

Poignant Civil War Letter Reveals Heartbreak, Dedication To Duty, Honor

HATFIELD (Montgomery Co.) — On December 12, the Alderfer Auction Company will offer an important collection of letters, books and photographs related to the military career of General George Gordon Meade "The Hero of Gettysburg." In this collection is an interesting and poignant letter from Charles Stone requesting his own execution.

General Charles P. Stone was an officer to whom duty and honor were important. Stone graduated from the bastion of honor, the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1845. Soon after graduation he joined the U.S. forces that were engaged in the war against Mexico. For his bravery in battle, he won two promotions.

In 1861, as the storm clouds of discontent rose on the horizon and pushed our country closer to Civil War, Stone was assigned as Inspector General of Washington DC. In this position, he was re-

sponsible for the safety of the Capitol and also incoming President Abraham Lincoln.

As the Civil War began Stone was promoted to General and served his country as a battlefield commander. During the Battle of Ball's Bluff, Edward Baker, an officer serving with Stone, led a foolhardy charge that resulted in numerous casualties including the death of Baker. Baker was also a United States Senator and many politicians called for an investigation into this catastrophe.

Many people blamed Stone in private, and for the press Stone became a scapegoat. At midnight on February 8, 1862, military authorities entered Stone's headquarters, arrested him, and moved him to a military

prison in New York. Here he was held for 189 days, mostly in solitary confinement, with no charges being filed. When released, Stone was never given a reason for his arrest or internment.

Stone returned to the battlefield serving in several engagements in the deep South. In 1864 Lincoln's Secretary of War relieved Stone of the rank of General. Soon after, in a poignant letter to his commanding officer, General George Meade, Charles Stone requested that he be executed because of the shame he had brought upon himself and the military.

Meade refused to have Stone executed and Stone resigned from the Army five days later.

After the Civil War, Stone, an excellent engineer, left the United States and found employment as an important officer in the army of the King of Egypt. He held this position for 13 years until returning to the United States.

One of Stone's final jobs as engineer was the construction of the foundation and base of the Statue of Liberty, which still stands in New York Harbor. Upon his death in 1887, Stone was buried at West Point to rest in peace with other military officers who likewise had served their country

with honor.

The letter that Stone had penned requesting his own execution is part of the Meade archive that includes other correspondence, photography, books and relics that relate to Philadelphia's own General George G. Meade. Meade commanded the Union Army at Gettysburg and many of the items relate to this important and historic battle.

For more information on The Meade Collection auction, contact Alderfer's Cataloged Department at (215) 393-3000 or through their website www.alderferauction.com. An illustrated catalog available for this auction.

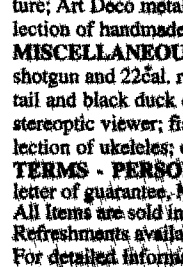
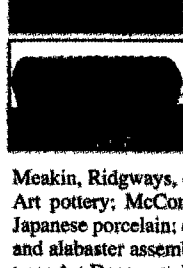
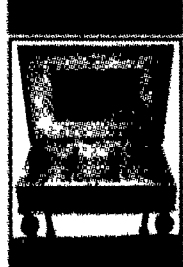
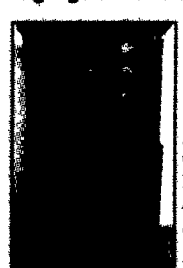
Two Important Harford County, MD Estate Auctions

Antique And Other Furnishings
Decorative Arts * Collectibles * Rugs
Saturday, December 7, 2002 10:00am

2014 Emmorton Road, Bel Air, MD

Directions: Take I-95 to exit 77, MD Rt. 24 North to Bel Air. Follow to Plumtree Road and turn right, then turn right onto Emmorton Road and property is immediately on the right. Signs posted.

