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Reported to Heaven 22 October 2008

George Williams, Real Son

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LETTER FROM OUR COMMANDER

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Dear Brothers,

Thank you once again for the privilege of serving as your department commander for the 2008-2009 term.

It is hard to believe that the Holiday Season is approaching. Let me at this time, wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. It is also my prayer that you will all weather the current economic down turn with minimal hardship.

There were several events and happenings during the months since the last "Unionist" was published that bear mentioning:

- On Sunday October 5, 2008, members of the McCormick, Sherman, Grant, Wilhelmi, Asboth, and Phelps Camps, along with about 100 other reenactors, attended the Memorial Service in the Huzzah Valley for Private William Jackson, Company H, 47th MO Infantry . Gary Scheel, Commander and Martin Aubuchon, Jr. Vice Commander of the U.S. Grant Camp #68 did a great job putting this event together.

- November 7, 2008, Department Jr. Vice Commander Rod Price and I presented the colors for a Veterans Day ceremony at the St. Louis Veterans Administration Medical Center. Mr. Joe Frank, U. S. Army Vietnam Veteran and Chairman of the Missouri Veterans Commission was the speaker for that event.

- November 11, 2008, members of the Sherman and Asboth Camps attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery. It was held at the sight of a mass grave holding the remains of American, Dutch, and British Commonwealth soldiers. After the ceremony, Jack Grothe and I attended the Ground Breaking for the VA Medical Center's "Fisher House"--a place where the families of hospitalized service members and veterans will have comfortable lodging at no cost during their loved ones hospital stay.

- The Department of Missouri website has been draped in black for almost a month now, and will stay that way for another month. We mourn the passing of our brother George W. Williams, a Real Son and Grant Camp Member, on October 25, 2008. Members of the Grant Camp and the Asboth Camp provided honors at his funeral. I also just received word that Brother Paul E. Leistriz, PCC Wm. T. Sherman Camp, passed away this morning (19 November 2008). Arrangements are pending. Let us not forget to remember the families of these brothers in our prayers. We had a good Department Meeting on October 18, 2008. The agenda was full, and we accomplished a lot. My thanks to those who attended. I hope that each camp in the department will try to send representatives to our next Department Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 14, 2009, at the Capital Building in Jefferson City.

Finally, I look forward to attending the organizational meeting tomorrow night (November 20th) of the new Camp in Ste Genevieve, Missouri. Gary Scheel, the Camp Organizer, will host the meeting at his home.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Emmett P. Taylor

Commander

Department of Missouri

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Department Members who have Passed to the Other Side

Jon A. Reily:

It's our sad duty to inform you of the death of Brother Jon A. Reily. He died 22 October 2008, there was no visitation time set. Jon was born in St. Louis, Missouri on May 30, 1836* (1936). He joined the William T. Sherman, Billy Yank, Camp # 65, National Department, Camp at Large in 1983. He was recruited by Jack G. Grothe and Ellis E. Moore. He served various positions and was the camp commander in 1987. His veteran was his great-grandfather John R. Ern, who served on Major General Joseph Hooker's staff, Thomas' XX Corps with the rank of Captain. *Jon would pass himself off as an old Civil War Veteran.



Jon was born with a physical left leg disability. Yet this did not interfere with his activities. For those who knew him could just visualize him delivering boxes of supplies to tug boats on the river. December 4, 1998, Jon A. Reily, Jefferson Barracks County Park, Museum and Exhibit Technician for 22 years finally decided to retire. Yet even after retiring one could find him there polishing the leather saddle or impromptu talks and demonstrations of items in the visitor center. By trade Jon was an 'old world' bookbinder, leatherwork, and book gold stamping, and had the old tools needed for this ancient art. Even after retiring, he could be found at other county parks teaching bookbinding to children.

Because of complications with his birth defect, Jon has been at St. Johns Place, nursing home since January 2001. He was a faithful member in his camp attendance, thanks to Brother Funck who picked him up for the meetings and other activities. Our camp changed our meeting location from the main county library to Oak Bend Library just for him. Even in a wheel chair, Vernon von der Heydt could be seen pushing Jon in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery Memorial Day Procession or our camps Sherman's Birthday Ceremony.

Jon loved to talk, and would give lectures about the Civil War. Jon was also a member of Co. C, 34th Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry 'Rock River Rifles' Sons of Veterans Reserve as a teamster. His leather skills with harness and saddle were well appreciated, along with his carpentry.



