

A Pathetic Incident.

The sad and untimely death of Prof. Alfred Mouton Gardner, of this city, calls to mind an incident of the late war in which his lamented father, General Frank Gardner, was one of the chief actors. The facts in the case were given to us by Hon. Wm. Garig, who, as one of the prisoners, was in a position to vouch for its correctness.

Upon the surrender of the confederate forces by General Gardner at the fall of Port Hudson, the private soldiers were paroled, while the officers were confined in various prisons throughout the country. Mr. Garig, together with a number of others, were taken to New Orleans, from whence, after a time, they were transferred to Governor's island and from thence, after a short period, they were transported to Johnson's island.

When the vessel containing the confederate prisoners from Port Hudson arrived at Governor's island, a venerable federal official, wearing the uniform of a colonel, took his position at the head of the gangway and grasped the hand of every prisoner as he passed by, with the pathetic remark, "I want to shake hands with my son's brave soldiers."

The man wearing the colonel's uniform was Colonel Gardner, of the United States army, and his son, who was captured after the gallant defense of Port Hudson, was General Frank Gardner, the distinguished father of the young man who died here the other day.

General Gardner married a daughter of the late Ex-Governor Mouton, and in early life removed to Louisiana, where he rose to distinction.

At the outbreak of the civil war he offered his sword and his life in defense of his adopted state. The father remained north and became a colonel in the United States army, but in Louisiana his name is revered because he was the father of one of the most gallant of confederate officers.

Prof. Alfred M. Gardner, whose death we recorded yesterday, inherited many of the admirable characteristics of his illustrious father and grandfather, and, though cut off at the early age of 24, his life gave promise of a bright future.—Baton Rouge Advocate.