Please forward the box by express, in my
No. 6 Carondelet St. N. Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 14' 1883

Geo. W. Kent Esq.

Dear Sir:

My absence from this city , as also that of some of the parties whose attestation, I desired to secure to the required Certificate of authentication, has been the cause of the delay in forwarding same to you. The certificate which I enclose, will I hope, prove satisfactory, as I have procured unexceptionable attestation to it. Among these prominent names, you will perceive that of Gen. Beauregard of Confederate force, now Adjutant Gen'l. of La.

I assure you that I fully appreciate the generous feeling that has prompted you to return my brothers sword to his relative, and that I will hold in grateful rememberance your kind offices to him in his hour of need.

Yours very truly

N. B. TRIST

Please forward the box by express to me, No. 6 Carondelet St., N. Orleans.

Letter from Beauregard and others verifying N.B. Trist as Lieutenant J.B. Trist's brother:

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that N. B. Trist of the City of New Orleans and State of Louisiana, and a Notary Public in said City, is the brother of Lieutenant Julien Bringier Trist, of the First Louisiana Regiment, killed at the battle of Murfreesboro or Stone River on the 31st day of December 1862.

New Orleans, November 5, 1883.

Francis T. Nicholls
Ex Gov of Louisiana

Douglas Wick
Cal. Major 1st La. Infty [illegible]

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Pres. dt Asstn Army of Tenessee

G. T. Beauregard
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Adjt. Gen. - State of La.

Thank you letter from N.B. Trist to Kent

N. Orleans, Jany 18/64

Dear Sir,

Your words came to hand all right, as you will perceive by the notice in the N.O. Times Democrat, a copy of which I forward to you by this day's mail.

The editor made a mistake about my brothers being killed in the Fredericksburgh charge. That took place I believe on Jany 2. 63.

My brother was well known here and a great favorite with all his acquaintances, and the Editor of the T. D. who knew him well, has expressed

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H. B. Frist

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Enlargement of articles reportedly from the Bloomington Pantagraph and Chicago Tribune repeating the story.

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The Story of a Sword.

—On the 31st day of December, 1862, at the battle of Stone river, when the union forces were making a charge on the confederates, G. W. Kent, who was then an orderly in the 88th Illinois volunteer infantry, came across Lieutenant J. B. Frish, of the 1st Louisiana infantry, who was mortally wounded, and asked Mr. Kent for a drink of water. After getting the water and being made as comfortable as possible under the circumstances, he gave Mr. Kent his sword, with a request that he would keep it. Last fall Mr Kent incidentally heard of a man in New Orleans by the name of Frish and thinking that he might be a relative of the original owner of the sword, wrote to him, and received an answer that he was a brother of Lieutenant Frish. Mr. Kent offered to give him his brother's sword if he could send proper identity. Last week Mr. Kent received a document with satisfactory reference. Among the names given was that of General Beauregard, and Mr. Kent had the satisfaction of returning to the brother of the dead lieutenant his sword after having kept it for twenty-two years.

