My dear General,

Your note at the Hancock office was handed to me this morning. I should have attended to the matter, but I spent all my spare time with my wife during her last illness.

She passed away yesterday afternoon conscious almost to the last. Just before the change, she seemed to see her mother and sister who had gone before; she said, "Omar, there is Jesus too. How beautiful it is there. I am so happy and then her pulse ceased.

We lived nearly 20 years together sharing each other's joys and sorrows. And now I must wait patiently until I am called.
Funeral will be at 1 o'clock tomorrow (Friday)
If you are not too busy come
Yours truly
J. H. Meyershoz
February 12, 1861

My dear General Howard,

It is my intention to go over to Governor's Island to-morrow afternoon to talk with you about a matter that concerns only myself. I would like to see you at your house.

If you have any engagement that will keep you away all the afternoon - will you kindly telegraph...
Me and I will go next day.

Very sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

Colonel [Date]

[Postmark]
New York, Feb. 12th, 1891

General O. O. Howard,
Governors Island, N. Y.

My dear General Howard:—

Could you write for us some fresh reminiscences of General Sherman’s career? You have known him, no doubt, intimately in different capacities—as a cadet, as a citizen and as a soldier. I have no doubt you could tell us some interesting stories about him. Please let us know by bearer if you can give us from two to three thousand words on the subject and at what time.

Very sincerely yours,

(Dictated)
Dear Sir,

I am the President of the City Mansion. The City Mansion was once chartered by fifty
Inhabitants. It is the only place to
Entertain on Ship Board.

It is very fortunate to
Depart A Few to Meet
The Unprecedented Free
The request to decline to
help me. I am glad you will
understand.

Yours truly,

The President of the
City. He would gladly
be your friend. He is
The Head of City Mansion.
The reason why it seems to be a large grant of interest. We should therefore do our part honestly and energetically to support our friends.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

February 12th

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 15, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. DAVIS (by Mr. MANDERSON), from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 4488.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4488) granting a pension to Elizabeth R. Lee, have examined the same and report:

The following is a condensed statement of the rank and service of Colonel Lee:

MILITARY RECORD OF MAJ., BREVET LIEUT. COL., AND COL. SAMUEL P. LEE.


Actual rank.—First lieutenant Third Maine Volunteer Infantry, July 31, 1861; captain September 1, 1862; major, November 14, 1862; honorably mustered out, November 12, 1863; major Veteran Reserve Corps, November 9, 1863; accepted November 13, 1863; honorably mustered out, October 19, 1866; captain Forty-Fifth United States Infantry, July 23, 1866; accepted October 20, 1866; unassigned July 22, 1869; retired with rank of major, December 15, 1870, for loss of right arm and wounds in line of duty.

Brevet rank.—Brevet, March 2, 1867, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Fredericksburg, Va.; lieutenant-colonel, March 2, 1867, for gallant and meritorious services in the battle of Gettysburg, Pa.; lieutenant-colonel and colonel of volunteers March 13, 1865, for distinguished gallantry in the battles of Fredericksburg, Va., and Gettysburg, Pa.

Staff positions occupied.—Aid-de-camp to General Birney, June to November, 1862; aid-de-camp to General Sickles, 1863.

Service.—In the Army of the Potomac 1861–63, during the war of the rebellion, participating in all its campaigns from the first Bull Run in 1861 to Gettysburg in 1863, when he lost his right arm; in Veteran Reserve Corps November, 1863, in Washington City, to 1864; Johnson’s Island to January, 1865; member of Military Commission, Cincinnati, Ohio, to April, 1865; commanding post of Johnson’s Island July to December, 1865; on duty in the Freedmen’s Bureau, Alexandria, Va., from December 28, 1865, to April 21, 1869; also military commissioner and superintendent of election and registration of the Nineteenth Division of Virginia during the period of reconstruction until October 25, 1869; acting commissary of subsistence for Indians at Fort Sill, Ind. T., until August 23, 1870; in attendance before the retiring board, Fort Leavenworth, Kans., September, 1870; waiting orders until retired.

Battles, skirmishes, etc.—Engaged at the first battle of Bull Run, siege of Yorktown, battles of Williamsburgh, Fair Oaks, Savage Station, Glendale, and Malvern Hill; battles of Seven Pines, second Bull Run, and Chantilly; battles of Fredericksburg (wounded) and Charlotteville; battle of Gettysburg (wounded and lost right arm at shoulder joint).

