

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

V. Y. BOOZER, PASTOR

R. F. D. 27, SALISBURY, N. C.

June 4, 1935.

Mrs. E. S. Lewars,  
Gettysburg, Pa.

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I am inclosing a picture made at a memorial service held in the cemetery on Sunday, the second of June.

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June 28, 1935

Mrs. E. S. Lewars  
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Pennsylvania

My dear Mrs. Lewars:

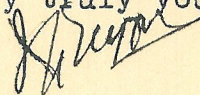
I have not forgotten my promise to send you the same material that I sent Mr. Storrick a few weeks ago, but I have been so busy I could not find the time to get the work done.

Meantime, Mr. Storrick has sent me the letter that you have received from Reverend V. Y. Boozer of Salisbury, North Carolina. His story fits in with mine. I was very much touched with his letter and the interest that has been taken in the cemetery there.

I have lately read with interest your book, "Gettysburg - Stories of the Red Harvest and the Aftermath," and hope soon to find a copy of "Swords of Steel."

It is very pleasant to look back to the afternoon when we called at your home and I hope that we shall all meet again in connection with some historical quest.

Very truly yours,



James L. Tryon

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Salisbury, N. C.  
July 12, 1935.

*612 S. Main.*

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My dear Mrs. Lewars:-

Since seeing you in Baltimore I have been to look over the records at the Federal Cemetery. I find the name "R. Vincent, 3rd New Hampshire Regiment-Died Dec. 5, 1864." It is all so interesting. I was just held to those lists of names! The exact trench in which Livingstone is buried cannot be definitely established but approximately so.

Now is it known beyond a doubt that R. Vincent was Rupert Livingstone? Then, if so, there must be a tablet placed giving the public the information and to the honor of the Livingstone name. How can one proceed in the effort? Perhaps this is your purpose in really making the effort in locating the burial spot. Is there an organization or a fund one may reasonably expect to get help from or money for to this end?

I am wondering if the Women's Auxiliary of the G.A.R. might not want to do this. And then again, religious bodies right here in the city might be interested in doing it. It would be a worth-while project to arouse greater interest in African mission work, and also in our Livingstone College here.

Persume you know that the last entry in David Livingstone's diary is something like this, "Let me add this in my solitude, may Heaven's richest blessing descend upon all-whether American, English or Turk, who may help to heal the open sore of Africa"-Of course meaning the slave trade. This was entered presumably just before Livingstone was found dead upon his knees by some of his servants-followers.

Do any of the boy's family still survive? Have you learned anything from them? The fact that Henry M. Stanley came to America and fought in the Union Army (after serving in the Confederate) is interesting beyond measure in this connection. Mrs. Lewars, you could make such a wonderful story! Write it!

May I hear just what you hope to do relative to marking the grave and whether I can be of any service in any way? Perhaps Dr. Boozer is looking further into it and that is fine. But if I can help I should enjoy it greatly. Have you any idea what a bronze tablet 18 by 24 or some such proportions would cost?

Most sincerely yours,

*Virginia S. Morgan*



612 S. Main St.,  
Salisbury, N.C., June 11, 1935.

My dear Mrs. Lewars:-

Almost invariably on Decoration Day (Known in the South as "Niggers' Day") I wend my way to the Federal Cemetery just one block from our door. About two weeks ago I strolled thru the sacred enclosure and stood beside the trenches (18 of them) holding over 12000 of what remains of human bodies-unknown, unsung and largely unnamed. -I reminisced! I wondered! I thought of that day when all shall rise and of-"WHO ARE THESE"! And I thought, "Do I know know kith or kin of any sleeping there!" (My father and two brothers gave 12 years in the service enlisting from Pa. and Ohio, and another, Uncle Elias, sleeps in an unknown grave!) For a long time I rambled in body and in mind! A sweet, sad experience! -So much for preface-

Last evening Mr. Morgan and I called on Dr. and Mrs. Boozer living seven miles out and they told us of your letters and the most interesting information. All evidence points to one of those trenches -which of the 18 we know not nor can ever know-as the resting place of Dr. David Livingston's son, Rupert Livingston; alias, Robert Vincent. Dr. Boozer found that the records in the Keeper's possession, carry the name of One-Robert Vincent. How strange! Wonders, living and dead, all about us!

And I recalled my dear father's admiration of both Dr. Livingstone and Henry M. Stanley. On returning home I read what I could find on their lives. Strange to recall that Henry M. Stanley (For whom I have a brother named) also was a soldier, first in the Confederate and then in the Union Army. Perhaps his being in America was the real reason for Rupert's coming to America, also. Anyway, both fought for the liberation of the black man here in our country; while Livingstone gave his life for the black man in his own dark continent; and then Stanley later interesting himself in behalf of the oppressed in Africa-along with his search for Livingstone and his explorations. How I used to love to read "My Kalulu"!

Do you know that we have a college here by the name of the great Livingstone-"Livingstone College" for colored-a coeducational institution? The great Aggrey was once its President. And to think that the son <sup>of the great man</sup> for whom the college is named, rests so close to our door and so near to the institution of his name!

Dr. Boozer has seen the editor of our local paper and I do hope he makes a real feature of this wonderful information. We have also, near to Salisbury the grave of the widely known "Marshal Ney"! Come down and see our historic land! How I wish some marker could be set in the Cemetery giving the information as to Rupert Livingstone sleeping there-Suppose it could be written on a slab and placed at the head of the trenches near to the towering monument. That would be most interesting.

It is my hope to be at the Deaconess Board meeting in this mo. and we shall see each other then. Pardon me for taking your time but it all appeals so to me I just had to send these expressions.

Most sincerely,

Virginia S. Morgan  
(Mrs. J. L. M.)



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August 19, 1935

Mrs. Elsie S. Lewars  
Seminary Avenue  
Gettysburg, Pennsylvania

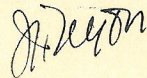
My dear Mrs. Lewars:

Returning from an absence, I find your letter of August 6 in which you speak of sending Dr. Boozer's letter to Mr. Charles Livingstone in Denver. When you write again, I should be pleased to know something more of Charles Livingstone if you find out anything more about him.

I wish that a memorial might be put up to Robert, and hope that some way will be found to commemorate him, but I do not happen to know of any fund that would be available.

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I hope that you will write again if anything turns up of common interest.

Very truly yours,



T:H

James L. Tryon



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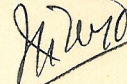
Mrs. Elsie S. Lewars  
Seminary Ridge  
Gettysburg, Penna.

My dear Mrs. Lewars:

I have your interesting correspondence relating to Charles Livingstone. At the time when your letter came I was absorbed in other things and could not give you an immediate acknowledgment.

I wish that some appropriate memorial, not necessarily expensive, might be set up to Robert Livingstone. Some single marker with a few lines would tell the story.

Very truly yours,



James L. Tryon

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