

- 1. NOV. 3, 1861** Letter to Sickles from unknown author. Writer is friend or family. Writer thinks South is superior at this stage. Also sends regards from Miss Emilie to General Hooker. Signed, by whom?
- 2. & 3. MARCH 14, 1862** Envelope marked "Confidential" is from Sickles to Hooker, and it contains two letters written one hour apart detailing positions of the enemy near Rappahannock. Interesting letters regarding scouting parties, etc. near Fredericksburg, boats. Signed. One a copy?
- 4. SPRING, 1862** Same handwriting as No. 1 above. Includes NY newspaper clippings regarding Sickles' difficulties. Wants reassurances.
- 5. MAR. 17, 1862** Letter from Sickles to Hooker appears to be related to Nos. 2 & 3 above. On Sickles' personal stationery. Letter explains expedition led by Colonel Dwight, but that there is no word from Dwight yet.
- 6. MAY 18, 1862** Official document signed by Sickles requesting rail transport from DC to Baltimore so that he and his staff can report to Major General Hooker.
- 7. MAY 18, 1862** Official document related to above and signed by Sickles requesting transport by steamer from Baltimore to Fort Monroe, Virginia so that he and his staff can join Major General Hooker.
- 8. MAY 24, 1862** Letter from Michael Quinn to Sickles requesting Sickles certify the enclosed so that Quinn can be paid by the Quarter Master General.
- 9. JUNE 18, 1862** Letter from W.H. Whiton (Military director and Superintendent of Railroads, US) to Sickles. Whiton refers to an enclosure from a mutual friend and calls Sickles "The Peoples General". A railroad locomotive was named after W.H. Whiton and it pulled Lincoln's presidential car, including Lincoln's funeral car.
- 10. 1862** Letter on congressional stationery. Author forcefully outlines the Injustice done to a Colonel Spencer Cone, who has been stripped of his command while before Yorktown (1862). Writer asks that Cone be reinstated. Cone headed 61<sup>st</sup> NY (he was reinstated). Letter is undated and unsigned. May be a copy.
- 11. NOV. 13, 1863** Land deed from John and Martha Whitehead to James Coleman, Pike Country, Pennsylvania.
- 12. NOV. 17, 1863** Letter from Cornelia Roosevelt to Sickles stating that a Mr. Danesi has the permission of his king (Italy) to enter the service of the

US. The writer states that the Italian Minister, Mr. Bedinatti, will help. Mrs. Roosevelt request that Mr. Danesi be assigned to Sickles' staff with a rank of Captain or higher. Cornelia was the wife of James Roosevelt, and her father had been a Governor of Vermont. The small envelope bears a wax seal

- 13. JAN. 23 thru FEB. 14, 1864** Very interesting set of orders requesting that Sickles return his orderly, Gustave Sherman, to active duty. The orders move through the chain of command and are signed by several noteworthy generals and other officers, including John Sedgwick, David Birney, and William French. Gustave Sherman gained fame as the Little Bugler Boy, the subject of a book. He was a friend of Tad Lincoln, stayed at the White House, met John Wilkes Booth, and entered politics in New York.
- 14.&15. MAR. 9 & MAR. 10, 1864** Two letters. The first is a copy of a correspondence from Major General George Meade to Major General D.B. Birney suggesting that Birney gave testimony on the conduct of the war not complimentary to Meade. Meade wants succinct statement of evidence from Birney. The second letter is from Birney to Sickles and asks Sickles to help with the evidence.
- 16. APR. 6, 1864(?)** Letter from Birney to Sickles underlined Confidential. Written from camp. It is a response to a Sickles letter of April 4. In the letter, Birney expresses fear he will lose his command. Birney says morale is low in Sickles' old division under its new command.
- 17. AUG. 11, 1864** Letter, underlined private, to Sickles from Major General D.B. Birney, in the field, mentions that General Butler has a high opinion of Sickles. An interesting and revealing letter about Grant, Lincoln, Meade, morale, etc. Signed.
- 18., 19., 20. 1865** Three Washington, D.C. newspapers (*Daily Morning Chronicle*) From May 23, 24, 25, 1865. The papers feature very complete coverage of the Grand Review of the Armies. Complete lists of units and personnel. Also includes an account of the proceedings of the Trial of the Conspirators who shot Lincoln.
- 21. APR. 30, 1866** Special orders from Lt. Gen. Grant to Sickles directing Sickles to Report in person without delay at Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office, Washington. Signed by E.D. Townsend, Ass't. Adjutant General
- 22. SEPT. 24, 1867** Letter, marked Private, to Sickles from Clayton Macmichael of the

North American and United States Gazette in Philadelphia. Letter refers to Sickles' upcoming visit to the city and says the Union League has secured apartments at the Continental Hotel for Sickles. (Sickles had returned to NYC two weeks previous, on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, from his duties in South Carolina)

