

November 12<sup>th</sup> 1856

M<sup>r</sup> William Morton

Dear Sir

M<sup>r</sup> Miller wishes to get a location as of Teacher he is a graduate of Athery [sp?] Coledge [sic] came to this settlement in the Sumer [sic] of fifty five has taught in [~~“has taught in”~~] has taught in my immediate neighborhood Since that time has given entire Satisfaction tis on account of the Scarsity [sic] of pupils being a thinly Settled Section of country

M<sup>r</sup> Miller is a man has the entire confidence of all with whom [sic] he has made acquaintance he is a strictly morel [sic] young Man has lived in the family of Doct. Milliam [sic] P. Beesly from the time he left Colledg [sic] yours with respect Robt Griggs

Mr. Elbert Miller

Present

Georgia

Troup County

We take pleasure in certifying that Mr Elbert Miller (The Bearer) has conducted The School at the Camp Ground Academy, in this county, The present year, during which time, he has taught our children with Satisfaction, and we commend him as a Successful Teacher.

Given from under our hands, This The 11<sup>th</sup> day of November 1856.

W<sup>m</sup>. P. Beasley

E S Cameron

T W Shwam [sp?]

N.V. Boddie

E. W. Boddie

John. W. Griggs

S D Griggs

E A Lorring [sp?]

L C Fraudle [sp?]

J A Reide

Ann [sp?] F Whitfield

Athens Sept 30. 1850

My dear Miller

It gave me much pleasure to receive a few lines from you & to hear that you were usefully employed. I have written a few lines on the other side of this sheet which I hope may be of some benefit to you. It is gratifying to me to render you this service: & it will always give me pleasure to render you any assistance [sp?] wh. [sic] I may be able.

Our [perhaps says "Team," but the paper's torn] [illegible] is not so prosperous as in your day. Faculty feuds [illegible] newspaper violence have changed public confidence from us. But we are hoping for better days. Our Trustees meet soon to adjust [illegible] Very truly

Your friend

W. T. Brantly

To all whom it may concern:

The bearer hereof, Elbert Miller a private of Captain H M Crowder's Company, Regiment of Ala. Volunteers aged 29 years, 5 feet 11 ¼ inches high, fair complexion, grey eyes, dark hair, and by profession a Teacher born in the County of Liberty, State of Ga and enlisted at Salem in the county of Roussell [sic] Ala on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April eighteen hundred and sixty two to serve for the period of three years or the war, is hereby permitted to go to Walthourville [sic] in the county of Liberty State of Georgia, he having received a furlough from the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May to the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May at which period he will rejoin his Company or Regiment at Loachapoka or wherever it then may be, or be considered a deserter. [An oval stamp says "May 14 1862 TICKET," but rest is illegible]

Given under my hand, at Loachapoka this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 1862

H. M. Crowder Captain.

Approved [sp?]

J W Echols

Lt Col Comg

Tupelo Miss PASSPORT DEPARTMENT,

Army of the Mississippi, July 12 1862.

Pass Elbert Miller to Saltillo Miss

Upon honor not to communicate anything that may prove detrimental to the Confederate States.

By order, R S Calles [sp?]

Capt. and Passport Agent of the

Army of the Miss.

PRISONER'S PAROLE.

I, Elbert Miller Priv., of Company K 34 Ala. Regiment, of the so-called Confederate States Army; captured at the battle of Stones River, Tennessee, solemnly swear before Almighty God, the Sovereign Judge, that I will not bear arms against the United States Government, nor help, aid or assist either directly or indirectly, any person or persons in making war against the same, until regularly exchanged as a prisoner of war.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, at

Murfreesboro Tenn. January 10 1863

Elbert Miller

Michael Reiser Capt

PROVOST MARSHAL

1<sup>st</sup> Div, 14 Army Corps [?]

Salem Ala Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1860

Dear Lizzie

Although very busy today making out my School Circulars, yet I will drop you a few "drops" before the mail closes. Your last Enclosed with Ma's note came to hand evening before last & found us quite well Except little "Quiddledinks". [sic] He has been teething, has fallen away considerably & consequently has been rather fretful. Kate has just put a poultice on one of his arms which has been greatly "aeflicted" [sic] with "biles"[sic] Notwithstanding these sets backs he is growing. He can stand alone & can take several steps. I know he wants to see aunt Lizzie very much. He says his name is Calhoun not Cally & if you do not like his real name, call him "Quiddledinks" [sic] or "Billbunks" [sic] either. We think he is one of the "boys" in fact one of the sweetest boys that Ever was a boy.

We have some idea of going to housekeeping next year. I have not bought a place yet; though I Expect to buy or rent in a short time.

As to coming home this winter, I dont [sic] know what to say. The drouth [sic] has cut off the crops all around here, times will be very, very, very hard this winter & if we go to housekeeping it may be so that we cannot come. It would be a source of great pleasure to us both to come And nothing but the most urgent necessity will prevent us. But in order that you may not be disappointed, if we should not be able to come, do not espect [sic] us with certainty.

We heard from [illegible] a few days ago; he was quite well.

Half past 11 <sup>oclock</sup>, close this letter, walk to the P.O. half mile off, have this mailed in time for the train which reaches Salem 12.20.

Kate sends much love to you & all. Calhoun sends a kiss below for aunt Lizzie.

Yr aff. Brother Ell.

[The word kiss is written inside a circle at the end of the letter.]

Tupelo Itarvamba [sp?] Co. Miss

June 5<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Kate

Lieut Johnson leaving us on sick furlough tomorrow, I (of course) embrace so good an opportunity of sending you a letter. I am quite well & thus far have stood camp life finely. For a few days [crossed out

“I”] until we get all reports made out, pay Rolls &c I shall be kept pretty busy. After that I still have a plenty of leisure time to drill. I mean to drill enough for exercise any how. I wrote you on Sunday last. We have not had any mail from Corinth since our arrival, consequently I have not received a line from you yet. Mails intended for Corinth are left at Baldwin. We will send up there tomorrow and get our documents. Beauregard’s “grand army” are falling back to this place Col. Claytons Regiment arrived today. In a few days we will have the whole army around us. Beauregard will be [illegible as the paper is ripped] tomorrow. He takes up his headquarters at a house about two hundred yards from [crossed out letter] our encampment.

Several of our boys are still down with the measles, Henry Johnson has the mumps. Dr Pitts finds the position of Surgeon of a Regiment no easy one. Here if a man has only a finger ache, he must go to the Dr for a “Dost” of medicine.