Paul E. Leistritz

Brother Paul E. Leistritz was Past Camp Commander of the William T. Sherman/Billy Yank Camp # 65. He served as Camp Commander in 1997, 1999 and 2007. He was serving as Treasurer at the time of his passing.

He passed away on 19 November 2008 at the age of sixty-eight and is survived by his wife Joy and two sons, David and Mike.

Submitted in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty:

Commander William L. Groth Jr.

William T. Sherman, Billy Yank, Camp #65, St. Louis, Missouri

Department of Missouri

George W. Williams

This photo was taken at the National Encampment in St. Louis in 2007. It was a great day for him. He died on October 25, 2008 at the age of ninety-seven having been born October 15, 1911. He was a member of U.S. Grant Camp # 68 and will be sorely missed by all.

Submitted by Gary L. Scheel, Camp Commander U.S. Grant Camp # 68



Camp News

U.S. Grant Camp # 68

On a beautiful weekend in October the reenactment of the Battle of Huzzah took place. On Sunday October 5th members of the reenacting community participated with us in paying long due respects and honors to one who gave his all for his country. He was severely wounded being shot in the lung. After the Confederate forces had left the Carr family took him to the log church and did their best to treat him of his wounds. Their gallant effort was to no avail. He died of his wounds five days later. The family took him to where he now lays and marked his grave with a field stone. For one hundred and forty-four years he has lain at this site unknown to all and only marked by a field stone. He now is known and his grave is properly marked so all who pass by may know who this hero was.



2nd Lt Marty Aubuchon and others during firing of honors



(L-R Chris Warfel, Doug Ledbetter
John Spruyt)

As in all ceremonies, there is a lot of work that has happen before the day of the ceremony. On October 1st, Chris Warfel and Gary L. Scheel, both of the Grant Camp, along with John Spruyt and Doug Ledbetter, class-mates of Chris, prepared the grave site and place the grave marker along with the dedication marker. We are grateful beyond words in our appreciation to Bob & Karen Cottrell for giving us permission to come on their property and perform this act of honor. They and



(L-R; Gary Scheel & Chris Warfel

those who owned the property before them have preserved his gravesite. So many graves have been lost that it is a rare occurrence that a grave site is preserved with such respect.



Phelps Camp # 66

On September, 2008, several members of Phelps Camp traveled to Shiloh National Military Park and placed a wreath on the death site of

Colonel Everett Peabody, the colonel of the 25th Missouri, commanded the 1st Brigade, 6th Division of the Army of the Tennessee at the battle, and was killed about 9 a.m. on April 6, 1862 while bravely rallying his troops.

Pictured are Phelps Commander Greg Wait (left), Harry Clanton (center) and his father Phelps Camp member Bob Clanton (right).



Dug Springs Marker

On October 7, we helped the Missouri Department of Natural Resources dedicate a new interpretive marker for the August 2, 1861 skirmish at Dug Springs. The marker is located on the south side of the Clever, Mo. Middle School, along the historic Wire Road. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Larry Toll, Jim Denny (DNR), Alison Dubbert (DNR), and Robert Clanton. Larry and Bob are members of Phelps Camp, and I was there as well to represent the SUV and the National Park Service. Another marker was installed the same day on Mt. Vernon Street in

Springfield for Zagonyi's Charge (the recapture of Springfield on October 25, 1861).

Phelps Camp # 66 Firing Honors

A special corps of veterans, dressed in period costumes representing American soldiers throughout history provided firearms salutes for two dedications at Balltown Cemetery near Horton on Sunday, Nov. 9. A brief history of changes in weaponry and other military accoutrements was also presented. The first ceremony marked the rededication of the GAR section of the cemetery, dedicated to Civil War veterans. The second ceremony was the dedication of a new memorial to all who have served in the nation's military forces throughout history and today. (Taken from the Nevada Daily Mail & Herald Tribune, November 23rd 2008)



We will not forget'

Wednesday, November 12, 2008

By Lynn A. Wade ~ Nevada Daily Mail

"Fitting and proper."

It's a phrase made famous and much-uttered in honoring veterans, especially those who died on the battlefield, in President Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg address, uttered just 10 days shy of 145 years before the Nov. 9 dedication of a Civil War segment of the Balltown Cemetery and a new memorial in honor of all veterans who have dedicated service to the United States throughout more than two centuries. In the tiny cemetery, located about a mile north of Horton, Mo., dozens of local veterans, historians and their families came together to dedicate this graveyard and the memorial that stands within it. It was here that retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Barney J. Fisher echoed those words Lincoln had uttered on Nov. 19, 1863.

