

have been. but it was not Obe. he
was assassinated before that. We have
copied the paper, just as it reads,
" Know ye that I do confer
hereby confer on Wm. S. Matthews of the
U. S. Volunteers, in the service of
the U. S. by and with the advice and
consent of the Senate, the rank of
Captain by brevet, in said service
to rank as such. from the 2nd day
of April, 1865. for conspicuous
gallantry, before Petersburg Virginia."
Given under my hand at the City
of Washington, this 20th day of
April, 1866. and in the 90th year of
of the Independence of the U. S.

Signed Andrew Johnson.

Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War,
Records Volume 4, Page 91.

Adjutant General's Office, April 20th 1866.

Would you like to know what the conspicuous
gallantry was? He had risen to be 1st Lieut.

One of his men fell, between the lines.

He, a mere boy, went out under fire from
both lines, picked him up, and carried him
to safety. It is said that both lines cheered
him. Of course it is Lincoln you are interested
in, but I think you will like to know this.

Blanche, Henry, and their daughter are in Florida
for the winter. I think they are fairly well,

Grace, my daughter, is the darling of my life, you
may have heard of her severe burn she received at the
hospital, while taking "Discharge". She was terribly
sick for weeks, and has not gotten her strength
back, yet, he built a pretty little home, right across
from the old "College": a fine new High School, now,
two very nice houses have been built just beyond
us, and more to come, when "times get better"
Mr. Malone is welcome to my address, if he wants it,
but I don't think the paper is what either of you
want. With much love,
Jessie L. Matthews.