The regiments drew their arms last night. Smooth bore percussion muskets, for the present, with the promise of Enfield rifles as soon as possible.

It will be two weeks tomorrow morning since I left home and all its attractions. Although in the performance of duty each day glides rapidly away yet it seems a long time since we parted. I try to keep a bold front however. As John Pruitt says, who cares? Our time is most out. Only two years and ten months more. That will soon pass away you know.

I wrote a long letter to Daughter [sp?] yesterday Have not heard from any of the family since we left Liberty. I notice in yesterday’s Mobile paper that Gen Rhodes was wounded in the great battles near Richmond. Inri’s [sp?] company was at last account acting as the Gen’s body guard. I am very uneasy about him. I dread to hear the particulars. The sixth Alaabama [sic] were also engaged in the fight. The report up here is that nine of the Captains were killed I hope our Russell boys Escaped. I expect it was the most desperate and bloody contest of the war. If the fight is renewed and we succeed in driving M<sup>c</sup>Clelan [sic] back to Washington, I know not what effect it will have on the Western army. If Halleck retires into Kentucky [sic] we may soon be on the advance.

Harrisons Ferry Tenn Aug 26<sup>th</sup> 1862

Dear Kate

We left our Camp near Tyners [sp?] Friday evening & marched to the Harrison Ferry As other regiments were ahead of us had to remain all night on the river bank. Crossed next morning on flats & came out here about a mile from the Ferry. We are only waiting for our wagons which have arrived at Chattanooga. When they come we will commence to move forward. Do not be so uneasy. I dont [sic] think we will have much fighting yet awhile.

Was delighted to hear from you yesterday. Your letter by Mr Lewis also Dr’s & the Bundle, for all of which much obliged. I had given up my jacket for lost. Also by Billy Hagermon [sp?]

In haste



E. M.

near Murfreesbo [sic] Tenn

Decr. 25<sup>&</sup> 9<sup>oclock</sup> PM/62

Dearest Kate.

A Mr. Henry of Capt. Bickerstaffs Company who has put in a substitute, informed us a moment ago that he will leave for home in the morning. I embrace the opportunity of writing you a "wee" bit of a letter.

We have managed to endure Christmas; but the day, so far from being one of jollity, has appeared one of the dullest of the season. We did actually have some "egg nog" this morning but in consequence of the scarcity of sugar & "nog" it was nothing to brag on. Any how we can have it to say we had "Egg Nog" for Christmas. On awaking this morning I thought of little "Boonks boy" & Lizzie running to see what Old Santa Claus had done for them. I hope you all spent the day pleasantly. Since last Christmas what changes have taken place! Today scarcely a family in our broad land but what misses some one who was accustomed to join in the festivities of the season. I hope ere another year rolls around, we may all be permitted to return home, there to enjoy with our loved ones all all [sic] the blessings of peace.

I wrote you a letter Monday last carried it over to Waddells Artillery & gave it to Tom Atha [sp?] to take to you; but riding over to the depot yesterday evening I was surprised to find the Company still there.

I suppose they left this morning. I do not envy this lot in going to Miss. Tenn. is far preferable.

I saw Dr Tuggle of Columbus who expected to leave for home this morning. By him I sent \$14000 which he promised to hand to Dr or John Mill [sp?] or Capt Crowder if he saw either at the Depot; if not I told him to deposit it in the Bank of Columbus subject to Dr's order. The \$40 as you do not need any at present insist upon his keeping. The balance I want you to hand to Mr Dunn [crossed out "who I"] to pay off interest & small notes; I will write to him more particularly on the subject in a day or two. Ask Dr if the Public School Fund will be paid out as usual. I made out my Report & left it with mr [sic] Dodson. Ask him if it is all right, for I do not wish to be cut out of what is due me. Let me hear from you more frequently. Yours ever true Elbert Miller

In line of Battle, two miles

north of Murfreesboro Tenn

December 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Night 1862

My Dearest Wife & Little Boy

This may be the last time I shall ever have the pleasure of writing to you. For the vandal Enemy is approaching, we expect to meet them tomorrow & I may fall. If so I will die defending our country and you, I expect to occupy the post of honor & I trust you will not blush to own my name.

At this moment of uncertainty, when we know not what an hour may bring forth, what a crowd of happy memories rush upon me. Truly I can say our married life has been a happy one to me. For your sake & my darling little Boons, more than my own I would desire to survive this war & be restored to you. But if a merciful Providence decrees otherwise try to bear the stroke with becoming christian [sic] fortitude. Remember your loss will be the Country's gain.

I deeply regret that I am in debt & have not property enough to maintain you in perfect independence. But I believe & trust that my dear Father and Mother so far as in their power lies, will never let you know want. To them I commit you. Their hearts best affections are already entwined around you both. When I am gone you will if possible be doubly dear.

Cherish my boy. Train him with principles of truth, honor & every manly virtue. And now I must say the parting word farewell! May that kind Providence who has promised to be a father to the fatherless, and

a comfort to the widow, throw his mantle of protecting care around you always and shield you from all the ills of life. To my own family, say for me goodbye! To your respected parents, family & relations who have all been uniformly kind to me present my grateful remembrance

My precious wife & darling Calhoun farewell!

Yours ever true

Elbert Miller

Murphreeboro [sic] January the 23 1863

Mrs Miller

Mr Miller died today of a wound received at the battle of Stone River on the 31<sup>st</sup> of Decem [sic] 1862. He had been doing very well but the joint of his knee just above the amputation was affected and caused the artery to ulcerate and burst when he lost much blood before it could be stoped [sic]. He was very weak before this happen [sic] and was not able to stop the loss of blood He died about four oclock [sic] PM without much pain. When told he was going to die he said Tell my family that I leave them under the protection of God. He said also that he wished his body should be sent to his wife but unhappily that is out of our power. All that we can do is to bury him properly and mark his grave Mrs Thomson at whose house he died will be able to show his grave to any persons who may hereafter wish to see it. He was one of my best friends in the Regt and respected by all who knew him God has seen fit to take him to himself

James R Maxwell

34<sup>th</sup> Ala Regt

of Tuscaloosa Ala

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 27, 1863.