Bloomington Pantagraph

Chicago Tribune 5

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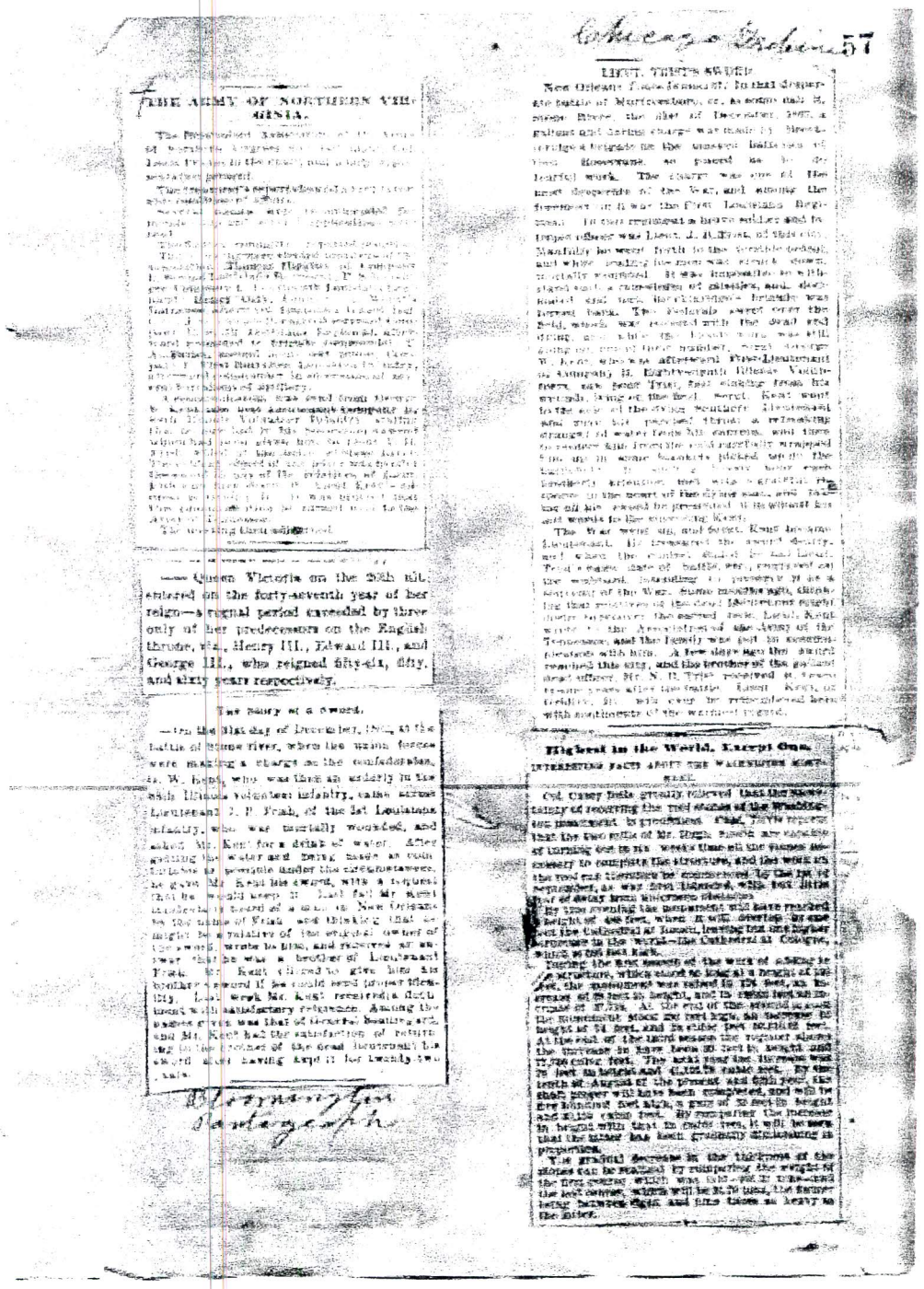
The War went on, and Sergt. Kent became Lieutenant. He treasured the sword dearly, and when the contest ended he had Lieut. Trist's name, date of battle, etc., engraved on the scabbard, intending to preserve it as a souvenir of the War. Some months ago, thinking that relatives of the dead lieutenant might desire to recover the sacred relic, Lieut. Kent wrote to the Association of the Army of the Tennessee, and the family was put in communication with him. A few days ago the sword reached this city, and the brother of the gallant dead officer, Mr. N. B. Trist, received it, twenty-one years after the battle. Lieut. Kent, of Gridley, Ill., will ever be remembered here with sentiments of the warmest regard.

Scrapbook with newspaper articles (also reverse side)



Chicago Tribune 57

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LIEUT. THOMAS FRANK.

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Highest in the World, Except One.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT.

Old Cuney Dale greatly relieved that the necessity of rounding the real estate of the Washington monument is questioned. Prof. Davis reports that the two rolls of Mr. Dale's sweet are capable of turning out in six weeks time all the pieces necessary to complete the structure, and the work on the roof can therefore be commenced. In the fall of September, as was first intended, with but little fear of delay from inclement weather.

By this evening the monument will have reached a height of 400 feet, where it will overtop by one foot the Cathedral at Ulm, leaving but one higher structure in the world—the Cathedral at Cologne, which is 500 feet high.

During the last month of the work of adding to the structure, which stood so long at a height of 150 feet, the monument was raised to 170 feet, an increase of 20 feet in height, and in cubic feet an increase of 17,000. At the end of the month in which the foundation stone was laid, the height of 50 feet, and in cubic feet 30,000 feet. At the end of the third month the height above the increase in have been 30 feet in height, and 17,000 cubic feet. The total rise the increase was 70 feet in height and 47,000 cubic feet. By the tenth of August of the present year, the shaft proper will have been completed, and will be five hundred feet high, a mass of 50 feet in height and 50,000 cubic feet. By comparing the increase in height with that in cubic feet, it will be seen that the tower has been gradually diminishing in proportion.

The gradual decrease in the thickness of the stones can be realized by comparing the weight of the first course, which was 100 feet in thickness, the last course, which will be 10 feet, the former being twenty-eight and five tons in heavy to the latter.

