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Lexington, Miss., 3/27/1908

Miss Kate Armistead

New Orleans

Esteemed unknown Miss

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Grows of 16th/₁₁

Delayed for information. R. H. Gage Corporal
enlisted in Confederate Service in the Spring of
1862, in Dr. Loey Harrington company of this county.
Succeeded by Capt James Walton, Frank Pope & others
as Captains, Co K, 29th/₁₁ Miss Regt. Gen Walthalls
Brigade, Army of Tenn. The command went from
Granada to Corinth Miss. where Mathew Gage
join the Regt just in time for that battle
Both Bob, and Mat were in the Ky. Tenn,
Ala, and Georgie campaigns, understand Bob
was wounded either at Chickamauga, "River of
death", or Lookout Mountain, from which the
was disabled for life, (wounded in right-arm)
From best information each served about
Two, and one half. As to exact date of Mat's
death don't know, towards last of Sept, or 1st/₁₁
of Oct 1865.

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Jerry Saunders Gage, I know ^{more} about, as we were in the same command, he enlisted at the University of Miss. as a member of the University Guard, he graduated in the "Literary Department" in 1860. then entered the Law Department.

Capt W. B. Lowery (enlisted the company, all boys) Eleventh Miss Regt., Col Frank Liddell, sent to Va, where the Regt was mustered in the Confederate Service at Lynchburg Va the 13th day of May /61, and assigned to Gen Bee's Brigade, who was killed at 1st Manassas Gen Whittier succeeded him, then Gen Law, + Gen Joe Davis. Last Commander, Jerry was in 1st Manassas - Williamsburg + Seven Pines, w^here under a furious fusillade of Canister, and grape shot from an impenetrable redoubt, supported by a full brigade of the enemy, while there was but few of us the order given to lie down was quickly obeyed - except by Col. and Jerry, who had seventeen bullets through his clothes, came out then & he didn't know what fear was. During the seven day fight around Richmond, he was painfully wounded

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at Cairns Mill, he was killed at
Gettysburg Pa - July 3rd / 1863. among the foremost
in the charge on the enemies fortifications,
amidst a storm of shot, and shell, almost
dismembered by a shell. he was propped by a
comrade on the battle field, and wrote the last
sad letter to his mother, and was dead in a
few minutes. thus passed away one of the
immortals, one of the finest specimens of one who
wore the "gray". Pardon me in expressing myself so
freely, for it awakes the sweet, and sad recollections
of the past, as a student, and a follower of
the "Lost Cause" he was the admiration of his
comrades. The U.C.V. assisted by both the D. Company
and Board of Supervisors, are collecting funds
to build a suitable monument in the
Court House yard, with the name of every soldier
that subsisted from Holmes Co.

Very Truly Yours
R. C. Lipsey