DEATH OF A BRAVE SOLDIER- Below we insert an extract from a letter which was published in the Daily Advertiser. It notices the death of Elbert Miller, of an Alabama regiment, who was born and educated in Walthourville, Liberty county, and died of a wound received in the battle of Murfreesboro' on the 31st December, 1862. He was in the hands of the enemy as a prisoner, and died just before the time he expected to be exchanged, and the intelligence of his death has but recently reached his family. The writer, after alluding to the courage of a captain who was killed in the same battle, and remarking that the army of Tennessee could boast of no braver soldier, says:—"The same may be said of private Elbert Miller, whose position as a regimental secretary relieved him of the musket, but such was his patriotism and manly bearing that he could not be contented to remain while the storm of battle was raging, and investing himself with his gun and accoutrements, he entered it, nobly conducting himself in the strife, in which he was mortally wounded, and died on the 23d of January."

'Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.'

*Eds. Advertiser:*— I am in reception of a letter from private Jas. R. Maxwell of the 34th Ala regiment, who was left as a nurse at Murfreesboro', February 16th, 1863, informing me that the following named members of the Regiment, left behind, have since died from the effects of wounds received in the battle in December last, near that place:

W.J. Bickerstaff, Capt. Co. I.  
Elbert Miller, Regimental Sec'y, Co. K.  
J. Nummy, Serg't Co. A.  
W. H. Palmer, Private Co. E.  
C. P. Greer, " " D.  
J. H. Ryals, " " H.  
L. T. Littlejohn, " " B.  
J. M. Ayres " " B.

The conduct of all the above mentioned soldiers, during the engagement referred to, was highly commendable. Conspicuous among the dauntless heroes who charged a battery of the enemy early Wednesday morning, was the lamented Capt. W. J. Bickerstaff of Company I, from Russell county, Ala., who exhibited great courage in the battle, and was frequently seen leading the advance in the charge upon the foe. When within 30 yards of the enemy's lines he received a severe wound, and at the falling back of our army was left in their possession, where he died on the 14th February. The army of Tennessee could boast of no braver soldier than Capt. Bickerstaff. It is impossible to pay a fitting eulogy to his worth as a man and spirit as an officer in a short notice like this.

The same may be said of Private Elbert Miller, whose position as Regimental Secretary relieved him of the musket, but such was his patriotism and manly bearing that he could not be contented to remain idle while the storm of battle was raging, and investing himself with his gun and accoutrements he entered it, nobly conducting himself in the strife, in which he was mortally wounded, and died on the 23d January. "*Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.*"

J. C. B. MITCHELL

Col. Comd'g Vol. and Con. Bureau, Dep't

East Ala., Montgomery, Ala.

## Tribute of Respect.

Whereas, we are again afflicted, under the Providence of a merciful God, to record the death of a beloved and devoted Brother, who died February 23d, 1863, of a wound received Dec. 31st, on the field of battle at Murfreesboro, while gallantly defending the dear and sacred rights of freemen. Brother Elbert Miller having been severely wounded, amputation of one of the lower extremities being necessary, and finally resulting in death while in the hands of his enemies. It is hard to die and have no friendly hand to cool the fevered brow or give aid in the dying hour. No more noble spirit has fallen in this unholy struggle than the lamented subject of this notice. He has fully demonstrated that his arm was served by a patriotic zeal in promptly responding to his country's call in the hour of danger, and we had unbounded confidence in his courage and patriotism as a soldier. Possessing a kind and gentle temperament, an affectionate and soft disposition, and faithful in the discharge of every duty as a Mason, and honorable in all the relations of his life, he had won an enduring esteem among the brethren of the Order.

We believe the living are under obligations to cherish the memories of all who thus die in defence [sic] of liberty, and especially is it their duty to comfort and support those dependent, upon whom such patriotic sacrifices fall with the greatest weight.

In the character of our brother E. Miller were blended all those virtues which gladden the hearts of parents, which made him the devoted husband and tender father; that mild and gentle deportment which is the bond of friendship and harbinger of peace, and that noble spirit of patriotism which adorns the soldier's grave. He was all in virtue that is necessary to make society lovely, and is worthy of the highest testimonials of our regard. Though the loss of *such* to their families and country, though they may have been comparatively unknown, is irreparable, yet it becomes us as Christians, in the exercise of faith and fortitude, to resign ourselves to Him who is able to raise us from the grave, and in the hopes of the promises of the Gospel, be comforted even in death.

We heartily share the grief of his bereaved family, parents and relatives, and commend them to the promises of God, the Husband of Widows and Father of orphans.

Be it therefore resolved:

1. That Bro. Miller has the highest testimonials of our regard, as he had the warmest affections of this body while he was with us.
2. That we hereby tender his family and parents our unfeigned testimonial and our high appreciation of this our deceased brother.
3. That a copy of this be spread upon the records of the Lodge, and the family and parents be furnished with a copy of the same.
4. That we will wear the usual badge of mourning thirty days.

By order of the Lodge.

D. W. FLOYD, W. M.

of Salem Lodge, No. 99.

E. N. DUNN, Sec'y.

**List of Killed and Wounded**

We are indebted to Capt. JOHN CARTER, of Mount Meigs, for the following list of the killed and wounded in the 34th Alabama Regiment, Col. MITCHELL, at the battle near Murfreesboro', on the 31st ult:

Capt J C Carter, arm, slight.  
J R Harris, arm slight.  
M N Reynolds, slight, thigh.  
Capt Bickerstaff, severe, side.  
J B Bickerstaff, severe, thigh.  
B M Ware, hip, slight.  
Capt Welch, head, light.  
Lieut, J D Wall, foot, severe.  
J T Ledlow, shoulder, slight.  
W Samuels, arm, slight.  
Elbert Miller, leg, severe, (cut off.)  
J T Baysmore, slight, thigh.  
J Ashley, leg, slight.  
J H Gorahm, leg, slight.  
W K Moore, knee, severe.  
W Huges, hip, slight.  
S T Littlejohn, severe, thigh.  
C Green, severe, abdomen.  
B H Reynolds, slight, shoulder.  
S Johnson, leg, severe, (cut off.)  
W A Bryant, slight, shoulder.  
Sam Adams, on hand, slightly.  
W C Wall, head, severe.  
W J Estes, leg, slight.  
J W Parks, killed.  
J S Diamond, foot, slight.  
Tom Henderson, head, slight.  
Lieut R M Sersy.  
A J Johnsey, mortally, (both legs off.) Since dead.  
W Jones, foot, slight.  
G B T Moore, head, slight.  
S M Harris, hand, slight.  
T Zakeal, arm, slight.  
W Palmer, arm, (cut off.)  
T A Read, chest, severe.  
J F Long, abdomen, severe.  
J T Moore, head, slight.  
C B Shernia, head, slight.  
J R Browning, mortal, in abdomen.  
J S Bryant, severe, shoulder.  
E J Carlisle, arm, slight.  
W Reeder, severe, chest.  
J M Ayres, in breast, severe.  
D A Morris, chest, severe.



