well is commenced by fellow students and I see he is gaining on father way to have increased his store to Meditate in greater times. He proposes to stay...