"There may not be a lot of people who know where Horton, Mo., is, but we will be able to say that what we have done here today is 'fitting and proper' ... in honor of all those who have fought to make a better way of life for all of us," said Fisher, retired, as he addressed the crowd on the chilly but sun-drenched hallowed ground of the Balltown Cemetery. Fisher also recalled more of Lincoln's words, "the world will little note, nor long remember what we say here," that November day so many years ago, but Lincoln was wrong. Vernon Countians have not forgotten and in fact have resurrected a memorial to those Civil War soldiers and another memorial to all soldiers who have served throughout the years. "We will not forget," he said. The crowd cheered as Fisher commended all those who had worked to refurbish the grounds and to prepare the way for the dedication -- local 4-H groups, local historians and others all supported the efforts of Robert Seater, himself retired from the U.S. Navy, and The crowd cheered as Fisher commended all those who had worked to refurbish the grounds and to prepare the way for the dedication -- local 4-H groups, local historians and others all supported the efforts of Robert Seater, himself retired from the U.S. Navy, and Tex McKinley. "They turned this into a labor of love," Fisher said. "God bless Balltown Cemetery, and the hands that refurbished it." The business of the day was two-fold -- to rededicate a section of the cemetery that is the final resting place for several members of the



Terry Ramsey places a bouquet of flowers in front of the new veterans memorial at Balltown Cemetery, located about a mile from Horton in Vernon County. The memorial was dedicated in a special ceremony conducted Nov. 9. --Photos by Lynn A. Wade/Daily Mail



During a ceremony dedicating a new veterans memorial at Balltown Cemetery on Nov. 9, Robert Seater receives a proclamation and an American flag from retired U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Barney J. Fisher, who is currently serving as the 125th District state representative. Seater spearheaded the rehabilitation of a plot dedicated to Civil War veterans and the construction of the new memorial.--Lynn A. Wade/Daily Mail

Grand Army of the Republic, Mt. McGregor Post No. 232. This was a fraternal organization of veterans of the Union Army who had served in the Civil War. Corner posts bear the name, as well as Civil War dates, an eagle and 13 stars, representing the 13 original states.

New, granite headstones had replaced the weathered limestone markers that had faded and fallen into disrepair, and an historical marker tells the story of Mt. Megregor Post, which moved to Metz in October 1895 and was given the burial plot in April 1898 by the Little Osage Literary Association. The GAR's last surviving member, Robert C. Elder, died Dec. 8, 1946; and in February 1954, the site was turned over to the Sons of Union Veterans. Members of this group, as well as members of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, took part in the Nov. 9 rededication ceremony, and local historian Arnold Schofield presided over events. The colors were presented by Holmes' Brigade, a Civil War re-enactment group. First Lt. Commander of John T. Coffee Camp 1934 Frank Carlton, gave the invocation. Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Phelps Camp 66 Senior Vice Commander Jeff Patrick offered historical information about the organization, and the Womens Relief Corps presented a wreath. Carlton also offered a benediction. A gun salute was conducted by a group of veterans in period costume, each representing an era of U.S. history. A Cottey College bugler performed "Taps"

With the GAR plot rededication fresh on their minds, the crowd turned its attention to the dedication of a new memorial, emblazoned with the symbols of branches of the U.S military, flags raised in honor of all U.S. veterans, and in honor of thousands of POWs and MIA still unaccounted for.

The crowd mingled during a short intermission, while television cameras and all manner of other recording devices were staged to preserve this moment in history. Harvey Akin moved his video camera as close to the area as he could. His father, a veteran of World War II, is buried in Balltown Cemetery. "It's historic, what we're doing today," he said. Veterans from several eras -- World War II, the Korean War era, the Vietnam era and times in between gathered in groups and waited with an air of somber respect surrounding them. Larry Selby, standing among fellow veterans, said simply, "We came to honor all those who served, to show our respect and our support." Veterans standing nearby nodded and echoed the sentiment.

The crowd fell silent as a new ceremony began.

Lawrence Cripps, U.S. Air Force, retired, gave the invocation. Representatives pf the Nevada High School Air Force Junior ROTC presented the colors while Bill Martin, Nevada, performed "The Star Spangled Banner."