M L Brand, hand, slight.  
Lieut Colquitt, slight, abdomen.  
A J Massey, hand, slight.  
J Lumpkiu, abdomen, (dead)  
J W Pierson, hip, slight.  
B H Bolware, hip, slight.  
T R Morris, foot, severe.  
W G Morris, hip, slight.  
J Nummy, severe, shoulder.  
W W East, slight, side.  
T H Night, mouth, severe.  
B Covington, side, slight.  
E Watts, side, slight.  
Lieut W H Holston, side, slight.  
J Story, leg, slight.  
J H Bowden, on thigh, slightly.  
J W Brown, head, slight.  
J M Berry, hand, slight.  
J W Arant, neck, slight.  
W H Reynolds, arm, slight.  
A H Ryses, chest, severe.  
W C Dronnam, abdomen, severe, (dead.)  
W R Moore, knee, slight.  
W H Johnson, shoulder, slight.  
J D Martain, leg, slight.  
T N Cloud, thigh, slight.  
W A Dunnam, Wm Nobles, Asa Bozemore, T H Vansandt, W T Roberson and John Lawley—killed

Extracts from Diary kept by James T. Searcy of Tuscaloosa [sic], Ala. of Lumsden's Battery, Reserve Artillery Army of Tennessee relating to death of Mr. Elbert Miller of 34<sup>th</sup> Ala. Regt. of Infantry at Murfreesboro Tenn. Tuesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> [word crossed out] 11 PM. - Capt. Bickerstaff and Mr. Miller, both of Rueben's Regt 34<sup>th</sup> Ala. were moved here this evening from the hospital, and are in the opposite room with Capt. Jennings. xxx [sic]

The people of Murfreesboro are true Southerners, they show it by their attentions to the wounded. Saturday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>—63.— I have just finished dressing the wounds of Mr. Miller and Capt. Jennings. Sunday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup>—1863—Tis a beautiful Sunday morning. Our wounded at Mrs. Thompson's are doing pretty well. —An abscess was lanced in Miller's leg.

Tuesday morning—20<sup>th</sup>—Miller is doing pretty well - Capt Bickerstaff is troubled with a cough, result either of his wound or he has the pneumonia. He is a fine man, a good man much respected, no doubt at home.

Jan 23<sup>d</sup> 1863— Another day gone by, and with it another soul ushered into eternity. Elbert Miller, 34<sup>th</sup> Reg't Ala. Vols Co, K, from Salem Ala. — We have been nursing him since the evening of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> when he and Capt Bickerstaff were brought here. — He was a good man, and bore his sufferings patiently. He died commending his wife and child to the hands of all wise Providence. —I staid [sic] in the room with him last night. He rested much better than the night before. About six this morning he had a chill. I covered him with more blankets till it went off -when he asked to be uncovered, and to have his leg dressed. On looking at it I found twas bleeding. — The doctors who were just coming in to breakfast, came up & stopped the bleeding. — But he had lost too much blood for his already enfeebled condition, and gradually sank till he died. The abscess that was lanced last Sunday had extended to the artery, which burst.— He bled through the lancet incision.— He was perfectly conscious of his condition.— It was hard for him to die for the sake of his family. He sent a parting good-bye to all his friends. Capt. Bickerstaff I fear is worse.

Jan 24<sup>th</sup> (Saty) Capt. B & Ham [sp?] much better, Capt. Jennings almost well. — We have not buried Miller yet.— Jim gone to get a coffin made now if possible.—

Afternoon 4-oclock—Yankees came by just now after Miller's body. Jim went with them to see him buried.

Copied Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1906 by James R. Maxwell, the "Jim" mentioned for Mr. Miller's Son E. C. Miller of Hinesville Ga.

James R. Maxwell

My Dear Mother

It makes me right sick to read to [crossed out] my dear Husbands Letter, hope that you can read these letters the Paper is so bad to write on

Yours ever true

Kate Miller

to her and felt so badly could not write as I have heard such sad news from my dear Husband this week Give my love to Bro Joe & Sister Lizzie and to Grand Ma & all the Relations, dear brother I send you a copy of my dear Husbands Letter and would send you the Original Letter that he wrote but the Mail's are so irregular that I was fearful it would be lost and dear Mother his dear Letters & things are more precious to me than Gold dear Mother do write to me as often as you can tell all the rest to write to me for I do love you all very much Mother and all send much Love to you all by me [sp?] hope I will hear from you all often Calhoun sends a kiss to you all In much sorrow I remain as ever your affectionate daughter Kate Miller

Murfreesboro Tenn Jany 27, 1863

Mr E Miller

In [illegible] with Mrs Kate Thompson Do [sp?] For board & nursing 3 weeks \$20.00

Kate Thompson

Rec Payment Pr [sp?]

Dr J W M Synch

Montgomery April 13<sup>th</sup> 1863

Mr. Jos. N. Miller

Dear Sir

It is with deep regret that we are compelled to acknowledge that the fact is confirmed that Private Elbert Miller from a wound received at the battle of Murfreesboro died on 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. His wound was such that we were compelled to leave him in the lines of the enemy, Where he under the kindness [sp?] [illegible] him [sp?] lingered until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan. Mr Miller was a [sp?] Secretary and was not compelled to go in the lines in battle, but on all the marches in all the engagements he selected a post of danger [sp?] and was nobly bearing him self as a gallant Soldier when he fell = [sic]This aid [sp?] an elegant gentleman [sp?] a good Citizen and a brave Soldier

Respectfully

Yours tly [sp?]

H B Mitchell Col

34<sup>th</sup> Ala, [illegible letter]

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Give the name in full of the patient about whom you inquire; enclose a stamped envelope or postal card, with your name and address plainly written upon it, if you wish a reply; write to the Superintendent as often as you wish, your letters will be promptly answered; there is so much correspondence, the physicians, except in emergencies, only write in reply to letters of inquiry; all the correspondence passes through the Superintendent's office, address your inquiries only to him, other employees cannot reply to you; write as often as you wish to your friend or relative: with rare exceptions letters go directly to the patient to whom they are addressed without being in-inspected [sic]; the Superintendent will inform you if correspondence is not advisable.

The Alabama Insane Hospitals,  
THE BRYCE HOSPITAL, Tuscaloosa, Ala.  
THE MT. VERNON HOSPITAL, Mt. Vernon, Ala.

