

New Orleans 29th June 1847.

Hon. Henry Clay-

Dear Sir-

I send you with this note a breast-pin and a locket made of the hair of your lamented son, Henry, who fell at Buena-Vista, gallantly fighting in his Country's cause.

His own personal merits, his noble and manly qualities, his courage, courtesy and chivalric conduct in the field, and the glorious manner of his death, have endeared his memory to every citizen of the Republic.

The grief which filled the heart of the nation, at his death, was rendered more poignant from the deep sympathy felt for you, who, after having devoted a long life to the advancement of the honor, welfare and renown of the Union, gave still one more proof of your patriotism, in devoting your son to the same cause.

Be pleased, dear Sir, to accept the tokens which I have sent you, and to present the locket to the honored mother of Col. Clay. They are, in themselves, of little value; but I have thought, and I feel, that from the associations connected with them, they will be more highly prized by you than rubies and diamonds - since they are the memorials of a son whose life has been honorable and whose death has been glorious.

With sentiments of the highest honor,

I am, your obt. Servt.

D. S. Quirk

P.S. Presuming that it would be grateful to the feelings of the family of your lamented son, I also send, with the above, the remainder of the hair preserved from the body, here. Respy

D. S. Quirk