Fisher addressed the crowd and presented a plaque of appreciation to Seater, and Patrick explained the history of the American soldier as it related to the historical sequence of costumed soldiers, known as "The Parade of the American Soldier."

The Cottey College Wind Ensemble played songs in honor of each branch of the military. A wreath was placed by members of local veterans organizations.

A gun salute was again performed, and a pair of buglers echoed the somber, familiar tune of "Taps."

Seater also addressed the crowd, and additional plaques of appreciation were presented to some of those who had worked to refurbish the Civil War area and to create the new memorial.

As the event became history, the crowd dispersed. Memories had been made, and a memorial had been dedicated.

It was fitting and proper.

Submitted by Jeff Patrick
Senior Vice- Commander
Phelps Camp No. 66

Gen. Alexander S. Asboth, Camp #5

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp/Co. C, 5th Regt. MO Vol. Cavalry, SVR manned a display booth at the Battle of Wentzville Civil War reenactment , September 6, 7, 2008. We distributed information about our Camp/Unit and passed out a brochure titled, "Flag Facts" which we found on the SUVCW National website.

While participating in the Huzzah Valley Reenactment, October 4, 5, 2008, We took part in the Private William Jackson Memorial Service. The Ladies of the Nancy A. James, ASUVCW also were there and laid flowers on the grave.

Our camp looks forward to the return next week of our Brother Gregory Decker. He has been serving for the last year with his Army National Guard unit in Iraq.

Mark McGehee

Commander

Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp #5

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William T. Sherman Camp # 65

The William T. Sherman Camp # 65 is pleased to announce that we have two (2) new members. Brothers Joe Difani, Sr and Joe Difani, Jr were inducted into the camp on 06 November 2008

The following Patriotic activities was also announced:

- 1) 06 December 2008, 0900-1030 Marking of the more than 3,000 graves of Unknowns at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Meet at the old maintenance building just east of the old Flag circle. This activity is led by Ms Lindsay Misagades (winner of the Founders Award in 2007) and her family.
- 2) 13 December 2008, 1100. The third annual Wreath-Across-America program at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Ceremony location will be marked. This event is being led by the Civil Air Patrol. Check Wreath-Across-America for additional information and details on ordering a wreath for a Veteran. Deadline is 01 December.
- 3) 10 January 2009, 0900-1030. Removal of Unknown grave markings.
- 4) 16 February 2009, 1030-1130. Wreath laying at General Washington's statue, Lafayette Park, St. Louis on President's Day. MOLLUS was responsible for obtaining two Revolutionary cannon that were placed in the park. For the last couple of years a wreath laying at cannon was held.
- 5) 22 February 2009, 1400. General William T. Sherman Day at Calvary Cemetery. Details later. Following program, all are invited to a fellowship luncheon (you order and pay for whatever you wish).
- 6) 25 March 2009, time not determined, at Valhalla Cemetery (7600 St. Charles Rock Road). The US Congress as designated 25 March as Medal of Honor Recipient Recognition Day. Two Recipients are buried here. DC Taylor is encouraging all Camps that have a recipient buried in a nearby cemetery to hold suitable activities. A draft proclamation to be issued by all political entity heads is available.

Bill Groth

CC, Sherman Camp #65

Dept. MOH Officer

U. S. Grant Camp # 68

On Tuesday November 11, 2008 three members of our camp met at Meramec Community College at 7:30 a.m. They were there to raise the flag on the school grounds. P.C.C. Coplin said a few words to the 40 or so people who braved the rain to take part in the Veterans Day presentation. Those in attendance were Mark Coplin, Marty Aubuchon and Dan Jackson who blew reveille on his bugle. Mark Breckridge a member of the Turner's Brigade and a Captain the the u.S. Army was also there to help raise the flag. Later in the morning at about 9:30 Mark Coplin and Marty Aubuchon went to St. John's Skilled Nursing Center, where Mark works and handed out twenty-three certificates of appreciation to the residents who are veterans. At 4 p.m. Marty Aubuchon and Dan Jackson met at Quinette Cemetery in Kirkwood to pay respects to the Civil War veterans buried there. Dan Jackson played bagpipes at the cemetery.

Submitted in F, C & L,

Mark Coplin, P.C.C., Secretary/Treasurer

Franz Wilhelmi Camp # 17

On November 2, 2008 our camp participated at the Franklin Co., History Fair at East Central College in Union. Several local history organizations from Franklin, Jefferson, and Warren Cos. had displays as well as and military hereditary groups including the SUVCW, SAR, and DAR. Several lectures were given on various genealogical topics with about 200 in total attendance.