J. T. SEARCY, M. D., SUPERINTENDENT.  
Address all communications to Tuscaloosa, Ala., box 268.

**Tuscaloosa, Ala.,** Apl. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1907.

Mr. J. R. Maxwell. Tuska,  
My Dear Jim:— I only remember the case of Mr. Miller, that he died at Mrs. Thompson's, while we were there, principally, as I know now, from hemorrhage from his amputated leg. I did not go to his burial and cannot say where it was. I have only been once to the cemetery at Murfreesboro, was over thirty years ago, and do not remember seeing his grave. Brother Reuben, as you know, was buried in the Cemetery near the Preb? [sic] Church.  
I cannot tell you what became of Mrs. Thompson.  
I am sorry I cannot be of mo [ripped paper] service to Mr. Miller's son in locating his father's grave.

Truly,  
J. T. Searcy

(not Hulls) [sic]

Phifers PO, ALA, April 13-1901  
Mr. Elbert C. Miller;  
Hinesville, Ga.;

Dear Sir;

The enclosed letter from Dr. Searcy shows that he can not assist any. I am quite confident that we buried your father near the grave of Reuben M. Searcy. That is my impression but I am not clear enough in my memory about it to assert it positively. It was the most natural thing for me to do. Searcy & myself & 8 other cadets were sent from Univ. of Ala. to Loachapoka about March 1862 to drill the 10 companies of 34<sup>th</sup> Ala Regiment. I drilled Co C., Searcy Co F. When Regiment went to Tupelo into active service, althi [sic] Univ. [sic] authorities ordered us back, some of us continued with the Regiment as drill masters. At Murrfreesburo [sic] during 1<sup>st</sup> days preliminary skirmishing of the 2 armies Searcy was terribly torn, with two pieces of shell, in the thighs, and sent into Murrfreesboro[sic] to hospital.

That night Col Mitchell sent me in to see about him, & I found him lying with nothing done for him, but doses of morphine given him. I sent my body servant to Col. M with facts & Mitchell send me orders to stay with him & see that he got best possible care & attention.

I could not get Regimental surgeons to do a thing. The truth was they thought he would die every hour and believed it time wasted to try to do anything. Next day I got Searcy to the house of a Mrs. Thompson, & on same day the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the battle your fathers leg was shattered by bullet just above ankle, in the charge on the enemy in front of our left, that doubled the Federal army back on its left, & was a glorious victory for that days fight.

As soon as the amputation was done, I easily prevailed upon our surgeons to send your father to Mrs. Thompson's also, and also Capt Bickerstaff of Co K, shot through the lungs. I was a little over 18 years of age at the time. I now know that I was but a boy, but I was doing a man's part, & felt a man's pride in doing it.

With the present day's knowledge & conveniences or necessary anti-septic methods, there would have been no death of your father. But with the woeful lack of necesarities [sic] & lack of knowledge how to

prevent the poisonous [sic] germs action, hundreds of men lost their lives, that now would be saved with same wounds.

When your father died it would have been the most natural thing for me to have him buried next to Searcy's grave, & I believe I so did. The only thing that would have prevented it would have been the ground being already occupied.

I was several years younger than he, but had learned to esteem him highly, and certainly could not have given him more attention, if he had been my own brother. I can only suggest that you write to pastor of Presbyterian Church at Murfreesburo [sic], get him to examine the grave on the left of Reuben Martin Searcy's (marked by stone after the war) to a person standing at head of graves facing them. I am not absolutely positive but feel that it is most likely. If Mrs Thompson is living she must be 65 years old or possibly more. They lived in brick house opposite house occupied after by Gen. Thomas. The Post master, if he tries may be able to find means to identify. Yours truly  
James R Maxwell

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[laurel wreath between names listed above, with the Confederate Flag in the middle; 61 and 65 on the bottom of the wreath]

United Daughters of the Confederacy  
MURFREESBORO CHAPTER, No. 91.

Murfreesboro, Tenn April 19<sup>th</sup> 1901  
Mr E C Miller  
Hinseville Georgia

Dear Sir

Yours of March 25<sup>th</sup> received and contents noted Have delayed answering from the fact I wished to make every inquiry possible about the graves of Confederate soldiers who were buried in and around Murfreesboro and from those who attended to the moving of the dead[.] I have this assurance- the remains of every soldier was taken up and reintered [sic] in a large square in Evergreen Cemetery near our City and now the Jos Palmer Bivouac Confederate Veterans here and Murfreesboro Chapter No 91 UDC are raising funds to complete a monument commenced two years ago - to all the Confederate dead buried here. We have nearly enough money promised and on hand to complete the work at a cost when finished of \$2700 should you like to contribute it would be thoughtfully received no matter how small the amount. We hope to have the monument finished and ready to be unveiled in October. Perhaps you would like to come and be here at that time If I can give you any further information will gladly do so

Very Respectfully  
Mrs J B Murfree  
Murfreesboro  
Tenn.



Mr. E. C. Miller

Hinesville Ga

[purple square stamp which says inside: Maxwell Ginning Company, FORMERLY ABILENE COTTON CO.  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1903 ABILENE, TEXAS.]

Dr. Sir; I have mailed to Dr James T. Searcy, Supt of the Ala. Bryce Hospital for the Insane at Tuscaloosa, your's [sic] of Oct 30<sup>th</sup>, together with that of Mr. Ridley & the sketch of the 4 graves. You do not state that the 2<sup>nd</sup> grave on the left has been examined, this you state that you had requested Mr. Ridley so to do. Nor does Mr. Ridley say a word about the 2<sup>nd</sup> grave on left, so I am supposing some not to have been opened.

If the woman was buried prior to the war, it might be possible your father was buried on other side of her, as of course her grave would not have been disturbed. Again if room had been left for another grave between her's & Searcys, then your's father's might easily have been placed between. It is also possible that the wooden head board with Searcy's name on it might have rotted off & stuck back in wrong grave. In the digging of these graves my impression is that details were sent to dig them, who came & got our wishes as to where we wished them dug & that I went in person & saw them buried. Whether Dr. Searcy also went is doubtful as [letter abruptly ends]

Abilene Texas Nov 10-1903

Mr. E. C. Miller,  
Hinesville Ga

Dear Sir

On [illegible] find reply of Dr. J. T. Searcy. Hope the matter will result in satisfaction to all parties.

Am very busy or would write more. I mail this immediately on receipt.

Your's truly  
James R Maxwell

[in a box on left top]:

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

Give the name in full of the patient about whom you wish to write. If you wish a reply enclose a stamped envelope or a postal card, with your name and address on it. Only write to the superintendent; nurses and other employes [sic] can not reply to you.

