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W. Slocum to Caroline Spiegel, 1864 June 12.

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Morganza, L.A.

June 12th 1864

Mrs. M. M. Spiegel,

I wrote you a few days ago and gave you some intimation that I would have some further facts to communicate. Just 9 days after the death of the Col I followed down the advance of our Army and found the ground where the Col was buried. I had him taken up with a view of sending his remains home to his friends. I went back five miles up the river to where the fleet lay to procure a coffin in which I succeeded. Prior to leaving the ground I made arrangements with an officer of the 2nd Ills [Illinois] to remain there with the remains of Cols Spiegel and Mudd. And if the boats got down before I did, he should see that the remains were placed in the coffins and put in care of the officer to accompany them to their respective friends. The boats left about the time I reached there landing. I could not keep up with them in going down. On my way I met Mr. Bixler of our Regiment on his way up. He informed me that the boat did not stop long enough to get the Col in the coffin and get him on board. I then went back and procured an ambulance and sent for the coffin and remains with the determination to transport it overland if possible to the Mississippi River. Nearly one day was consumed in doing what was done. Decomposition had taken place. The weather was very warm and sultry. The officer left in charge thought it impossible to transport his remains seventy five miles in an ordinary board coffin overland. I am informed by him (the officer) that the Col was placed back in the grave and marked. I spent three days in getting to the place where he was buried. I would have made any sacrifice if his remains could have been sent to you. Our army was in a retreat and closely followed by the enemy who fought us for 9 days and followed us to the river. Since writing you I have heard from Joseph. He was wounded in the Arm and is now with our wounded at Cheneyville, LA. He is able to be out and walking around. His partner is with him. They are well cared for by our surgeons and citizens. The young man recruited by the Col is with the Regiment and is well. The Rebels took everything belonging to officers and me. I understand that they took Col's sword with all his clothing.

I think Joseph will be exchanged in a few days. They are all parolled. I shall be very glad to see him. Any further information I can obtain I will write you.

> Yours with respect W. Slocum