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Ben Jones to Caroline Spiegel, 1865 January 7.

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Mrs. C. F. Spiegel,

Yours of the 4th Inst. just received - sincerely hope you will not consider it any trouble for me to answer all the inquiries you see fit to make concerning your husband and my friend, the late <u>Col Marcus M Spiegel</u>. I would think myself guilty of ingratitude in the worst degree were I to neglect or hesitate to do all in power to ameliorate the mental sufferings of those who were most near and dear to him, while living.

I am rejoiced to know that the pipe, presented to him by Capts Miller, Fraunfelter and myself is in your possession for it was not only his living, but also his dying request; that it should descend to his "dear little Hamlin." After the terrible missile had done its work and while in the prospect of an early death he inquired for the pipe and enjoined his friend Dr. Stanton to have it sent to his son whom he knew would ever preserve and value it dearly. As to the report that his remains were exhumed and taken to Baton Rouge, I am sorry to say it is not true. I am informed that while our forces were returning from Alexandria, efforts were made to disinter his body were made but in consequence of a misunderstanding the project was defeated. They had his body taken out of its grave, an ambulance with a coffin was taken to the place where the body lay. It having been placed in the grave on account of the delay of the coffin. Afterwards the Ambulance returned, had the coffin taken on the ambulance as he supposed with the corpse inside of it. -The mistake was not known until several days afterwards although this ambulance was turned out of the baggage train and placed in the rear on account of the supposed offensive smell of its contents. - The officers and men of the Regiment bitterly regretted this arrangement and blame themselves for entrusting the business to a certain officer of the 120th Ohio who, though he did occupy a prominent position; never could or would do anything right. I will have Capt Taylor give you all the particulars of that affair.

I am well acquainted with Madam Bear. She is proprietress of a boarding house at Baton Rouge and is a very intelligent and clever lady. I know not her first name but by addressing her as Madam Bear, Baton Rouge, La. you will hear from her.

The place of his burial is within enemy lines and at present [it] would be almost an impossibility to procure his remains. Were they within our lines I would tender my services to the accomplishment of that object, but under the present circumstances an effort to the effect would be fruitless. In some future time our lines will be extended to that place and then it will be no difficult matter to carry out your wishes. I will write to Dr. Stanton to give you the information you desire. I know he will comply with your request for when I visited him last month he was trying to find out where you were.

A letter will probably reach Joseph by addressing him at Camp Ford near Tyler Texas. (I will enclose his address on a slip of paper.)- I do not think a special exchange can be effected for him although I would be greatly rejoiced to have it done. - If any of his friends want to make an effort they can find out by addressing Col. O.C. Dwight, Com of Exchange Military Division of Miss[issippi] - New Orleans.

Our old Regt [Regiment] is no more. It has been merged into another regiment and now forms five companies of the 114th Ohio. - By this arrangement we lost our name and colors. - There were eight officers of our regiment thrown out on this account, namely Col Slocum, Capts All, Taylor, Harvey, Jones, Lieuts Van Ostern, Hughes and Bixler. I was mustered out on the 4th at <u>Columbus</u>. - The mustered out officers presented our colors to the State of Ohio on Wednesday last. The regt [regiment] was at Morganza Louisiana. - Was last heard from McKinley was made Lieut Col of the 114th Ohio. Capt Taylor, myself and others propose to have a photograph taken off a card photo of the Col's which he got in New York. - I will feel very thankful for the one you proposed to give me. -

Concerning Joseph's business, I cannot give you much information - They lost several thousand dollars worth at the time of our disaster, but I am under the impression that they still have some goods in New Orleans. He sent a letter to the person who attends to his business there when I came through. I will find out if I can and let you know more [of] this when I write again. - Mrs. Spiegel let me beg of you not to blame yourself for leaving Ohio nor fear that it would have been contrary to the wishes of your deceased husband to do so. He often told me that he proposed leaving Millersburg and I know him too well to think for a moment that he would have raised the least objection when dying to any measure you would think best to adopt for yourself and his much loved children.

- Write to me when you see fit and I will always answer promptly.

Truly yours

Ben Jones