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MT. VERNON, ALA.

J. T. SEARCY, M.D., SUPERINTENDENT.  
ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO  
TUSCALOOSA, ALA., BOX 268.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 1903.

Mr. E. C. Miller, Hinesville, Ga.

Dear Sir:-

I have been advised by my friend, Mr. J. R. Maxwell, of some correspondence, with you in reference to locating the grave and obtaining the remains of your father from the old Cemetery in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

I was present when your father died. I do not remember, positively, being at the burial. I cannot give information as to his grave.

In 1866 I went to Nashville & to Murfreesboro. I obtain a tombstone from Nashville, and left it to an unditaker [sic] in Murfreesboro to place it over my brother's grave. I did not see it done. I am sure I showed him the right grave. He may have made a mistake.

I have written to Capt. Ridley, of Murfreesboro, to open the grave that has my brother's stone over it- for my satisfaction, since there is a question raised- and if [crossed out "A"] he find the body to have one leg amputated, to make sure it's that of your father, and, at my expense, to change the stone to the grave of the Officer next to it. I will be glad to hear further from you & from him.

Sincerely, J. T. Searcy.

Abilene, Texas Feb 9-04

Mr E. C. Miller;

Today, under separate cover, by Registered mail, I return you your father's diary. I have copied some in a "record "book" in order to give me dates in a sort of war record of myself in person that I purpose some to write out for my children.

Everything as to movements of regiment in the diary is brought up fresh to my memory almost as if it were yesterday.

I am so disappointed at your failure to find your father's remains. I can not comprehend how it is. For my mind is clear that we buried him as close to Searcy's grave as was possible, and it was the natural thing to do. I can only guess that perhaps the ground was already occupied, or perhaps in the interval between his death and Searcy's some other soldiers might have been buried next to Searcy. It seems

that civilians [sic] grave one of them a woman had already been buried alongside. I expect the site of Searcys grave was selected

[2 at the top] by his Brother (now Dr. Jas T. Searcy Supt of Ala Boyce Hospital for Insane) It was natural for him so to do. We both saw Searcys body interred the work being done by a detail of soldier nurses from the hospitals. I personally saw your father buried & personally cut his name, Co & Regt in a board to mark it. I did the same with Bickerstaffs. Searcy's, it seems, although the stone was placed only a short time after end of war (several years perhaps) was misplaced. Of course we all know that the years succeeding the war found the whole Southern people "broke". It was all they could do to find food and clothing for those dependent on them.

Referring to map of battleground I have placed a \* mark at the spot in Manigault's brigade occupied by the 34<sup>th</sup> Ala during Dec 30<sup>th</sup> & from which point the charge was made on early morning of the 31<sup>st</sup>. The left wing of 34<sup>th</sup> extended out into the open field the right  $\frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{4}$  being in the woods. It was heavy timbered a good deal of cedar & Black walnut, very large walnut. Water's battery of which your father speaks was in action during afternoon of 30<sup>th</sup> just at right end of 34<sup>th</sup>.

[3 at top of page] The duel was between it and the Federal battery to the right oblique from my cross mark. The firing was as your father says terrific. The Regiment could do nothing but lie flat on the ground & take it. Our skirmish line was occupying the outer edge of the woods, exchanging shots with Fed' [sic] skirmish line across the open field, from 600 to 700 yds, I remember that the nipple of one skirmishers Enfield was ruined and the Col sent me on my horse with it back to ordnance train to exchange for another rifle and my ride back & across Stone River & return to Regiment was in the direct line of fire from the Federal Battery, in the midst of shrieking & bursting shell and falling branches.

That night at nightfall Col Mitchell sent for me. I had been stationed between line of battle & skirmish line all day to transmit the Col's orders to commander of skirmishers. He told me that Searcy had been badly wounded by piece of shell & ordered me to ride to Murfreesboro & see that Searcy

[4 at top of page] had all possible attention. I found my negro waiting man had already found Searcy in the hospital. Searcy was lying on the crowded floor drenched in his own clotted blood, under the influence of morphine. The whole inside of right thigh & front of right buttock torn away leaving femoral artery bare for several inches and not cut. is left breast also torn from his ribs by another piece of shell. No attention had been or was about to be paid to him, except to keep him senseless with morphine.

I immediately sent my negro to Col Mitchell with note of facts & asked for orders what I must do. After midnight the negro came back with instructions to stay there & attend to Searcy as soon as possible in the morning & see that he got attention & was made as comfortable as possible. I early found a place for him at house of Mrs Thompson & had him moved there the hospital steward ("Buck" Temple) sending a detail with "litter". In afternoon or late that night he sent me your father also to take care of with his leg amputated & also Capt Bickerstaff with a minnie ball hole through his right breast.

[5 at top of page] The next day late Searcy's brother came in. He belonged to another command & had only just heard & his commanding officer sent him with orders to stay. By this time I had my hands full as the house was full of wounded & my orders were to stay.

On the night of the evacuation of our army I could get no instructions from my own officer & went to the hospital & found a surgeon Dr. Leeland who knew us all. I put the question to him as to my duty & he told me "You must stay where you are & take care of those wounded men. He had no direct authority over me being connected with another command, but in the absense [sic] of any orders from my own officers, I told him all right I'll do what you say I ought to do. I was a little over 18 years of age, and so did not like to act without advice.

So I staid [sic] & acted as nurse under the surgeons left in charge till the Federals took us to the rear about last of Feb or 1<sup>st</sup> March. We were in prison at Camp Morton (Indiapolis [sic] Fair Grounds) till April & were exchanged at City Point Va in the 6<sup>th</sup> of April & returned at once to our commands

[6 at top of page] A few of the Officers in my Regiment criticised [sic] my actions at first until I made known all the facts, when they conceded that I had done right in the premises.

Searcy was the only man in my Regiment from my own section of Ala, and between battle of Chicamauga [sic] and Missionary Ridge I got exchanged to Lumsdens battery, made up of men from my own town, its Capt one of my instructors at the Univ of Ala. I was a private in Artillery then till spring. From Dalton to Atlanta a Corporal & "gunner" (i.e. had charge of & had to aim the guns in action) From Atlanta to end of war a "Sergeant" having charge of the guns & its caissons & drivers. Our last service being at Spanish Fort, opposite Mobile. I have the consciousness of having, under any and all conditions, done my full duty & won the confidence & respect of all comrades both in the ranks & my officers, never shirking work or fight.

