

They can be obtained by his
friends. If you are not
officially informed ~~in~~ this
I would write to the "Surge-
on in Charge Hospital Steam-
er D. A. Janssary," inclosing
postage stamp. —

Our regiment is doing
better here than in
Sickbury. The Gulf breeze
makes it really more pleas-
ant here than August
usually is in Ohio.

Hoping this letter may
in some degree answer
your expectations I
remain

Very Truly &
Yours

S. M. Abraham



Carrollton La
Near New Orleans
Aug 26th 1863.

Mrs Nickell

Yours of Aug 9th
is just recd and contents
noted. I will endeavour
to answer your inquiries.
And am only sorry that I
cannot convey to you the
information which you no
doubt seek most ardently.
When I met your husband
on the boat he grasped my
hand and pressed it while
the tears flowed freely down
his pale cheeks. He re-
marked, "Capt, I can't help
but weep but they are tears of joy."

He seemed indeed very glad
to meet me; I don't recollect
of his saying anything about
his family, though I think
he spoke to me about the pros-
pect of his getting a furlough
when he got to St. Louis. —
I encouraged him all I could
for indeed I thought if his
mind could be kept buoy-
ant, he still had a chance
perhaps to rally again the
vital energies. I did not
speak to him concerning his
prospects for the future, but
I thought at the time his
manner was indicative of
one who was looking forward
with ardent joy to the time
perhaps not far in the future
when he should put off this

mortal and wander ~~on~~
the flowery fields of immor-
tality. —

His effects should
have been and I presume
were taken care of by the
Surgeon in Charge where
he died. I know nothing
of them. Perhaps you was
not aware that when a sol-
dier is separated from his
Company by sickness, detail
or otherwise, his Co. Com-
mander has no more author-
ity over him, than though he
had never belonged to his Co. —
It is the duty of the officer in
Charge of a Soldier at his death
to apprize his friends of the
event, likewise put his effects
in a place of safety, where