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THE JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL

Winford H. Smith, M. D., Director

[Seven other physicians listed]

July 25, 1929

Dear Mrs. Hostetter:

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the inscriptions on the tombstones of Harriet Lane and her husband and the inscriptions on the stones marking the graves of her children. These monuments are in the Greenmount cemetery in Baltimore in the lot belonging to the family of Henry Johnston. The stone that marks the grave of Harriet Lane and her husband, as you will see by the accompanying rough sketch, a Celtic cross ornamented with an early Irish intertwined design which is not shown in the sketch.. In the center of the arms of the cross is a small cross trefle surmounted by the letters Alpha and Omega; on the orle of the cross is the following motto, "The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God". [sic] The cross is made of brown stone, probably granite. The enclosed inscription is on the wide space at the base. This Celtic cross is between two plain degraded Latin crosses of white marble, marking the graves of her sons. The upper step of the gradus is draped with a spray of lilies in each case. I should estimate the height of the central Celtic cross as about eleven feet.

Trusting that this information may be of value to you,  
I have the honor to be,  
my dear madam,  
Your most obedient servant,  
P. G. Shipley

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Inscriptions on tomb of Henry Elliott Johnston and Harriet Lane Johnston

“Henry Elliott Johnston  
June 30, 1831, May 5, 1884”

“Harriet Lane Johnston  
May 9, 1830, July 3 1903”

Inscriptions on tombstones of the children of Harriet Lane Johnston

“In loving memory of Henry E. Johnston  
son of

Henry E. and Harriet Lane Johnston  
Born in Baltimore, Mary 24, 1870  
Died in Nice, October 30, 1882”

“They were lovely in their lives and in death not divided”. [sic]

“In loving memory of James Buchanan Johnston  
son of

Henry E. and Harriet Lane Johnston  
Born November 21, 1866, Taken away March 25, 1881.”  
“His soul pleased the Lord therefore hastened he to take him away.”

[Page 3 is a pencil sketch of the Celtic cross]