In the Official Records of the Rebellion Colonel Lee is mentioned many times. General Birney, in his report of the battle of Seven Pines says in the Official Records of the Rebellion, Series I, volume II, page 159: “Colonel Lee, of my staff, was unerring in his efforts and rendered me gallant and distinguished service.” Also, in the report of General Hobart Ward, at the battle of Fredericksburgh, December 15, 1862, the Official Records of the Rebellion, Series I, volume II, page 520, he says: “Major Lee has well sustained the reputation of his regiment and his State. He was severely wounded in the thigh, but remained on the field the whole day.”
Colonel Lee died from the effects of the severe wounds he received in the service of his country. He was a great and constant sufferer from such wounds until the day of his death, and being incapacitated for labor, he was entirely dependent upon the pension which he received for support. His condition required the constant care and attention of his wife, who is left a widow with such limited means as to require the pension provided for in the bill for her comfortable support. The committee therefore recommend that the bill be amended by striking out all after the word "of," in line 11 of the printed bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "the passage of this act;" and that when so amended the bill do pass.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington City, December 12, 1890.

Sir: In reply to your inquiry of this date, I am directed by the Secretary of War to inform you that it appears from the records that S. P. Lee (who is also borne as Samuel P. Lee) was mustered into service as first lieutenant Company E, Third Maine Infantry Volunteers, to date July 31, 1861; as captain same company, to date September 1, 1862, and as major same regiment, to date November 4, 1862; and that he was honorably discharged as of the latter grade to date November 12, 1863, to enable him to accept an appointment in the Invalid Corps. The records further show that he accepted an appointment as major Veteran Reserve Corps, November 13, 1863, and was honorably discharged as such to date October 19, 1866, his services being no longer required.

Very respectfully,

F. C. AINSWORTH,
Captain and Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Army.

Maj. W. P. HUXFORD,
Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, December 12, 1890.

Statement of the military service of Samuel P. Lee, of the U. S. Army, compiled from the records of this office.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

Appointed captain Forty-fifth Infantry July 28, 1866. Unassigned July 22, 1869. He received the brevet of major March 2, 1867, "for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Fredericksburgh, Va.," and of lieutenant-colonel March 2, 1867, "for gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Gettysburgh, Pa."
He was on duty in the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands at Alexandria, Va., from November 5, 1866, to April 21, 1869; he had permission to delay joining his regiment to May 24, 1869 (rendered supernumerary by the consolidation of the Fourteenth and Forty-fifth Regiments of Infanty July 22, 1869); on reconstruction duty in the First Military District to September 23, 1869; en route to Headquarters Military Division of the Missouri, and on twenty days leave to November 26, 1869; undergoing examination before a retiring board and awaiting orders to December 15, 1870, upon which date he was retired for loss of right arm and for wounds received in line of duty.
He died October 20, 1890.

C. McKEEVER,
Assistant Adjutant-General.
AN ACT

Granting a pension to Elizabeth R. Lee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place upon the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Elizabeth R. Lee, widow of Samuel Perry Lee, late major of the Third Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry, and brevet colonel United States volunteers, and major and brevet lieutenant-colonel of the United States Army, and pay her a pension at the rate of fifty dollars per month from the date of the passage of this act.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1891.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Signature]
AN ACT

GRANTING a pension to Elizabeth R. Lee.

31st Congress, 2d Session.

S. 4488.
Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard

Washington, D.C., Feb. 12, 1891.

My Dear General,

In reply to your letter of the 9th. relative to the pension of Mrs. Lee, I have to say that on enquiring I find the Bill passed the Senate Jan 31, and is now in the hands of a sub-committee of the Committee on Invalids, and have been told that it will be reported favorably to the full committee. But there is a doubt whether the full committee will make a favorable report, as a similar one has been rejected by the Committee, which is governed by certain rules in these pension cases as to the amount allowed.

I will be pleased to do anything I possibly can to have the Committee take favorable action, and have already asked Gen. Morrill, the Chairman, to see that Mrs. Lee's case have careful attention.

Very sincerely yours,

T.L. Reed

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard
Committee on Military Affairs,
House of Representatives U.S.,
Washington, D.C., Feb 12, 1891.

Maj. Gen. O.O. Howard,
Yosemor Island, N.Y.