Highlights: FURNITURE - Mid 18th century Dutch pine and forged iron mounted casket form trunk; English mahogany chest on chest, fluted column decoration, brushing slide, original hardware, circa 1800; American walnut slant top desk, fitted interior with 2 doors below, early 19th century; American scroll carved walnut 5 tier book stand with single drawer; mahogany Empire style 2 door bookcase, full column decoration with carved paw feet; American Empire mahogany gentleman's chest, mirrored door over 4 drawers with black marble ledge; carved oak secretary desk in the Larkins style; pine breakfront cabinet, 4 glazed and lattice doors over 4 blind doors; pair of mahogany Federal style fluted poster single beds; French Louis XV style parquetry sewing table, Louis XVI parquetry and ormolu mounted 2 tier pastry stand; Louis XVI parquetry and ormolu mounted single drawer console table, circa 1920; Biedermeier style parquetry inlaid parlor table; Baker Furniture single drawer console table, lyre form supports; Kittinger mahogany Federal style server; Kittinger Williamsburg Restoration mahogany lowboy; mahogany 2 drawer drop leaf pedestal work table, 19th century; gilt framed pier mirror on marble bracket shelf, carved walnut library table, ornate apron, griffin motif legs, galleried shelf stretcher; carved mahogany marble top pedestal; carved marble top parlor table; primitive 2 door blind cupboard; primitive coffin form blanket chest; oak 5 drawer chest; 6 late Windsor oak bentwood, spindle back, plank seat kitchen chairs; 2 oak cane seat arm chairs; collection of walnut cane seat parlor side and armchairs, primitive ladder back and other chairs, tables; mahogany federal style drop leaf dining room extension table, mahogany lyre back dining room chairs; carved walnut Victorian over mantle mirror; mahogany Empire chest of 4 drawers; spool cabinet, Victorian stand; Victorian mahogany upholstered corner chair; walnut Victorian carved organ stool, upholstered seat; Morris chair; walnut Art Deco 1 drawer over 1 door smoking stand; old enamel top kitchen cabinet; maple dining room hutch; Art Deco bookcase, maple bedroom suite; Art Deco cedar lined blanket chest; painted drysink; oak hanging cabinet; French Provincial cane seat vanity bench; French gilt wood upholstered chairs; mahogany corner cupboard; mahogany cellaret form stand; mahogany curio stand; carved walnut Victorian small wall brackets; large early parlor lamp; ornate mirror; mahogany highchair; mahogany spinet style desk; maple furniture; Singer treadle sewing machine bases; etc.



PICTURES - French woven wall tapestry; oil on canvas, sleeping peasant girl; oil on board, ducks in flight; oil on canvas, roses; reverse painting Statue of Liberty; reverse painting, Capitol; watercolor on paper, roses; floral still life oil painting on oval panel; convex glass oval faux grain painted portrait frames; pair of decorative framed prints; various original works of art, prints, etc.

DECORATIVE ARTS - over 200 pieces of sterling silver flatware including Towle French Provincial, Towle Southwind, Wallace Rhythm, Oneida Sentimental; collection of brown glazed pottery, yellow ware bowls; collection of stoneware; large collection of American pattern glass; Carnival and Depression glass; lots of figurative and decorative pottery and porcelain; Limoges; small crystal chandelier; ironstone washbowl and pitcher by Meakin, Ridgways, other English china; kitchen primitives; McCoy and Hull Art pottery; McCormick tea pot; collection of Nippon and miscellaneous Japanese porcelain; collection of early toys; oil lamps; large early brass, glass and alabaster assembled parlor lamp; reverse painted glass hanging light fixture; Art Deco metal and glass table garniture; jacquard coverlet, linens; collection of handmade Oriental rugs; old wood cigar box; etc.

MISCELLANEOUS - Ford 600 tractor with 3PT mower; fishing rods; old shotgun and 22cal. rifle; collection of Clarence Bauer miniature mallard, pintail and black duck decoys, old quilt stretcher; woven Indian saddle blanket; stereoptic viewer; fishing and hunting items; book collection; hookends; collection of ukeleles; etc.

TERMS - PERSONAL PROPERTY: Cash, pre-approved check or bank letter of guarantee, MasterCard or Visa. There is a 10% Buyer's Commission. All items are sold in "as is" condition. All sales are final. Immediate removal. Refreshments available.

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OPEN HOUSE INSPECTIONS: Sundays, December 1 and 8 from 1 to 3 pm or by appointment with auctioneer.

