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GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE.

~~Shinandaga~~ ~~Vermilionville~~, Chinandega Aug 24th 1882.

C. I. Fayssoux

Dear Friend & Capt

Hear I am about Ten miles from the City of Leon. When I left home I was under the impression that it would not do or it would not be best to mention that I had been in the Service of Nicaragua. but I find that in this part of the State it is considered an honor to have served with Gen-Walker. The Steamer I came on put in to San Juan del Sur, A Mister Green came off to visit the Capt He is A man who kept A Hotel (in our time) near Pearls House on the Beach. I was introduced to him he then asked me if I was not with Capt Fayssoux I told him I was, he asked What had becom of you I told him He said he was very glad to hear that you were doing so well for that he always remembered you with pleasure and that he had great respect for you. He invited me to go on shore ofcourse I done so as I was anxious to see the old Town I found that the only House standing that we knew was the House that Green owned Dr Flint is still living, he is now living in Rivas The only man of our

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that is looked upon with disfavor and contempt is Santa Rosa Slaughinger who is now in Sanzalvador he is looked upon as a great skamp which we know him to be. We are now running Trains to within 5 miles of Leon from there the road is to be built to Leon beacho or old Leon on the Lake from there they run Boats to Managua and to Granada they have contracted for another RRR

Sofar I like the country very much also my position but it is very hard to be so far from all I love. The Road is a much better one than I expected to find and the Trains are well patronized.

The Town of Corinto has about 500 ~~Co~~ habitants has several fine Houses and as you know has about the finest Harbor on this Coast There are five large Ships now in Port they will load with Fustic wood for Europe.

Well I have several letters to write so I will say good bye, hoping to here from you soon. Remember me to your dear Family

Direct to Santiago Van Slycke Gonzo Party
Corinto. Nicaragua C.A.

HEADQUARTERS, STATE OF MISSOURI,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

City of Jefferson, Aug 18 1887

Capt C. J. Fayssoux,
New Orleans.

My dear Capt.

I am requested by ex-Supreme Judge Thos F. Hargis, of Louisville, Ky. who is in this city on legal business, to write you that he will soon communicate with you upon an important project which he is now engaged in, viz; the gathering of the material for a work on the life and character of Genl William Walker. Judge Hargis is a very near relative by marriage to Genl Walker, and through the urgent request of his wife and the children of a sister of Genl Walker, has undertaken the work. Judge Hargis is one of the most eminent jurists of Kentucky, having been twice elected to the Supreme bench, and

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the last time was chief justice, and most likely will succeed Senator Beck to the United States Senate.

Judge Hargis and the leading citizens of Louisville are arranging for a grand reunion of all the survivors of Walker's army to be held in Louisville sometime in October next, and he informs me that it is the desire that everyone of the living, no matter where now residing, shall be present if possible, and to that end those who are unable to pay their fare to and from Louisville, free transportation will be furnished. Just as soon as he returns to Louisville invitations will be issued and the movement be put on foot. May I assume him that you will join in the affair with your old time energy?

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In the meantime time it is desirable that we aid him in finding and communicating to him the names and addresses of all who are now living.

I told him, and doubtless you will soon hear from him on the subject; to request you to write him the history of the Nicaraguan Navy, and especially have you to give him the history of your gallant fight and victory over the "Once de Abril" and the blowing up of that vessel. Also your capture of Genl Salinas and his subsequent execution at Granada. I was then stationed at San Juan del Sur, and remember when you brought him in on your little war vessel. He desires this and all other possible facts for his book. It would be not be a most happy event in thirty odd years after to meet our surviving comrades in a grand reunion!

