

Sparta
28th July 1865

Dear Sir,

The headstone intended for the grave of your son was not removed by Mr. [Hugsson] and myself from the grave over which it was placed by mistake. We thought it best at the time that Mr. J. would notify some friend of yours in the army that he expected to see on his return there of the mistake. We placed a bayonet considerably below the surface of head of the grave of your son so that any one visiting the ground with the diagram below could find it. If you postpone moving the body till I return to Richmond in [Deen] I will cheerfully go to the ground and point out the grave.

Yours truly

[D ???]

[a small diagram and notes]

1. old field [puir] 2. woods 3. battle field 4. the grave where the headstone is placed 5. your sons grave

[Verso]

There is no grave between the grave where the head stone is and your son's grave. And a straight line drawn from one to the other runs diagonally across the field. I think they are not one hundred feet apart – and they are nearer to the pine thicket than they are either to woods or to the road leading by Mr. [McEfee's] old place – Your son's grave is between the other grave and the Pine thicket, and right by the side of an old cart way which by that time can hardly be traced.