The Franklin County Commissioner's Office is working on a Veteran Hall of Honor project where they are building a database and volumes of documents on all veterans from Franklin County. Our camp has been involved in this project and recent added over 3,000 names of Civil War soldiers to the project. There are still more Civil War Veterans to be added, as the total number could reach 5,000, but the data our camp has been collecting for several years was a very large block of the total. This project was originally planned as just a list of names on the walls of the new Franklin County buildings but has since grown into a master repository of veteran records, photos, and biographies that will benefit many generations to come.

Our regular camp meetings are held at Lewis' Cafe in St. Clair, MO the last Tuesday of each month but we are looking into holding some in the future as public meetings with the Franklin County Commissioner's Office with a focus on the Veterans Database and having members our camp give various presentations.

In F, C, & L,

Doug Niermeyer

Lt. Col. J. Felix St. James Camp # 326 (Organizing)

On November 20, 2008 we had our first organizational meeting. There were five men who verbally committed to form a camp in Ste. Genevieve, MO. Our sixth man was sick and informed us that he had sent a check the day before. Department Commander Emmett Taylor gave us a power point presentation about the history of the GAR and the SUVCW which was very good. We discussed some of the aspects and goals we might have as a camp. Our next meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2009.

In F, C & L,

Gary L. Scheel, Camp Organizer



PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles Sumner Crysler, PDC Sons of Veterans of the United States of America Division of Missouri 1884-1886



Charles Sumner Crysler was born 21 August 1856 in Marcellus, New York to Cornell and Nancy (Dunlap) Crysler. His father, Cornell, graduated from Albany Law School, then married Miss Nancy Dunlap and started a family with three children, Fanny, Charles, and Cornell. The elder Cornell began practicing law in Marcellus and eventually moved the family to Syracuse where he built a lucrative practice.

When the Civil War began, Cornell put his business aside and answered Lincoln's call raising volunteer Company D 122nd New York Infantry serving as its captain. Capt. Crysler participated in every campaign up through the battle of Antietam. He then rode with Gen. Sheridan to Winchester.

Following the war, Cornell's poor health forced him to search for a better climate than New York could offer him. In 1868, he moved his family to Independence, Missouri. He kept his residence in Independence for 20 years becoming mayor in his last year as a resident of the town. By the end of his term, he had moved to Eldorado Springs, Colorado.

The younger Cornell Crysler died unexpectedly at the age of 16 making it impossible for Charles to stray away from his parents. At an earlier age, both boys were promised scholarships to attend Cornell University to study law. Now, Charles decided to remain in Missouri and he began to study law with Corning and Slover in Independence in 1875. The Kansas City Bar admitted him on 1 June 1879.

On 1 October 1879, Charles married Harriet E. Child, daughter of John Adams and Sarah (Drake) Child. Sarah was a descendant of William Brewster, a Mayflower passenger.

Charles Crysler is best known as a prominent and successful attorney of the law firm of Harkless, Crysler & Histed of Kansas City, Missouri which was organized in 1890 and made its office in the Grand Avenue Temple.

In 1884, Mr. Crysler became a Charter Member and, subsequently, the first Division of Missouri Commander for the Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, a term he held for two years.

Charles Crysler died 8 February 1915 at his home, 1001 Askew in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 58 years, 5 months, 18 days. He was interred in the Crysler family lot #697 of the Kansas City Heritage Gardens section in Mt. Washington Cemetery next to his father.

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Submitted by Department Senior Vice Commander Brian Smarker, Westport Camp



Tidbits of Missouri Civil War

Who was Big Pete?

Born April 12, 1839 in McLean, Illinois. Died of pneumonia Dec. 6, 1915 at his home in Mexico,

Missouri. Pvt. Peter McCullough joined the 8th Missouri Infantry out of McLean, Illinois just outside Bloomington, Illinois. He was wounded at Fort Henry. He was taken prisoner near Jackson, Mississippi, just after the Battle of Vicksburg.

OBITUARY OF PETER McCULLOUGH "HANGING JUSTICE" OF ANDERSONVILLE STOCKADE IS DEAD

Reported in the *DAILY INTELLIGENCER*, Audrain County, Missouri

The article is dated Monday, December 6, 1915.

