

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF H. J. L. STARK
ORANGE, TEXAS

DATE May 27, 1937
TO Office Memorandum
FROM H. J. Lutchter Stark
SUBJECT

I have just returned from the cemetery. The vault has been cleaned outside and in. All of the crypts have been re-pointed with some kind of material that has stained the marble. The workmen there informed me that the plaster of Paris would chip out and that this material would stay soft and in a pliable condition always.

My understanding was that the contract was made to clean the outside of the vault, to re-point the seams in the granite, and to re-set the curb and re-point it.

Today is the first time I have ever heard it suggested that anyone should go inside and re-point the crypts at all. If this had even been contemplated, I would have had nothing whatever done. It is the height of carelessness, degenerating into imbecility to turn loose a corps of men, about whom we know nothing, without any bond whatsoever to play with at least \$12,000 worth of caskets and the bones of my own ancestors.

These are positive order, to be complied with immediately. I must have in my hands tomorrow a signed report from someone in my employ who has actually seen all of the caskets within the crypts between the time this memorandum is dictated - 4:15 p.m. May 27, 1937 - and the time the signed report is handed to me. I do not want any sworn statement from anyone that these crypts have not been opened. I want all of the daubing removed from the marble. I want this report in my hands before the crew now doing repairs leaves the city. Important: I take no responsibility for any accusation implied or suggested and see no reason why any of this memorandum should become public and disclaim any responsibility should it become public, but I wish it complied with.

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