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**SC-11848b: Colonel Marcus M. Spiegel Collection, 1861-1865.**

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B. Stanton to Caroline Spiegel, 1864 July 19.

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New Orleans La

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mrs Spiegel

Dear Madam

I forwarded  
to you today by express \$72.  
ballance due Col. S from myself  
on a watch that I bought of  
him last winter. I enclose receipt.  
I also forward a pipe presented  
to the Col by Capts Frankforter  
Jones and Miller. Knowing how  
much he prized it we kept it  
concealed and succeeded in  
getting it safely through the  
lines.

Illness after my return from  
the Confederate lines prevented  
my writing you at an earlier  
date. The particulars of the Col's  
death you have had from Capt Taylor

I can add nothing to what he has already written concerning the Col's last hours. Allow me to say that he was one of my warmest and most intimate friends. His many virtues his social qualities his geniality, his military bearing have endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. By his death not alone the family are bereaved of a loved husband and father but a host of personal friends are called to mourn. His memory will ever be revered by his regiment. He was buried beneath a beautiful spreading oak on the banks of Red river about thirty miles below Alexandria. An effort was made to have his body disinterred but was not successful in consequence of the boats having been ordered off before he could be got ready.

I have heard nothing from Joe  
Spizet or Mr Simsheimer since I  
parted with them at the mouth  
of Red river. The Confederates refused  
to give them up except in exchange  
for citizens now confined in N. O. -  
an exchange that the Federal Com-  
missioner was not authorized to  
make - I called on the Exchange  
Commissioner a few days ago but  
was informed that no exchange had  
been effected yet. I will endeavor  
to see Gen Banker while here and if  
I can learn anything concerning them  
I will write you - I hope something  
can be done to effect their release soon.

Pardon my not writing you sooner  
and believe me

Your most obedt servt

B Stanton Surg.

12th Div.

New Orleans, La

July 19<sup>th</sup> 1864

Mrs. Spiegel

Dear Madam

I forwarded to you today by express \$72 balance due Col S from myself on a watch that I bought of him last winter. I enclose receipt. I also forward a pipe presented to the Col by Capts Fraunfelter Jones and Miller. Knowing how much he prized it we kept it concealed and succeeded in getting it safely through the lines.

Illness after my return from the Confederate lines prevented my writing you at an earlier date. The particulars of the Col's death you have had from Capt Taylor I can add nothing to what he has already written concerning the Col's last hours. Allow me to say that he was one of my warmest and most intimate friends. His many virtues his social qualities his geniality, his military bearing have endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. By his death not alone the family are bereaved of a loved husband and father but a host of personal friends are called to mourn. His memory will ever be revered by his regiment. He was buried beneath a beautiful spreading oak on the banks of Red River about thirty miles below Alexandria. An effort was made to have his body disinterred but was not successful in consequence of the boat having been ordered off

before he could be got ready. I have heard nothing from Jos Spiegel or from Mr. Sinsheimer since I parted with them at the mouth of Red river. The Confederates refused to give them up except in exchange for citizens now confined in N.O. [New Orleans] - an exchange that the Federal commissioner was not authorized to make. I called on the Exchange Commissioner a few days ago but was informed that no exchange had been effected yet. I will endeavor to see Gen[eral] Banks while here and if I can learn anything concerning them I will write you. I hope something can be done to effect their release soon. Pardon my not writing sooner and believe me.

Your most obdt [obedient] servant

B. Stanton, surg[eon]

120<sup>th</sup> Ohio