My dear General,

Your favor of the 11th inst.

regarding the bill for the relief of
Capt. Francis Jones, is read and

carefully noted. If the Committee on
Military Affairs can get very near

before the session closes, this is one

of the bills on the private calendar which

I shall attempt to pass. I thank you for

your kind expressions in regard to my efforts

in behalf of Capt. Jones. I am pleased to

learn of the critical condition of General

Sherman. Sincerely yours,

B. M. Andrews
Feb. 12, 1891.

Gen. O. C. Howard,

My good Sir:-

I am now making arrangements for our next Fourth of July Celebration at Roseland Park, Woodstock, Conn. and your respected name is high on the list which embraces the attractions for that occasion— which will be the twenty-first anniversary of these gatherings. President Grant in 1870 honored with his presence the inauguration of these patriotic celebrations which have continued to this day. And now, my dear General, permit me to say that in giving you this invitation to be present, this year, I assure you of a most cordial greeting by the people and that it will give myself and family very great pleasure to receive you and Mrs. Howard as our guests, promising that we will do all in our power to make the visit agreeable and pleasant to you both in every way. It has been our custom in the past—always to invite the wife of every one engaged to participate in these Celebrations, and you may assure Mrs. Howard that Mrs. Bowen will write her, giving her a most cordial invitation to accompany you to Woodstock on this occasion. All your expenses both ways will be paid and your journey hence will be in a private palace car containing other speakers and invited guests from New York and elsewhere.
The time for each address is limited to three-quarters of an hour. The exercises will begin at ten o'clock and continue through the day, with fireworks in the evening.

Kindly send me your reply.

Faithfully,

[Signature]
Department of the Interior,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, February 13, 1891.

Gen. C.O. Howard,
Governor's Island,
New York City.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter dated February 6, 1891, enclosing one of January 28, 1891, from W.F. Allender, Waterville, Washington, together with certain newspaper clippings relating to the Lake Chelan Indians in said State.

You state that the attack on these Indians and Mr. Allender by U.S. Indian Agent Cole, of the Colville Agency, in his published interview (marked in the clipping with red pencil), suggests to you the need of a disinterested investigation.

In reply, I have to state that this Office submitted January 24, last, a full and complete history of this whole matter to U.S. Special Indian Agent Geo. P. Litchfield, with instructions to make a searching investigation into all the facts in the case, determine the real cause of this trouble, and make such report of the same as will form a proper basis for just official action.

Mr. Litchfield is now in the field for the purpose of carrying out the instructions above referred to.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]
Commissioner
(Hinton)
NEW YORK, February 13th, 1891

Dear Sir and Companion:—

I have the honor to inform you that at the last stated meeting held on the 4th inst., the Commander, in accordance with Section 9 of the By-Laws of this Commandery, appointed you Chairman of the Committee to nominate Officers of this Commandery for the ensuing year.

The Committee is composed of three officers of the Regular Army, three of the Navy, and three of the United States Volunteers and is as follows:

Major General Oliver O. Howard, U.S.A., Chairman.
Brevet Brigadier General Henry L. Abbot, U.S.A.
Colonel Loomis L. Langdon, U.S.A.
Captain Henry Erben, U.S.N.
Medical Director Charles Martin, U.S.N. (Retired)
Second Assistant Engineer Charles E. Emery, late U.S.N.
Brevet Major General Joseph B. Carr, U.S.V.
Brevet Major General George H. Sharpe, U.S.V.
Brevet Lieutenant Colonel Robert W. Leonard, U.S.V.

and is subject to the call of the Chairman. As the By-Laws require that the ballots shall go out with the Circular announcing the April meeting, which meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 1st, I would suggest that you meet in the 2d week in March, say either on the 9th, 10th, or 11th. I do not believe there will be any necessity for more than one meeting and if either of the dates mentioned will suit your convenience, I shall be obliged if you will designate which one and I will have the Headquarters room reserved for your Committee on that day, and will, if you desire, send notices of the meeting to the other members of the Committee.

I send copy of our By-Laws with the clause relating to the Nominating Committee duly marked.

Very respectfully,

[signature]

Late Paymaster, U.S.N.
Recorder.

Major General Oliver O. Howard,
U.S. Army,
Governor's Island,
City
Dear Brother,

I saw your name among those calling to inquire about Gen. Sherman. I have been thinking much about him lately and from what he can hardly'veer another sight. How much your own life and especially military career has been associated with the General. He always seemed to me a true man without guile. He did not dislike men because they were poor and kind of to lift. He always treated them well, his friendship, were entirely unselfish and lasting.
I feel that you will be a friend as well as a comrade. Our duty you will feel that way. His family friends must have been considerable but all said truly may serve to strengthen and strengthen a bond founded on right principles. You see you found homework. My cough is still and I must I may be able to express sufficient care to prevent it from being called to go to New York to attend to a less urgent return. God I land on April 18 that is a God season in Chicago for me. Please thank Suzie for the good letter which I was very glad to get. I did not know she had gone home. Cousin Mary asked me to read her very kind regards of to say she had.
Lent for a visit from lin & the famly while
I was there. Bumbl thought you would be better
dep of if I had been there to go about with you
I hope Henry is fully a
Hand in strength - I walked
9 miles on Day & looked back almost every day near
a keen t 10 hour acquire
March memory thought
with fresh roads - I was
pleased to here a line from
my sister for you in your
abence -
I think Schofield & Proctor
July 13
We moved to Fort McPherson.