Yours truly  
James R. Maxwell

[post mark on envelope says, "PREE [sp?]  
May 19 1908  
ALA."]

James R. Maxwell  
Phifer. Ala. [return address]

Mr. E. C. Miller.  
Hinesville  
Ga. [address on envelope]

Phifer, Ala. May 19<sup>th</sup> 1908

Mr. E. C. Miller;  
Hinesville, Ga,

My very Dear Sir;

Your's of May 2<sup>nd</sup> comes to me forwarded from Abilene, Texas. I have not been at Abilene for over 2 years, as my son Robert W. M. has been attending to our ginning business out there. He forwarded me the copies of veteran [illegible] Abilene until I wrote to publishers directing a change of address, & veterans have been coming to me here.

To save you any further trouble, I am writing to Nashville to day directing that the copy you subscribe to for me shall continue to come to Phifer. I am permitting you to so subscribe, not that I am not able to subscribe for myself, but because I appreciate the feeling that leads you to desire so to do to the fullest extent.

Your father was acting for most of the time in the regiment as the Colonels secretary at the Headquarters of the Regiment. I was a cadet drill master. So we thrown together at the Colonels quarters a good deal. There was no finer gentleman, or Soldier with whom I became acquainted. No brag or bluster, a quiet, intelligent, unassertive gentleman, doing his duty at great personal sacrifice strengthened by the consciousness of so doing alone, and leaving the outcome in the hands of the

Providence in whom he trusted. At the time I a boy of 18 years, with no family ties on my shouldiers [sic], did not appreciate the huge difference between men of his age & responsibilities and young fellows like myself. After the war, and my marriage, & the coming of children I learned that I had known nothing, comparatively, of the loads & burdens that had been borne by thousands of others, and of the calamities to a people caused by war, such as we had passed through. There is this consolation. It had to come. If the questions at issue had not been settled in our day & generation, our children would have had them to settle. We had the law, the right & justice on our side, and it is not in our race to submit to wrong & injustice, as long as there is a fighting chance. That very fact tends to the protection of our liberties. It is probably true that it was best for us to fail, but we have a better country & better government than we would have had by this time, if we had allowed famaticism [sic] to have had full sway without a fight. Hence the lives & fortunes sacrificed & the sufferings endured were not in vain. Freedom from oppression & the advancement of the human race as a race has never yet come except by fight. The day come when a better way will be found by civilized nations. At a snails pace advancement is made, but that day is far from being in sight.

I hope things prosper with you & yours. Misfortunes have come to me. Fire, & floods in the last 2 years have put my nose hard on the grindstone, children & wife have gone on before, my youngest child, a daughter just arranging for taking a companion for life was suddenly taken on last Thanksgiving night. But such is the lot of man. He has not yet learned how to stand of death to a good old age for each, and when my time comes I will be ready to go conscious that in each & every relation of life I have never failed to do my duty to all concerned.

We are in the hands of the Almighty and each soul will in the end reach what he intends for each of his children some how, some when, somewhere, human beliefs have little effect on any such thing as knowledge of the how & the when & the where.

Your's[sic] truly  
James R. Maxwell

Extracts from Diary kept by James T. Searcy of Tuscaloosa [sic], Ala. of Lumsden's Battery, Reserve Artillery Army of Tennessee relating to death of Mr. Elbert Miller of 34<sup>th</sup> Ala. Reg<sup>t</sup> of Infantry at Murfreesboro Tenn. Tuesday Jan 5<sup>th</sup> [word crossed out] 11 PM. — Capt. Bickerstaff and Mr. Miller, both of Reuben's Regt 34<sup>th</sup> Ala. were moved here this evening from the hospital, and are in the opposite room with Capt. Jennings. xxx [sic] The people of Murfreesboro are true Southerners, they show it by their attentions to the wounded.

Saturday Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> —63.— I have just finished dressing the wounds of Mr. Miller and Capt. Jennings.

Sunday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> —1863— Tis a beautiful Sunday morning. Our wounded at Mrs. Thompson's are doing pretty well. — An abscess was lanced in Miller's leg.

Tuesday morning —20<sup>th</sup>—Miller is doing pretty well- Capt Bickerstaff is troubled with a cough, result either of his wound or he has the pneumonia. He is a fine man, a good man much respected, no doubt at home.

Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 1863—Another day gone by, and with it another soul ushered into eternity. Elbert Miller, 34<sup>th</sup> Regt Ala. Vols Co, K, from Salem Ala. —We have been nursing him since the evening of Jan 5<sup>th</sup> when he and Capt Bickerstaff were brought here. — He was a good man, and bore his sufferings patiently. He died commending his wife and child to the hands of all wise Providence. —I staid [sic] in the room with him last night. He rested much better than the night before. About six this morning he had a chill. I covered him with more blankets till it went off—when he asked to be uncovered, and to have his leg dressed. On looking at it I found twas bleeding. — The doctors who were just coming in to breakfast, came up & stopped the bleeding. — But he had lost too much blood for his already enfeebled condition, and gradually sank till he died. The abscess that was lanced last Sunday had extended to the artery, which burst. — He bled through the lancet incision. — He was perfectly conscious of his condition. — It was hard for him to die for the sake of his family. He sent a parting good-bye to all his friends. Capt. Bickerstaff I fear is worse. Jan 24<sup>th</sup> (Saty) Capt. B & Ham[sp?] much better, Capt. Jennings almost well. — We have not buried Miller yet. —Jim gone to get a coffin made now if possible. —  
Afternoon 4-oclock—Yankees came by just now after Miller's body. Jim went with them to see him buried.

Copied Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1906 by James R. Maxwell, the "Jim" mentioned for Mr. Miller's Son E. C. Miller of Hinesville Ga.

James R. Maxwell

Abilene, Texas, Jan 16<sup>th</sup> 1906

Mr. E. C. Miller,



Hinesville, Ga.

Dear Sir; Borrowing a Diary kept by present Sup't of Ala. Bryce Hospital for the Insane at Tuscaloosa,[sic] Ala, Dr. James T. Searcy, during 1861-1863 I find the enclosed mention of your father in his last days.

Believing it would be a little addition to what you already know I copy them for you.

As the veteran management never mention to me a failure to receive my subscription I take it you are continueing [sic] to have it sent to me.

Of course I would not do without it & am fully able to pay the subscription myself. —But I take it that you find a pleasure in having it sent to me yourself & I accept it with thanks at your hands, — I can put myself in your place and appreciate and value the kindly remembrance. [sic]

Your's [sic]truly James R. Maxwell

[written on left margin] I shall go back to Phifer's, Tuscaloosa [sic] Co Ala, about Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, After about 1 week there will visit Croba [sp?] & be absent there & south Texas for a month or two  
J.R.M.