Your friend and Comrade. J. C. Jamison

J. C. Jamison Esq
C. F. M. O.
City of Jefferson Mo
Aug 15th 1887

Newport Sept. 27. 1863

Captain Fayssoux

Dear Sir,

Your much valued favor of 18th inst is before me and allow me to tender you my warmest acknowledgments for the prompt manner in answering my questions. News has reached us this morning that Genl Walker and Colt. Fuller had been spared through the intercession of the British authorities. My principal motive in again troubling you should Mr. Davenport return to your City is to request you to say to him that my family are arranging their affairs to remove south with an idea of settling in a Southern City; for the sole benefit of the junior branches and to avoid the severity of a northern climate; besides there is not a shadow of prospect of finding employment here, the approaching election being the all absorbing topic of conversation. Go where you may. I pitied him and to go and remain in Galveston and if he could not succeed in that place or New Orleans he could not any where else. I must protest against his coming this way, as I already have sufficient on my hands. He has done his utmost to alienate the feelings and must not expect any sympathy from this Quarter. Advise him if you please to obtain a respectable situation immediately, and perhaps his friend Fayssoux can influence it. Should you see him again

your will confer a great favor on me by communicating the within sentiments, intemperance and abuse are the causes.

With great respect, and in haste,
I am Dr. Sir
Your Ob't. Serv't.
F. F. Davenport.

His Parents are advanced in years and unable to bear ill treatment, this is the first time he has been fitted out, and as often found his way back, getting into serious difficulties wherever he went with the authorities and others. I do not wish to see him again until he has fully made up his mind to relinquish all bad propensities, which were numerous, the sum total is that he came home in Jany last determined to murder the entire family who with myself were obliged to fly for succour and commit him until he begged out, there are still indictments hanging on him here and they are sure to take him if he ever returns.

Confidential.

Do all you can if you please, for the sake of his aged Parents, when he gets a situation any tailor would trust him for clothes to hide his nudity, beg him to abandon Gambling in toto, he is a young Gentleman of the highest origin and has filled situations in some of the first Warehouses in New York, Lord & Taylor among them, he would now be receiving $800 pannum with his cotemporaries, a Brother of his and married and one responsibility is only 20 and receives $700 pannum after a servitude of six years in same House, so much says you for stability, perseverance and enterprise.
Johnis smart and willing if he is only steady, see him at once if you please, after persevering himself for a time I may help him through a third party but not directly nor immediately, my expences are very heavy, his younger Brother & Sister to educate, bad associates have been his ruin.

J. F. Davenport N.Y.
To C. F. D.
Sept 27th 1860
Making inquiry

Lt Col Theodore O'Hara - Poet - Soldier and Gentleman - Kentucky.

St Louis Mo
5th Oct 69

My Dear Hagerman

You will be here in charge of the Emigration - My very particular friend Mr Danier wants to come down to our County & he can do good service - He is a gentleman of intelligence & refinement & I desire that he shall be in relations with you - He will come down with the contractor & I will prepare an efficient man & commend him to you perfect confidence

(in haste) Your friend O'Hara

Colonel Theodore O'Hara
N. Orleans Oct 5th 1859

Vermillion Ville Nov 24th/80

Dear old Commander & Friend

It was with great pleasure I heard from Mr Stafford that you were still in the land of the living and rejoiced to get your kind letter of the 12th and oh how happy it made me to hear that you were happy and well fixt for life with a dear Family around you;

In the latter part of 1859 I wrote to you from Buenos Ayers I had then got my promotion as Captain in that Service, and did so wish that you could have had a Command in the same. I spoke to President Sarmiento of you and he told me to write and tell you that he would be glad to have your service but I could not get a word from you I suppose it was on account of the war at Home.

In April 61 I got up a Gold hunting Expedition to the head waters of the Paragnay & Amison Rivers was gone two Years did not hear of your war until July 4th/62 I arrived Home on Feb 26th/67 and married Dec 15th/69 amongst of this I am going to see you soon. I Enclose you photographs of wife and Boys. 8 & 6 Give my regards to your wife

Yours Truly
James T Van Slyke

J. J. McCOMB, President.

~~Louisiana Western~~ R. R. ~~Hotel~~

T. ADAMS, General Manager.

General Manager's Office.