My near view circumscribed now with Miles. There was lack of skill and proper order and prevention or much a horde of women and children worse had ever occurred.

I fear there was a lack of heart about it.

There was a lack of knowledge of Divine habit, and command there it seemed to me.

The history of the women and children were better, women with babies in their arms is to give to me.

Sue E. McPherson
Lawton & A.

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General O.C. Howard

General,

A note from Mr. Hoyt in behalf of the family of General Sherman says that though the arrangements of the funeral are all in your hands — they all see that we are in the procession of
in the procession will be. It will not do to trust to the last moment, and be perhaps placed among those whose friendship is of late date than over forty years nearly fifty. If there are cards for the Consiyee please to advise no — Emm July

Eve Anderson Lanton

My friends of one another's affairs and the affairs of one another should be the occasion of one another's good thoughts and good wishes.
I am more and more impressed with the duty to carry the Gospel home. You, as well acquainted with the need, are in a position to speak as my serving authority.

I pray you to pardon me if I have asked too much of you; and charge it to my intense desire to inspire those whom I am unable to reach except through another.

Yours sincerely,

C. Emara Cheney
The subject of Alaska Mission.

Quite recently the work has been adopted by the Reformed Episcopal Church, but naturally very little is known of the fields or its necessities.

Sir, my dear friend,
I come to beg that you will kindly write for our own Church paper published here and a copy of which I send you - an article upon The work of Alaska Mission, making an
General A. A. Howard
Commanding Dept. of the Atlantic,
Governor Island, N.Y. Harbor.

My dear General Commander,

On Sunday evening,
Feb 22nd our Post will present a gold mounted silk flag to All Souls Church, South 9th St. near Bedford Ave.

A most cordial invitation is extended to yourself and staff to be present.

We have an associate membership numbering about 80, composed largely of the Members of the Board of Education, and Principals of the Public Schools of Brooklyn, which will be escorted from the Post rooms, by the Post, to the church.

If, in the multiplicity of your engagements, you find it possible to accept the above invitation, if you will kindly advise me, I will have a carriage in waiting for you at any point suggested by you. — We are called a small part of Brooklyn, but kind come over and take our measure then you will know us better.

Hoping for a favorable response I am Faithfully yours,

Patrick Hayes Commander

in F.C.L. Henry C. Blackmar
150 Vesel 125th St.
New York February 1871

My dear General

Understand that you are to have charge of the arrangements of the funeral of an old gallant and illustrious general. Sherman. I offer as a suggestion that his old regiment, the 13th U.S. Infantry, and the only regiment he was Colonel of, should be represented at his funeral. General S.W. Crawford, myself, and myself and myself are the only original officers now in the city and as I was assigned to the 13th by the request of
General Sherman when I entered my appointment in the Army, I was Capt. of the 69th Militia at that time and the general was in command of the brigade to which the 69th was attached. This was during the first three months service of the war. I am desirous of paying my humble tribute to a good and good man and I do not know if doing it better than as one of the old 13th and will be pleased to have you afford me to any position you may think proper.

Yours very truly yours

Robert Ruggles
North Waymouth, Mass.,
Apr 15th 1889

Dear Mr. Howard,

I got home safe, but sick with a severe cold on my lungs.

I tell you it was like coming into a tomb to enter this house. No Mother. No Father. Only gone, but I know I shall meet them again.

I shall live to that end.

The house will be cold this month. I can't face it. Could I get what I will out of Oregon Central R.R. I could put it to advantage. I found things worse here than I supposed and my wife working hard for us all.
I will return to you for your answer to the foregoing kindness just as soon as I can do so. I don't feel like writing or I would give you more in full of the trouble I am in. I enclose you one of Father's pots as you would remember him, and would you like to accept one of his two swords as a relic? I shall keep only one. My wife wishes to be remembered.

Respectfully,

F. O. Proctor

P.S. Kindness to Mr. Jones for his seeing us off to Fort.
134 West 79th Street.

Dear General Howard:

I called on Senator Sherman to express my sincere sympathy, and to inquire as a friend of the family, if I could be of any assistance.

He referred me to four notices which he had in charge of the canons. I used to run in and see the General frequently being in charge, and must have got in contact with him in various ways, and had a warm affection for him.

I went to render some services at the funeral, as aide or escort or do anything to assist in the details, or on the day of the funeral. May I have this one privilege at the last rites of this great man. If you will accept my services I will run over to Governor Island and...
Get your first instruction, giving up the work to it with what little ability it possesses. Yours very truly

William Van Buren