"Big Pete" McCullough, who sentenced 6 fellow prisoners to death and helped carry out sentence, dies. Peter McCullough, the "hanging judge of Andersonville Prison", 76 years old, died Sunday night at his home on South Washington Street of pneumonia. He was ill only a few days "Big Pete", as he was known in Andersonville stockade, was a native of McLain County, Illinois. He was born April 12, 1839. He came to Mexico, Missouri, 35 years ago. He leaves his wife and one son, Richard McCullough of Cameron, Kansas.

Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday afternoon at the home.

The records of the War of the Rebellion do not show that 6 Union soldiers, who were captured by the Confederates, were executed by their fellow prisoners in Andersonville Prison. Nevertheless, the 6 men were hanged. They were charged with being ringleaders in raids when they stole the scanty rations of other prisoners, their valuables, and as McCullough expressed it, *"they took our lives when they took our grub."*

"The gang was know as "The Raiders", McCullough told a reporter for the *INTELLIGENCER*, "and they had everything their own way nearly 3 months. We sent a petition to the prison authorities and requested relief. They granted our request and sent in a body of armed men, to whom we pointed out the raiders. In three hours, we had rounded up 200 men, who were identified with all kinds of villainy. They were marched outside the stockade that they might receive a fair trial. In fact, the raiders begged to be taken out for fear of violence as there were 35,000 prisoners in the stockade and everybody was against the raiders.

The stockade was in command of Capt. Henry Wirz, a Swiss, who was a physician. He afterward was executed by Union troops after a court martial. Gen. John A. Winder was his superior officer. Wirz informed our leading men he dared not proceed against the raiders, either by Court Martial or by civil law, but added he would permit us to organize a court, elect a judge, and impanel a jury to try our prisoners."

"I was elected judge of that court and the first day I tried fully 100 men for petty misdemeanors, the raiders soon saw we meant business and like men of today, they wanted immunity.



In a short time, we had the ringleaders spotted and their trial was ordered."

"We permitted them to select their own attorneys and we had some good ones, too, in the 35,000 men in the stockade. The trial lasted 2 days and finally the 6 raiders were found guilty of murder, or of such crimes that made their presence among us intolerable. They were sentenced to death."

"Upon the pretense of going out for "firewood", 12 of our men were permitted to leave the prison although under watchful eyes of the sentries. They obtained the "firewood", which, in reality, was timber of building a scaffold. We informed Gen. Winder of our intentions to carry out the death sentence, and, like Pilate, he washed his hands of the affair and declined to take official notice of it."

Father Hamilton, a priest who visited us often, was called to administer the last rites to the dying. The condemned men, even then, thought the whole thing a hoax concocted to frighten them and they refused to believe we were in earnest until they were brought within sight of the scaffold.

When the 6 were led out, a big fellow named Curtis from New York looked up at the scaffold. 'Hang me? God, no,' he cried and broke away from the fellow who was holding him and ran down to a camp of prisoners, yelling at every jump for them to save him. Instead of saving him, they brought him back to us, and Curtis was marched up to the scaffold behind Father Hamilton and the rest of the condemned men.

"We had everything ready and the nooses were quickly adjusted. We had no trap doors, but a man was stationed behind each prisoner and at the word we gave each man a shove. The drop was 6 feet. The rope broke on one wretch as he dropped. He came begging for mercy. He was seized, the rope was re-adjusted, and he went with the others."

"The hanging broke up raiding. We formed a league amongst the better class of prisoners and were allowed to punish all offenders in the stockade."

McCullough's statement is borne out by a writer in the CENTURY MAGAZINE in 1890, who referred to "Big Pete", but did not remember his last name. The writer's name was T. H. Mann. He was a physician and lived at Milford, Massachusetts.

"Big Pete, the chief of the league, exercised absolute authority to punish all offenders," Dr. Mann wrote. "After the execution he was chief of police, judge and jury. He often carried out his own sentences, he had a kind heart, and there was many a poor fellow, who could speak of acts of kindness received at Big Pete's hand".