CHAS. R. ADAMS, Assistant Gen'l Manager.

Franklinville, La. Feb 10th 1881

Dear Friend

I am not positive about the Tonage of the Granada, but when she was a Pilot boat she was called No 87, and I think that was her Tonage. According to our Station Bill of November 20th we had 23 men all told,

The Capt of the Once de Abril, Antonio Villaverstra told me that the Brig was of 300 Tons manned by 114 men and armed with 9 - 9lb English Paxton Guns.

Remember me to your dear wife and Children and tell them I will try to do better next time I come to town. My wife is anxious to come down but on account of the two Boys I do not see how she is to manage it at present

Your Sincer Friend
J. J. Van Slyke

J. A. McCOMB, President.

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~~General Manager's Office.~~

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Vermilionville, La. Feb 1st 1881

C. G. Faysoux

Dear Friend

I have made a rough Pen sketch of the old Granada which I mail to you hoping you will be able to find some one who can do her in Oil. I would like to have a copy if it will not cost tomuch.

Please let me know if you receive sketch. Hoping your dear family are well I remain

Yours Truly

J. J. Van Slyke

St. Louis Hotel

My Dear Harrison

You will be here in charge of the emigration – my own particular friend, Mr Daniels, wants to come down to our country & he can do good service. He is a gentleman of intellect fortune & bravery. I desire that he shall be in relations with you – He will come down with the earliest reinforcements & will prove an efficient man – I commend him to you perfect confidence – Your friend

(in haste) O'Hara

Hudson O'Hara of Kentucky
Patriot Soldier and Gentleman

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

City of Jefferson, Mo., Oct 6th 1887

Capt. L. Freyssant
New Orleans.

My dear Capt.

Yours of the 29th ult. and the books are both to hand. I beg sincerely that you will accept my grateful thanks for the same.

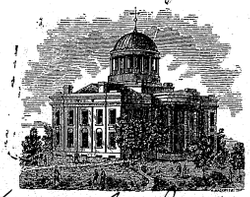
I think it quite likely I will come down to New Orleans this fall or winter, as I can do so at little expense, the R R officials having kindly offered me free transportation whenever I desire to go. I am in receipt of an interesting letter from Dr. R. R. Sunder, of Conway, Ark., who writes me that he was with Genl W. on his expedition which sailed from New Orleans in 1858. Do you know what became of Dr. Royston? He was from N. O. and was a very dear friend of mine, and my surgeon when I was wounded in the battle of the 11th of April at Rivas, and was held in grateful remembrance by me. I now have the names and P. O. address of 61 of our men, and when I get time to copy list will send it to you to look over for such criticism as you may be pleased to make.

With sentiments of the highest regard,

I am, truly Yours, J. G. Jamison

Jas. G. Jamison Esq
G. S. & O. Oct 6th 1867
Jefferson City Mo

Ans'd Sept 28th 1887



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Capt C. L. Ferguson
New Orleans.

My dear Capt.

I write to announce that the date of the Reunion at Louisville has been changed to the 11th day of April 1888. In urging this upon Judge Hargis and our Louisville friends I was influenced by three reasons: limited notice given; notice of several prominent officers that they could not be there at that time; April 11 1888 would be the 32nd anniversary of the Second battle of Rivas & C&C.

I suppose in a few days a circular will be issued from Louisville announcing the postponement and assigning the reasons therefor. What do you think of the change of date. Please inform your friends of this change.

I would esteem it a great favor if you could procure me in your city a copy of the "War in Nicaragua" by Genl Walker, and I will at once remit amount if it can be bought. If not and you can loan me a copy and send it by Mail I will promptly return it at as early a day as possible.

