

Wall Shops, Wall.

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Dear Papa:

Your letter containing news received a few days ago. I have since seen the secretary of the cemetary [sic] co. in regard to its possible abandonment. He said that the borough authorities had prohibited any more interments within the town limits, and for that reason it was likely in years to come that the cemetary [sic] be abandoned, because naturally members of a family liked to be buried together and as all future burials would have to be in one of the cemetarys [sic] out side [sic] of the town, bodies would be gradually moved from the old burying place to the new, about two miles out of town. He also said that a number of people had refused to allow bodies to be moved, and that as they have no authority to move them, they may stay there for years. The old cemetary [sic] looks very neglected but he said as they had the new one out of town it was naturally receiving all of the attention as they could not afford to keep them both up. I went through the old place the other evening and saw the graves of your father and sister. The headstone over your fathers [sic] grave is leaning slightly, but that over your sisters [sic] is in good condition and I do not know that their condition is any worse than any of the others. There still a great many bodies in the grounds, and the secretary said speaking of its abandonment that it would not take place in his time or mine either.

I was very surprised that Reg was not going back to Georgetown. Has he ever said anything more about joining the catholic [sic] church? I had a short letter from Rob a few days ago. He said that they were back in barracks again and very glad that camp was over, evidently they didnt [sic] have as much fun as we did at ours. I will send you a picture in a few days that our mess – the four of us that tented together -- had taken just before leaving for camp. I will have to go out in the shop now and look after some work so good bye for the present, and write soon.

Your affectionate son,

Will

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