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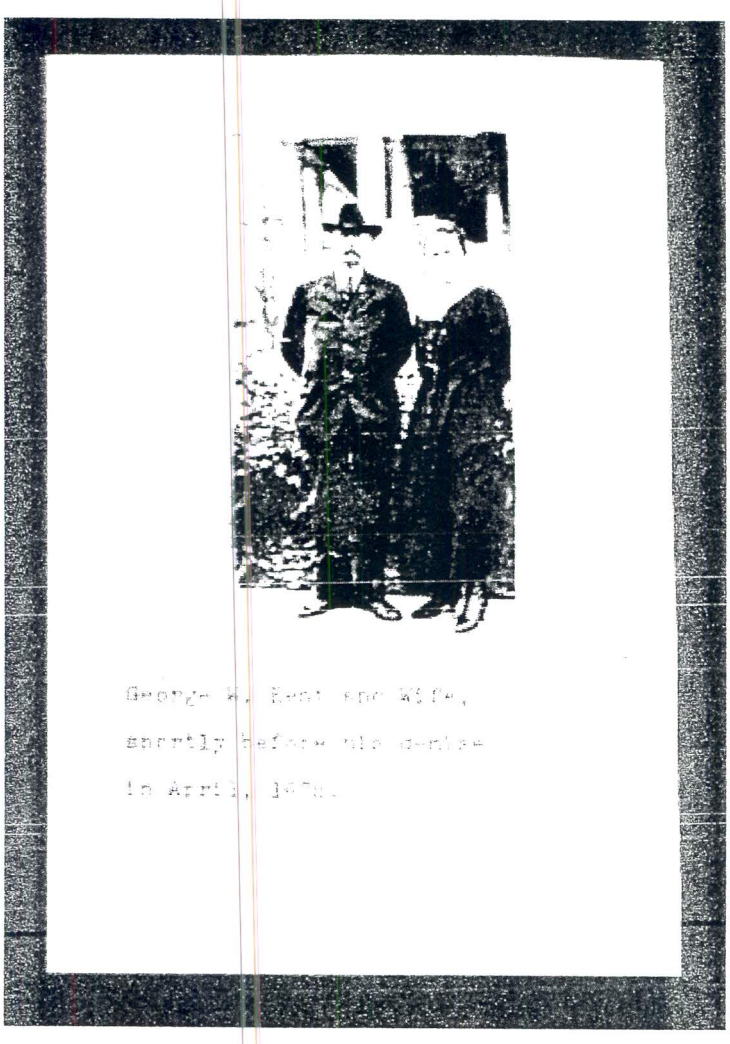
THE SIGNS OF BAD WEATHER.

TRUST

BY SCOTT CAMPBELL.

THE STATE OF SHUCKBELL.

Picture of Kent and his wife



Authentication and Guarantee:

This item is sold as is. Please ask any questions prior to bidding. The thoroughness of the correspondence, newspaper articles, and age of the items are clear.

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>>> Dan, Just curious about the autograph lot of Beauregard,
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>>> Louis Le Blanc
>>> 411 Hood St.
>>> Donaldsonville, La 70346
>>> 225-473-9628
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>>> What would they consider a reasonable offer?
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> Louis

Duke Rivet

From: Daniel Graybill [dfgrayb@ilstu.edu]
Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2004 11:24 AM
To: laleblanc@aol.com
Cc: Dan Graybill
Subject: Re: Question from eBay Member-Beauregard

The seller withdrew it. If you would be interested in paying the price we had for it, I would contact him to see if there is interest. At less than what we were asking, they were more interested in keeping it.
Let me know. Thanks Dan

On Feb 15, 2004, at 10:23 AM, laleblanc@aol.com wrote:

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> This email was sent by an eBay member via eBay's email forwarding
> system.
> If you reply to the email, your response will go directly to the
> member and
> not through eBay.
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> eBay Marketplace Safety Tip:
> If this email is an offer to sell you an item without winning the
> listing
> on eBay, please report it to us at
> http://pages.ebay.com/help/policies/rfe-spam-non-ebay-sale.html.
> Please do not respond to it. Regardless of the apparent feedback of
> the
> sender or any claims they might make, such an offer is not only
> against our
> rules, but it is extremely risky. It is unsafe to purchase such an
> item through
> a transaction that is not on our site. You will lose the benefit of
> eBay's
> purchase protection programs, and run the risk of losing your money.
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Sent: Sunday, February 15, 2004 7:23 PM
To: LALEBLANC@aol.com
Cc: Dan Graybill
Subject: Re: Question from eBay Member-Beauregard

Our original reserve was $3000. At one point the auction got to $2200.
I think we relisted, but I don't recall for sure.

What offer would you make? One of them has been in poor health, so
probably the thing to do is go to them with an offer. DAn

On Feb 15, 2004, at 4:33 PM, LALEBLANC@aol.com wrote:

> In a message dated 2/15/2004 12:23:46 PM Eastern Standard Time,
> dfgrayb@ilstu.edu writes:
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>> The seller withdrew it. If you would be interested in paying the
>> price
>> we had for it, I would contact him to see if there is interest. At
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>> it.
>> Let me know. Thanks Dan
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>>> This email was sent by an eBay member via eBay's email forwarding
>>> system.
>>> If you reply to the email, your response will go directly to the
>>> member and
>>> not through eBay.
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>>> eBay Marketplace Safety Tip:
>>> If this email is an offer to sell you an item without winning the
>>> listing
>>> on eBay, please report it to us at
>>> http://pages.ebay.com/help/policies/rfe-spam-non-ebay-sale.html.
>>> Please do not respond to it. Regardless of the apparent feedback of
>>> the
>>> sender or any claims they might make, such an offer is not only
>>> against our
>>> rules, but it is extremely risky. It is unsafe to purchase such an
>>> item through
>>> a transaction that is not on our site. You will lose the benefit of
>>> eBay's
>>> purchase protection programs, and run the risk of losing your money.
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