Very truly Your Friend, J. C. Jamison

J. C. Jamison
City of Jefferson Mo
L. C. J. Fay & Co
Sept 24th 1857

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Com. Tassenux
Veteran of the
Nicaraguan Navy

you are respectfully
invited to meet at the room
of the Chamber of Commerce
No 48 Carondelet street on
next Sunday 8th instant
for the purpose of discussing
over old Nicaragua times
your brother comrades of
Nicaragua will be present

Yours respectfully
W. H. Burnett

Wm. H. Burroughs
Richmond Sept 2 '88

New Orleans October 29th 1882

My Dear Friend

Your letter of July 25th, just on the eve of your departure for Nicaragua was received, I think that I would have been with you, if you had have desired it, and written me in time, but just at the time, I entered into contracts that I have to carry out. Then your pleasant letter from Chmandega came, and insulted me again and I have delayed answering it, trying to make up my mind that I ought to bring the answer in person, but cannot see my way clear yet, so it is likely, as I will be sixty three, day after to-morrow; that I will die without again seeing the land, and you that I have loved and dreamed of so long.

This is Sunday, mild and pleasant, but not equal to the Glorious Sunday, that you and I once, many years ago, spent, on the grand Ocean, near the beautiful country where you now are.

I hope that you will be happy and

continued, and successful. I showed your letter to several Nicaraguans, Brady, Rareskides, Hanlin &c, who were rather surprised to hear of your being here.

I have seen Mr Pelton several times lately, and told him of you, he wished to be remembered to you. I have been alone all summer, my family have just returned from North Carolina, all much improved by the trip. I am now Paving Canal St, I have a contract for 5 000 yards, it will take three months to finish it, I am not a politician and have much to contend with; but do not think that I will lose any money.

Are you able to form any plans yet, in regard to your prospects of remaining in the country, and if it will be advisable to have your family with you.

Have you heard whether Bowley is living, and if so, where is he, and what is he doing, and what has become of Mrs Bowley, tell me all that you can of Flint, Green, Cox, Fitzgerald Priestly, or any other that you may hear of, in fact all and every thing of that country will interest me.

I saw S. Stafford a short time ago, he has been making money all the time, had gone paying contracts, some time ago he broke his leg, but soon got well, I told him of you, he wished to be remembered to you.

I will promise you, that I will not delay answering your next letter, and hope that I will have the pleasure of doing it very soon. Did you know a man named Pierson, he told me that he had been on a lake steamer, and said that he knew both of us, he is a smart fellow, now building Wharves, Depots, Levees and Rail Roads, making a great deal of money, two years ago, I could have put in their concern five thousand dollars and perhaps made twenty by this time, but was afraid of him, he talked so well.

Let me hear soon and often from you dear old friend

C. D. Grayson

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Brooklyn ~~Vermilionville~~, July 25th 1882

Capt C. J. Faysoux

Dear old Friend

As I am about to leave the Country I thought you would be glad to heer from me. When I last wrote I had a contract in the northern part of the State. I am sorry to say now that I made a failure of it all on account of Snow Frost and not least lack of money since then (May 1st) I have done but very little.

Having heard that the Nicaraguan Government needed a R.R. road I called on the Consul General; well he after seeing my Reference at once gave me a contract to sign I go as assistant superintendent at 1800 for first year I sail for Realejo the first of August (31st July) The Island of Realejo is now called Corento The RR Depot is located on the southern end of the Island. The road runs the whole length of the Island then crosses to the main land on an Iron Bridge (already up) it then runs East by south to Leon (finished to that City) from there it is to

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run to Managua or Old Leon from there it will eventualy be built on to Granada. Now Capt I do not know nor do I think that any one will know me, anyhow they will not find out from me

If you write you had better send letter to my Sister Mrs E.E. Childs 315 Clinton av Brooklyn N.Y. and she will forward to me Remember me to all of your dear Family

Yours ever

J. O. Van Slyke

J. T. Van Slycke
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1881 – Nicaragua
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