PERSONAL PROPERTY TO BE SOLD BEGINNING AT 10:00 am:

FARM AND GARDEN - 1954 IH McCormick Farmall Super C; International 300 utility tractor with hydraulic push blade, 12V conversion, 3PT 2x16" bottom Super Chief X-Series plow; Lilliston model 7-6 triple spindle pull-behind mower with new seals; Stockman 2PT 7" sickle bar mower; Howse Implement Co. mod. ES30 3PT dirt scoop; 2PT to 3PT hutch conversion bar; 3PT hitch 6" platform carrier; 2PT hitch platform carrier; Bolens model ST140 hydro lawn tractor; Bolens mod. 18532 push blade for lawn tractor; pull behind lawn sweeper; Merry Tiller with 5hp B&S engine, Lawn Boy Master garden tiller; Lawn Boy 21" power push mower; B&S 4hp air rake, like-new 225 gal. plastic water tank - used during drought; 1.5T chain fall, floor jack, appliance hand truck, alum. ladders; 5 gallon plastic buckets, wheelbarrows; etc. **FURNITURE** - ornately carved walnut Victorian sideboard, fox mask decoration to high style backsplash, marble top with two drawers over two floral relief carved doors, carved mahogany and walnut Victorian parlor chairs; oak Victorian dresser with mirror; walnut tall dresser with oval mirror, fine walnut Jacobean style court cupboard, walnut 3 drawer cottage chest, 19th century, Jenny Lind bedstead, Queen Anne style silver chest on stand, walnut marble top washstand, floral decorated glass and brass assembled hurricane lamp, old organ stool with glass ball and talon feet; 2 Ethan Allen maple corner cupboard, maple hutch, table and 4 chairs. Taylor Jamestown maple BR suite, 6 early oak spindle back captains chairs, 3 oak spindle back cane seat side chair; 4 oak kitchen chairs; oak 2 seat folding bench, 2 mahogany Jacobean style benches; metal patio furniture, walnut veneer dresser and bed, Art Deco dresser and vanity, gilt framed 3-panel mirror, old pine work tables, mahogany Federal style china closet, table and 6 chairs; old Universal enamel finish cook stove; lighted étagère, two glass doors with mirrored back over two blind doors, mahogany finish entertainment center; collection of LR furniture including sofas, settees, Lazyboy, etc., Panasonic 10sp. bicycle; sofa bed, little toys; Hotpoint refrigerator; Avanti bar refrigerator; Sylvana 19" color TV; old ceiling light fixtures; window air conditioning units; oil-filled radiator heaters; canning jars; misc. kitchen items; etc. **COLLECTIBLES** - Andrew Kump Damask coverlet, manufacturer Hanover, York Co., PA 1850; 95 pieces of Stieff Rose pattern flatware; miscellaneous sterling silver and silver plate; collection of pocket watches and chains including Dresden made jeweled watch with 18kt gold hunter case; hand made Oriental rugs, over 80 pieces of English Blue Willow China, various makers, Roseville Pottery Zephyr Lily pattern handled vase; McCoy Pottery frog; pair Hull Art Pottery vases, early blue sponge ware batter bowl, assorted stoneware, collection of milk, carnival and pattern glass including Fenton, Fostoria, Heisey, etc.; assorted pottery and porcelain dinner ware; patchwork yo-yo pattern quilt; Flapper dress, hats and accessories; large rig of Harry DeMoll canvas decoys, 25+ geese and 4 swan; 2 decoys by R. Madison Mitchell; color print by A. Pope, Jr.; oil painting of dog with game bird; other pictures; old books, primers, postcards, etc., pertaining to local history; daguerreotype, tin type and cabinet card pictures including an infant funeral card; old bottle and jar collection; Lander, Fray & Clark #20 coffee mill; Enterprise metal grinder; cherry pitter; other primitive items; gumball machine; Lionel O and Tyco HO gauge train sets; Barbies, accessories and other toys, etc.; 2 105mm shell casings, old skates and skis; Christmas decorations; etc.

REAL ESTATE TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE AT 12:00 NOON:

This property is ideal for the homebuyer who is searching for a classic center hall farm house with 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, eat-in country kitchen, rear stairway, covered front and rear porches, stately sugar maple trees and a full complement of farm outbuildings including a large 19th century bank barn with wood pinned post and beam construction. There is a frame 1-story tenant dwelling with 3 bedrooms, kitchen and full bathroom. The property consists of 13 acres of level land with a stream and wooded area along the rear of the parcel. There are 2 development rights available to the property in accordance with current Harford County Planning and Zoning Development Regulations.

TERMS - REAL ESTATE: \$15,000.00 in cash, certified or cashier's check required at time of sale. Balance to be paid on or before February 14, 2003. Detailed terms and contract available from the office of the auctioneer or on our website.

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