- 23. NOV. 14, 1867** Letter from George S. Boutwell, then a member of the US House of Representatives, to Colonel E.W. Davis. Davis was Judge Advocate of the Second Military District in the Carolinas during Reconstruction, and he was a member of Sickles' staff. The letter states Boutwell's opinion that nothing can be done to restore the commanders (including Sickles) who were removed so long as Johnson is in office. Boutwell served as one of the special prosecutors during Johnson's impeachment trial the following year.
- 24. NOV. 25&26, 1867** A letter to General U.S. Grant signed by John Ramsey, late Brevet Major General, recommending a Captain of the 66<sup>th</sup> NY Volunteers be given a brevet appointment as a Lt. Colonel. Letter bears the signed endorsement of Francis G. Barlow, late Major General.
- 25. NOV. 28, 1867** Letter from E.D. Townsend, Ass't Adjutant General, to Sickles requests Sickles inform AG's office whether soldier Charles Kroepke had been discharged. Kroepke had been furloughed by Sickles prior to Sickles relinquishing command of the Department of the South.
- 26. DEC. 10, 1867** A letter from Post #8, G.A.R., Trenton, N.J. refers to President Ordering Sickles and Maj. Gen. Howard be mustered out of service Jan. 1, 1868. Letter is in form of a petition endorsing New York Union League petition asking Congress that Sickles and Howard be retained. Signed by Wm. Phillips, Post Commander and James Kiger, Post Adjutant. Missing pg. 1 (& 2?).
- 27., 28., 29. JUNE 12, JUNE 18 & JULY 28, 1868** An interesting copy of a letter from Hiram Berdan to President Johnson requesting rank. Hiram Berdan was the guiding force behind the creation of the two regiments of United States Sharpshooters and he was a crack rifleman. The letter is signed by Berdan. Also, the letter bears a strong endorsement from General Joseph Hooker, dated June 18, who cites Berdan's serving under Hooker was great distinction at Chancellorsville. The endorsement bears Hooker's signature. Both letters are enclosed in a cover letter to Sickles dated July 28. In the cover letter, Berdan seeks Sickles' endorsement at the earliest convenience. Signed by Berdan.

- 30. c.1865-1870** Letter from William A. Seward to Sickles on Seward's stationery, so it could have been written after he left office of Secretary of State, a position he held for eight years under presidents Lincoln and Johnson. Seward left office in 1869. He died in 1872. Letter introduces Major J. Henry Sleeper (Brevet appointment in 1864) as one who is "native and to the manor born" and one who may be able to give Sickles valuable information. Signed by Seward.
- 31. FEB. 27, 1872** A letter of agreement between Simon Stevens and Sickles. Stevens, President of Tehauantipac railway, agrees to hire Sickles as counsel to represent the company --- with stipulations and remunerations. The letter could be written in Sickles' hand, and it is signed by both Stevens and Sickles.
- 32. AFTER SEPT., 1873** Letter regarding Ernest Bazin's patent application No. 143.269 compares Bazin's method of dredging to that of Nathaniel Libby.
- 33. JAN. 15, 1877** Erie Railway Amended Schedule of Reconstruction. Sickles had shares in company.
- 34., 35. SEPT. 7 & SEPT 8, 1877** Two letters from John Livingston, counsel for the Erie Railway shareholders, to James Henry, Esq. castigating sale of Erie Railway. Mentions Governor, Attorney General, and Supreme Court of New York. Signed by John Livingston.
- 36. SEPT. 30, 1877** A long letter from John Livingston, counsel for the Erie Railway shareholders, regarding a decision of Judge Donahue on the "Erie Matter. Pointed references to Watkins, Watson, and Jewett. Signed by Livingston.
- 37. FEB. 15, 1878** Letter to Sickles from Elihu Root. The letter acknowledges receipt of checks totaling \$1,342 for fee in Sickles vs. Richardson.
- 38. NOV. 7, 1879** Postcard to Sickles from Samuel P. Hoover, brother of Jonah D. Hoover. Card mailed in Philadelphia asks if there is any cash value in one thousand dollar mortgage bond of the Chesapeake Coal and Lumber Company of which Sickles was President. Jonah D. Hoover was the Federal Marshal for the District of Columbia, and Sickles had stayed in his home during the inauguration of President Buchanan.
- 39. JULY 15, 1880** Postcard to Sickles from B. Richardson seeking Colonel Elwell's address so that he might visit him. Richardson asks Sickles, "General why don't you call and see a poor fellow in bed so long?"

40. **NOV. 1880** \$1,000 First Mortgage Gold Bond, The Texas Trunk Railroad Company. With Seal.
41. **JAN. 31, 1887** Letter to Charles Morris from George L. Wright. Obtained 500 shares of River and Rail Electric Light Co. to be sold at \$75 or more per share.
42. **FEB. 28, 1887** Letter to George Wright from Albon Man and others transferring stock, part of 500 shares of River and Rail Electric Light Co., to be sold at \$75 or more per share.
43. **MAR. 24, 1887** Agreement to surrender New York Rail Car certificates in exchange for certificates in proposed new River and Rail Electric Light Co., subdivision. Signed by twelve person including Wright, Randolph, Chandler, Man, etc.
44. **MAR. SEPT., 1887** Envelope containing 10 receipts from River and Rail Electric Light Co. totaling \$5,000. All but one signed by T.T. Randolph Treas. One is for manufacture of batteries for street cars --- New York Electric Railway Car Association --- signed by H.L. Tillibrown.
45. **1886-1887** Eleven (11) River and Rail Electric Light Co. stock certificates totaling 500 shares. Various individuals.
46. **JULY 7, 1887** Letter from George L. Wright asking Sickles to endorse check.
47. **OCT. 1, 1887** Postcard to Sickles signed D.N.B. refers to "my invalid" who is too ill to see anyone, yet, but several times has inquired about Sickles.
48. **FEB. 2, 1888** Postcard to Sickles advertising Complete Army Register of the USA form 1776 to 1887. From T.H.S. Hammersly, Publisher.
49. **OCT. 23, 1889** Very interesting copy of letter from Sickles to Governor Curtin of Pennsylvania. In it, Sickles thanks Curtin for repeating to him that General Sheridan agrees that Sickles made all the right moves at the Battle of Gettysburg. Stationery is that of New York Board of Commissioners, Gettysburg Monuments, of which Sickles was Chairman. References to Grant and Longstreet. Appears to be in Sickles' own hand and is signed by him.
50. **JULY 17, 18??** Postcard to Sickles from unknown person describing interest in forming a stock company to build a market from W. 11<sup>th</sup> Street to Gansevoort, NYC.