

1859. Arrival of John Brown's Remains at Troy

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*The Troy Times* of Monday has the following account of the arrival of the remains of John Brown in that city: "The body of the late John Brown arrived by the morning train from New York about 12 P.M. today, and is at present lying in one of the rooms of the Union Depot. It was accompanied to this city by Mrs. Brown, Wendell Phillips and Richard P. Hallowell of Boston, and J. M. McKru, of Philadelphia. These gentlemen will accompany Mrs. Brown to North Elba, where the funeral of her husband will take place on Thursday of this week, and be interred according to the last wishes of the deceased. Mr. Phillips says Massachusetts will eventually claim his remains for interment within her own soil, but that at present it is necessary to follow the directions of Mr. Brown and the wishes of the family, that he should be interred at North Elba. Many of the family have not seen the deceased for several months, and they desire an opportunity of looking upon the last remains of one who was so near to them, and who lost his life in defence of a principle they all hold so dear. Mr. Phillips says the country cannot therefore claim him yet. Mrs. Brown and the party accompanying her are stopping at the American Hotel. She is quite unwell, and is unable to see any one. The severe ordeal through which she has passed has almost entirely prostrated her, but it is hoped she will be sufficiently restored to go on with the remains in the Rensselaer and Saratoga train at 5 3/4 P.M. The remains are inclosed in an oak coffin, which is surrounded by a plain pine box. The coffin was opened in New York City, and the body found to be in a remarkably good state of preservation. The box is surrounded by a large crowd of people in the depot, all of whom are anxious to have it opened and their curiosity gratified by an inspection of the remains, but this of course is impossible.