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Head Quarters 1st Reg't. Wis. Cavalry

Camp Davidson, Mo., Dec. 23, 1862.

General Order No. 14.

It becomes the painful duty of the commanding officer to announce the death of our fellow soldier Maj. Henry S. Eggleston which took place at Milwaukee, Wis. on the 11th of December of disease contracted in the service as he was on his way to rejoin his Regiment. Our hearts were knit to his by the Holy motive that animates every Volunteer and by the sufferings and dangers we had shared. In him the regiment mourns an able and gallant officer and each man of the Regiment a true and faithful friend. The country has lost one of her purest and most earnest defenders; society a man whose place cannot be filled; the Church a member whose piety and virtue commanded the reverence of the most depraved; and his family a blessing more precious than aught else save God's own love.

In token of our sorrow the colors presented to the Company he formerly commanded and the Regimental colors will be hung with black crepe and the officers of the Regiment will wear the usual badge of mourning fifteen days.

By order of

O. H. La Grange,

Lt. Col. Commanding.

H. S. Town

Adjutant

ON THE DEATH OF MAJ. H. S. EGGLESTON

RIPON JUNE 6, 1863.

Mr. Editor-

With this I hand you a copy of General Order No. 14 issued to his Regiment by Col. O. H. La Grange and resolutions passed by Ripon Lodge F & A.M. with the request that you publish them. The subject of these papers was eminently worthy of this notice. Among the noble men who in the progress of war sprang to arms in defence of the Constitution there was none nobler than Maj. H. S. Eggleston of the First Wisconsin Cavalry. His was a rare character. In every relation in life he was a man. As a citizen he had not I think an enemy; he certainly deserved none. As a soldier he was faithful, accomplished and brave, equally beloved and respected by officers and men. In the dearer relations of the Church and home he evinced those excellences of head and heart which so eminently distinguished him. He was so steadfast in his principles that he might be thrown in contact with bad men without contamination, making them better by the association while good men were fortified in virtue and made stronger by his exemplary life. If we who know him only as a citizen and friend feel so keenly our loss in his death, who but He who made us can tell the measure of that grief whose bitter waves have passed over his wife and children. None but He can apply a styptic to the bleeding hearts that cluster beneath the shattered roof-tree of that stricken home.

"The hand of the Reaper
Takes the ears that are heavy
But the voice of the Weeper
Wails manhood in glory".

In the name of God Amen: - I Henry S. Eggleston
of the City of Ripon, County of Fond du Lac, and
State of Wisconsin, of the age of Forty one years,
and being of sound mind and Memory, do make
Publish and declare this my last will and
testament in Manner following, viz:

First I give bequeath and devise to my Wife Elizabeth
A. Eggleston one equal undivided third part
of all my Real and Personal Property.

Second I give, bequeath and devise to each of my
surviving Children at the time of my death,
an equal ^{part or} portion ~~or moiety~~ of the remaining
two thirds of all my Properties both Real and
Personal.

And it is my Will that if either
of my Children living at the time of my
decease, shall die before arriving at lawful
age, then and in that case what may remain
of his or her share in the whole of my estate
shall be equally divided among the surviving
Children.

And it is my will, that so much
of the Property or the income thereof, hereby
devised to my Children, as may be necessary
for their support and education until they
shall arrive at lawful age, may be applied
for that purpose, such sum or sums so ex-
pended upon each, to be taken from his or her
individual portion, without prejudice to the
others.

And I hereby nominate, constitute and
appoint, Edward P. Brockway, Wiram H. Mac
and my Wife all of the City of Ripon aforesaid

Executors of this my last will and testament,
and duly authorize them to bargain, sell, grant
lease and convey, enter, or in separate and
convenient parcels to such person or persons,
for such sum or sums of money, or for such
other consideration or considerations, as to
them shall seem most for the advantage and
profit of my heirs, all of the real estate of
which I am or may be possessed at the time
of my death, and upon such sale or sales
execute proper deed or deeds with such
covenant or covenants, general or special of
warranty, quit claim or otherwise as to them
the said Executors shall seem expedient,
in due form of law, and generally giving
to my said Executors full power & authority
to do execute, provide and finish in all
things in as ample a manner, as I might
do if living.

In testimony whereof I have set my
hand and seal and publish and declare this to
be my last will and testament this tenth day
of November in the year of our Lord one thousand
Eight Hundred and Sixty one

Seal

The above instrument - Consisting of One Sheet
was at the date thereof signed, sealed, published
and declared by the said Henry S. Eggeston as
and for his last will and testament - in presence
of us, who at his request and in his presence
and in the presence of each other have
subscribed our names as witnesses thereto.

Residing at Ripon. Ford du Lac Co. Wis

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RESOLUTIONS OF RIPON LODGE NO. 98 F & A M.

1. In the Providence of the Supreme Architect of the Universe Henry S. Eggleston a member of this lodge has been called from the labor of Earth to the refreshments of Heaven.
2. In his death we have lost a brother beloved the community a citizen universally esteemed and respected the Church a zealous and devoted Christian, his country a soldier patriotic, brave and true; his family a kind and indulgent husband and father; and humanity a friendly heart and an open hand.
3. We are admonished by this dispensation of Providence of the uncertainty of life and necessity of preparing for that great change that our brother has realized and must sooner or later visit each of us. Let us then be prepared as he was prepared for that great event. Let us emulate his virtues, his fidelity to the great trusts with which God had charged him that we may receive the rewards which we believe he has received of a good and faithful servant.
4. We pledge to the deeply afflicted family of the deceased our tenderest sympathy in their great trouble trusting that they may find consolation in the remembrance of his Christian virtues and the heritage of an honored name.
5. As a testimony of respect for our departed brother we will cover our emblems with mourning and wear the usual mourning for 30 days.

Lodge Hall Jan 5th 1863

A. B. Pratt, W. M.

C. B. Staples, Sec'y.