Stones River National Battlefield

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List Contents of Donation Below:

2 copies of letters written by George Beighle to his wife while stationed at Murfreesboro during civil war

1 copy of letter written by George Beighle's nephew to Mrs Beighle telling her of George's death at Kenesaw Mt. GA

Murfreesburgh July 4-1863

Dear wife and Children

My health is improving, crackers and bacon seems to agree with me, but I think the climate has more effect than anything else. We left Nashville on the evening of the 29th of last month come to this place by the Cars which is 32 miles. I think this is a healthy place, if it was not for the filth which always exists in Camps. Especially in a place like this, where there has been thousands of men Camped for the last ten months. Old Rosy as he is called, was not idel during his stay in this place. He built large and strong forts so that Comparatively a small force can hold this town There seems to be but little danger at present. Rosy has drove the

rebels as far as Tullahoma. The latest account was that he was within 4 miles of the Town. There has been quite a ~~bary~~ large number of prisoner brought to this place to be shipped some of them say that intends to make a general at Chattanoga so we may expect a hard battle soon, as far our Regiment it is not likely that it will belong to the "Reserve" Army Corps. Our duty is guarding Forts, Railroads, Provision Trains standing Tickets, etc. There has been talk among the boys that we are only nine month men and will be mustered out of the service soon as the govern-

it likely that it is so as our officer have received the Musterings out Rolls and blank furloughs to give to those who may enlist again. Time will tell but we soldier know but little about it. This place looks like all other where our army have been, not a fence to be seen Except a lot to keep government stock in. Their has been but a small Crop of wheat. And the spring Crop very small, all though the Corn looks well, vegetables are scarce here and very high. There has been quite a wet spell here, for two weeks. The roads are allmost impassable for our wagon Trains between here and Rosy Army. But the railroad will soon be repaired so that we Can get

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Your husband, Geo. Beighle
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