[illustration in left corner of a laurel wreath with a Confederate flag in the middle and 61 65 at the bottom of the wreath]

This is to certify that the

**Southern Cross of the Legion of Honor**

has been bestowed on

Elbert Miller

Camp No. [blank] in recognition of his heroic and devoted service to the Confederate States of America.

Presented by Liberty County Chapter. No. 480

**United Daughters of the Confederacy.**

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Secretary.

Rosalie N. Reppard

President.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1909

Delivered to his son Elbert Calhoun Miller

we too had a lot of wounded to look after in Mrs. Thompson's house & would not both [sp?] not be likely to leave at once unnecessarily. I am not claiming positive remembrance exactly as to these things that happened 40 years ago, but basing my judgement by what it was most likely I would naturally try to do in the disposition of the bodies of these friends, the three [sp?] being the only ones of the 34<sup>th</sup> Regiment under my immediate care at Mrs Thompson's house, & doing all that at the time seemed possible, to attain the identifications of these graves when desired.

I hope Dr. Searcy, who is the oldest one of the family (male) now living, may write you authorizing you to have grave examined and if stone marks wrong grave & is on that of your father, replace it on the proper grave.

Searcy's wounds broke no bones. A piece of shell had torn out all the inside of right thigh & front of right buttock laying bare the femoral artery. So his skeleton would be intact. Dr. Searcy's address is Dr. James

T. Searcy Alabama [crossed out "Byc"] Bryce Insane Hospital, Tuscaloosa, Ala. I have not yet found time to copy from your fathers journal items of interest, but will soon & return same to you. Your's [sic] truly  
James R. Maxwell

[torn stamp in upper right corner with a 2 and the words TWO CENTS]

[post mark says: CRAWFORD JUN 21 1901 ALA]

Elbert C Miller

Hinesville

Liberty County

## SLAUGHTER IN BATTLE

### **[illegible]ysburg the Most Sanguinary Engagement of the War.**

Forty thousand two hundred and twenty-eight men went down in the battle of Gettysburg, and of this number there were 5,000 more Confederate than Federals. The following are the losses in thirteen of the most destructive battles of the war:

Confederate.

Antietam.. . . . 9,328  
Manassas.. . . . 9,365  
Perryville.. . . . 3,145  
Fair Oaks.. . . . 5,729  
Fredericksburg.. . . . 4,664  
Murfreesboro.. . . . 9,239  
Chancellorsville.. . . . 10,746  
Chickamauga.. . . . 15,801  
Gettysburg.. . . . 22,544  
Wilderness.. . . . 10,750  
Cold Harbor.. . . . 4,500  
Atlanta.. . . . 7,500  
Franklin.. . . . 6,250

Federal. [in same order of battles as above]

11,657  
10,199  
3,696  
4,384  
10,884  
9,532  
11,368  
11,135  
17,684  
14,283

10,922  
2,522  
1,222

Total. [in same order of battles as above]

20,985  
19,564  
6,841  
10,113  
15,548  
18,771  
22,114  
26,936  
40,228  
25,033  
15,422  
10,022  
7,472

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May 1901"]

LOSSES IN.....

BOTH ARMIES.

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The Civil War Cost More Than Half a Million Lives.

The subjugation of the Confederacy cost the United States more than one-third a million of lives, and there are now practically a million pensioners with as many more applications pending. The statistics show the following as the Federal loss in men during the war:

Killed or mortally wounded.....110,070

Died of disease.....199,720

Died in Confederate prisons.....24,868

Deaths from all other causes.....24,872

Total.. ....359,528

While these are the figures from the statistics it is also evident that they are less than the actual number, for many died of disease and wounds after having been discharged for disability.

On the Confederate side the records show only the following deaths:

Killed.. ..... 52,954

Died of wounds..... 21,570

Died of disease.... 59,297

Total.. ..... 133,821

These figures come from the records at Washington and are too small on account of the lack of so many Confederate reports. Dr. Jories, the former surgeon-general [sic] of the W.C.V., after careful research, estimated the Confederate loss from all causes of 200,000. His calculations also indicate that the total loss by death from all causes in both armies was fully 600,000, and that "each Confederate soldier was, on average, disabled for a greater or lesser period, by wounds and sickness, about six times during the war."

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[post card]

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THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO (Stone's River) was fought on December 31, 1862, January 2, 1863, about two miles northwest of the city. The battlefield site is now a national park. The Stone's River National Cemetery was established in 1867.

[written in middle of post card, GENUINE CURTEICH-CHICAGO "C.T. ART-COLORTONE" POST CARD (REG. U. S. PAT. OFF.)]

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POST CARD

MY GRANDFATHER, ELBERT MILLER, WAS KILLED AT THE BATTLE OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE AND IS BURIED IN THIS CEMETARY [SIC]. MAY 1863.

JANUARY 1929

Floyd Elbert Miller

[picture side of post card]

MU-4—Entrance to U.S. National Cemetery

Stone's River National Military Park, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

[Drawn picture shows stone wall and open gates to the National Cemetery. Many graves are shown in the picture and a monument towards the back left. There are 5 tall trees with some other smaller ones as well. There is a road down the middle of the cemetery.]

[image] Picture is of a daguerreotype of Elbert Miller within a wooden frame. His picture is on the left and the right side is blank except for the orange material backing. Elbert is dressed in a white shirt, bow tie and dark suit coat. His hair is just a little longer than ear length. He also sports a goatee. There is a golden frame around his picture that fits into the wooden frame.

[image] Picture is of a daguerreotype of Elbert's wife, Kate Miller, within a wooden frame. Her picture is on the right side and the left side is blank except for the orange material backing. She is wearing a dress with a lace collar. It has a belt that sits under her chest. She is wearing a ring on the third finger on her right hand. There is a golden frame around her picture that fits into the wooden frame.

[image] Southern Cross of Honor front side

It is a gold cross with a Confederate battle flag in the middle surrounded by a laurel wreath. It says UNITED DAUGHTERS CONFEDERACY TO THE U.C.V on the face of it, each word or phrase written on a different section of the cross.

[image] Reverse side of the Southern Cross

CHARLES

CRANKSHA [rest of name word illegible]

ATLANTA

PATENTED

It is a gold cross with a laurel wreath in the middle and the words DEO VINDICE and the dates 1861 1865 in the middle. SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR is written, each word on a different section of the cross.

