

**CW/VFM-148: *Endorsement by Surgeon Henry Janes on the Communication from President H. L. Baugher Regarding Damages to the College Edifice***

**Provenance:** Gift from William Wright, Class of 1961

**Biography:** Henry Janes, a U.S. volunteer surgeon who had served in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vermont Infantry, was placed in command of all field hospitals around Gettysburg by Jonathan Letterman, medical director of the Army of the Potomac. Before he left with the army on July 6, Dr. Letterman ordered 106 surgeons to remain behind with the 20,000 Union and Confederate wounded. Many of the wounded were soon moved to other hospitals or discharged from the service. Those who remained were collected into a tent hospital, known as Camp Letterman, located just east of the town along the York Road. Dr. Henry Janes was the medical director of that facility, and it was through him that claims for damages at all field hospitals in the Gettysburg area were forwarded to the Office of the Surgeon-General.

Reverend Professor H. L. Baugher was the President of Pennsylvania College at Gettysburg at the time of the battle of Gettysburg. The College and its primary building, known then as the College Edifice, stood in direct line of the Union retreat and Confederate advance during the afternoon of the first day of the battle. This large structure served as a hospital for Confederates and some Union wounded from July 1 until about July 29 when the last were moved to Camp Letterman. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, President Baugher submitted a claim for damages to the building and eventually received \$625 as compensation.

**Scope and Content:** In this one-page endorsement dated October 7, 1863, Dr. Henry Janes confirms that the College Edifice was used as a Confederate hospital during and after the battle but states that he has no direct knowledge of the amount of damage as it was mostly done before he became in charge of hospitals in the area. ADS 1 p.

**For more information:** About Surgeon Henry Janes and Camp Letterman, see Gettysburg Preservation Association; *Camp Letterman: The Lost Legacy of Gettysburg's "Hospital Woods"*, July-November 1863; 1997

About the College Edifice and its use as a hospital, see Coco, Gregory A.; *A Vast Sea of Misery*, 1988 and Glatfelter, Charles H.; *Yonder Beautiful and Stately College Edifice: a History of Pennsylvania Hall*; 1970

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