The six raiders who were condemned to death were:

William Collins - Private, 88th Penna.Inf., Co.K ; born in England in 1835; enlisted at Philadelphia Oct 3, 1861; fought at Gettysburg; captured Rapidon, VA and interred in a Richmond prison; sent to Andersonville March 4, 1864

Charles Curtis - Private, 5th RI Heavy Art; born in Canada; 5'5"tall; enlisted at Providence, RI July 27, 1863; captured Croatan, NC May 5, 1864

Patrick Delaney - Private, 83rd Penna Inf.; born in Ireland; drafted at Reading, PA September 1863

Andrew Muir - United States Navy; born in Dublin, Ireland; captured June 3, 1864, while aboard the U.S.S. Water Witch in Albemarle Sound, NC; sent to Andersonville June 7, 1864

John Sarsfield - Private, 144th NY Inf.; born in Ireland 1841; cobbler by profession; enlisted at Brooklyn, NY September 1, 1863; captured in the Wilderness May 5, 1864; interred at Belle Isle and Andersonville prisons

John Sullivan - Private, 76th NY Inf.; born in Ireland; 5'3"tall; enlisted at Rochester, NY September 1, 1863 at the age of 27. **Article copied from the following website:**

<http://members.aol.com/CXGallery/BioMcCulloughP.html>

THE GUIDON SGT. JONES BRADBURY CAMP #149 SUVCW MEDIA-WEST CHESTER, DEPARTMENT OF PA AUGUST 2008 VOLUME 10 NUMBER 8 (Sent to the Editor by Brother Steve Michaels THE BANNER EDITOR)



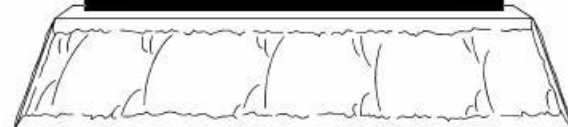
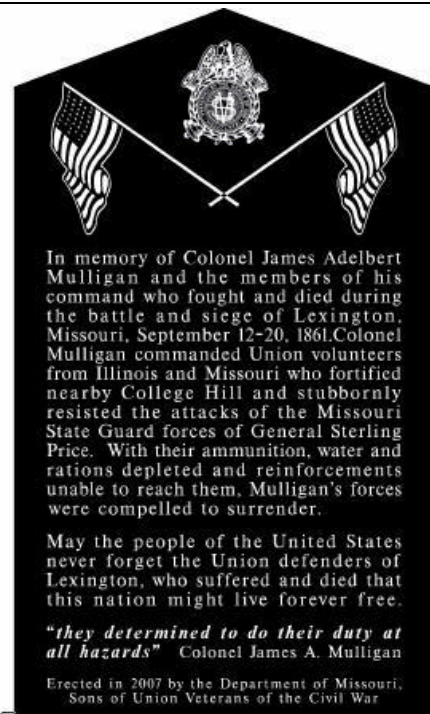
GENERAL INFORMATION

UPCOMING BATTLE OF LEXINGTON UNION MONUMENT

Phelps Camp #66 of the Sons Of Union Veterans of the Civil War (Springfield, MO), will be dedicating a monument to Union soldiers who fought September 13-20, 1861 at Lexington, Missouri (Battle of Hemp Bales) either May 30 or September 20, 2009 (TBA). They are still accepting donations no matter how small they might be.

They still have a deficit of about \$1500.

Send your donations to John Rutherford, 1329 S. Meadowview Ave, Springfield, MO 65804-0556. Make check out to Phelps Camp #66



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SURPRISE TO THE EDITOR

I have a fairly good amount of books as pictured to the left (just a slight exaggeration). I pulled one out entitled "War Letters" edited by Andrew Carroll. It has in it letters from soldiers and their families from the Civil War to the

Persian Gulf War. When reading the Civil War section I was surprised to find two letters of soldiers either from Missouri or to Missouri.

The first letter was by a member of the 55th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry. This was an African American regiment that was formed the same time as the 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry depicted in the movie "Glory". This private wrote a letter home to his wife who was a slave in Missouri.

The second letter was from an officer who was in the 32nd Missouri Infantry Regiment during the siege at Vicksburg, MO. The 32nd Missouri Infantry was combined with the 31st Missouri Infantry on November 11, 1864. I found this interesting because of the book I wrote about the 31st Missouri Infantry Regiment.

When I purchased the book, I never dreamed that with all the Civil War letters out there that Missouri would have a place in this great book. If you like to read letters from those who were there, I recommend this book. It was published by Scribner in 2001.

9th Missouri Sharpshooters CSA

On October 1, 2008, nine members of this reenacting regiment assembled at the church in Palmer, MO.



They arrived around ten a.m. Names: L to R Dime Hollingsworth, Mike Girdner, Brian McCarthy, Skyler McDonald and assembled at the church.

