

W. P. Garrison. New Orleans La
July 19th 1832.

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Sir

It has become my most painful duty to communicate to you the lamented death of Second Lt. Nelson N. Clark which took place at this Post on the 11th inst. When I did myself the honour of writing to your Lady under date of the 14th Ultim. there was as I then stated to her, every appearance of a favourable result. These encouraging symptoms continued and in fact were much increased until Monday the 18th Ultim. on the morning of which day, as the wound was healing fast and was perfectly healthy in appearance and there was no fever present. He was pronounced out of danger by his Physician. But alas! our expectations, reasonable as they appeared, were not to be realized, for on that very afternoon he was seized by a bilious fever, induced probably by a predisposition and also by the necessity which he was under of remaining in one posture, being obliged to lie on his back in order to avoid irritation of his wound. He suffered from this fever for nearly a fortnight, being sometimes better and sometimes worse but never recovering so far as to justify the use of Stimulants to raise him from the state of weakness into which, the means necessary to stop the fever had necessarily brought him. At the end of this time his fever changed into slow typhus, and Stimulants were resorted to without delay and apparently at first with considerable effect, but the efforts of the Physicians were counteracted as they were finally certified, by the ball in its passage through the body having struck one of the large nerves and cut

Nelson Clark's death

Rutland Co.



For
Extract
The Hon. Judge Welch
Chittenden Co.,
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as they think the liver which brought on an irritability of the
Stomach which caused him to throw up every thing that he
took into it and finally terminated in mortification of the bowels
which brought his mortal career to a close at about 1/2 past
10. o'clock A. M. on the 11. inst. He was while under the influence
of the fever which affected his brain, delirious particularly during
the night but scarcely ever to such a degree as not to recognize
those with whom he had lived in terms of the utmost intimacy.
The Stimulants to which he took to raise him from his weakness
unfortunately touched his head directly which circumstance
under a fear of bringing back the Brain Fever, prevented their use
to as great a degree as was perhaps necessary in order to save him.
During the last 24 hours of his life he was affected with a
silent delirium or rather abstraction and appeared scarcely to
know any one except his nurse. Previously to this, however during
my watching and attendance at his bed-side, he would converse
with me as much as I would suffer him, having regard to his
low state and the principal subject of these conversations was
probably on account of our ancient intimacy as having been boys
together) his mother and family, of whom he uniformly spoke
in a tone of the deepest affection and during his nightly
delirium, the only mode of quieting him, frequently was to coincide
with the idea which he had imbibed that his mother was in
the City and that she would speedily visit him.

I am happy to have it in my power to say that he met with all
the attention and kindness possible during his illness and that
his remains were attended to the Grave as well of course by the
Officers and Soldiers of his own Regiment who were at hand as by the

Officers of the Legion and by a long train of most respectable and
eminent Citizens of the City.

Every attention has been paid as to his tomb, one being in process
of erection to bear the following Inscription.

Here rest the Remains
of Nelson N. Clark
a native of ^{Green Bay, Portland Co. N. Y.} Warren Co. N. Y.
and late a Lieut. of the 4. Regiment U. S. Inf.
who died July 11. 1832.
Aged 24 Years.

Pause, Stranger and pass not lightly by
the last home of one who was all that is
Honourable, Manly and Generous.

With sentiments of the deepest sorrow do I make this communication
which is destined to carry sorrow in to the bosom of a family.

The Officers Stationed here desire me to present their profound
respects. You will please accept the assurances of esteem of
one who altho unknown to you feel a deep interest in him who is
gone and in her who survives.

Fred. Wilkinson
Lt. 4. U. S. Inf.

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Hon. Judge Meech }