

Kingston - Iowa ~~and~~
July 8th 1907

Mrs Aurora P. McCallan,
Athens - Ala.

My dear Madam;

1. When I received your welcome letter I was engaged in the Court-room, so! Please excuse my delay in replying;

2. I am a Grandson, and name sake - of James Sevier, who while a Boy, followed his Distinguished Father to King's Mountain; and who married Nancy Conway - and lived and died at his Home on Nolichucky - at the foot of Unaka Mts. eight miles from Jonesborough, and where I once visited with my Parents at that time - before his death - but of whom I have but slight personal memory; and that of the fondest.

3. Genl John Sevier died, as you remember, and was buried on Sept 27th 1815 - by his Escort

Captain Walker - U.S. A. on the Tappawasa River - near an Indian Village Inkabachu (if I remember correctly) - and near the late, or present, RR. Station - called Cowles.

4. Capt. Walker afterwards purchased the Land whereon he was buried, and in connection with or for my Grandfather, marked his Grave with a rude but permanent Stone - but these remained unmarked till since the Internecone War, when another Mr. Walker - (Grandson of Capt. Walker,) wrote me the facts, and his probable removal to Aniston (I think); and going to Chatanooga shortly - I purchased a nice iron railing - which I shipped to the Walker, who kindly had it put together around the Grave; and who later wrote me - of this distinguished act on of himself - Father & Grandfather, and for which I am very grateful. for Gen. Davis.

5. This matter remained - till some years later, when ^{Col.} Colyan - (still living in Nashville) solicited my ~~concurrent~~ concurrence in procuring an appropriation for his removal, and a monument. &c

I replied that I would make no opposition (having no personal, or controlling right) to any motion by the Legislature, and Genl Lewis' admirers - but privately told him that I had had his Grave vaulted in - and that as he must have thoughtened in to sacred ~~land~~ - it was then unwise to exhum him - but more appropriate to erect a Cenotaph at Knoxville - and to which I would cheerfully contribute according to my means.

Ultimately - the Legislature appropriated \$500 for his removal, and I met Gov Taylor and Esch, at Chattanooga, and substituted my motion for it; and then met them at Knoxville - where I joined in his reburial, and the Dedication of his Monument - subscribing and paying my share - to the Committee in charge. - who have erected a beautiful monument in the Cent. home Grounds - corner of Gay St. - and fronting S. E.

P.S. I have read with great admiration the History Miss Catherine Sherrell - the Young Kati. of heroic