Randy Hampton, Matt Neihaus, Rich Long, Dave Shrum & Dave Wiess.

Their mission was to retrace the retreat route from Webster, MO to the Huzzah Valley battlefield arriving on October 3rd. They marched from the church to the box spring and

filled their canteens as Private Azariah Martin, 47th MO Infantry Regiment mentioned in his memoirs of the retreat. The photo to the left is of the same box springs that Martin mentioned.



One of General Price's goals on his invasion of Missouri in September 1864 was to bring to

the Confederate army, forty thousand recruits that he was sure would stream to him as he marched through Missouri. Unlike Price, in two days march the 9th Missouri Sharpshooters arrived at Huzzah Valley Resort with seventeen men. Almost doubling in size by the time they arrived. I was there to watch them leave. In the photo to the left you see one Yankee who still controlled the town after the departure of this enemy force.



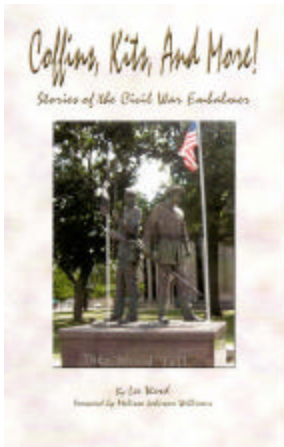
I am holding the grave marker for Private William J. Jackson of Company H, 47th MO Infantry Regiment who spent his last night to catch some rest on this earth at

Webster (now Palmer). He was killed the next day at the Battle of Huzzah Valley.

It was my honor to be invited to attend this tribute by the 9th MO Sharpshooters, to those who wore the Blue and the Gray. (Photo's and story submitted by Editor Gary Scheel)



SUTLER'S STOP



Brother Lee Ward a member of the Westport Camp is the author of this book entitled, "Coffins, Kits, and More! Stories of Civil War Embalmers." 170 pages with a soft cover. To purchase this great book e-mail Brother Ward at ilward64050@yahoo.com or send a check or money order to: Lee Ward \$17.95 + \$2.50 for shipping.

805 W. Brewster Lane
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Bro. Ward says, "Embalming as we know it did not exist before the Civil War." This book covers an area that we all know existed but have never read about. It is a must have book for your Civil War library. (Editor's Note: I have read this book. This is a great book. Just the information pertaining to President Lincoln makes this book a must read)

Raspberries

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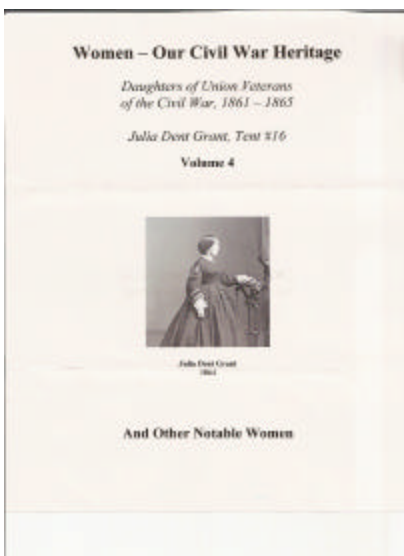
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Sandy Walther, Proprietor

"Something for the wife to do while you do that Civil War stuff at Fort Davidson Historic Site and Pilot Knob MO."

Take Hwy 21 south of Ironton and go under Hwy 72 overpass. Next road on right is Walnut St. Make a right. Go one block, then make right onto College. Next cross street is Cedar St. and our driveway, Make a right. Go to the bottom of the hill.



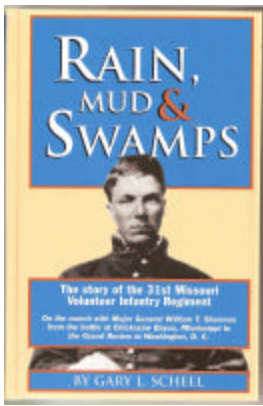
BOOKS FOR SALE FROM:

Julia Dent Grant, Tent #16 DUVCW

Our new book IV titled "**Women: Our Civil War Heritage and Other Notable Women**" has been released. It is a great book with lots of Civil War history. The book is 244 pages plus an index and photos. Thanks to Sister Rebecca Konersmann for initiating this project when she was President of our tent and to the book committee who worked so hard to get it completed. For your copy send your check for \$ 15.00 plus \$3.00 if mailed to:

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Rain, Mud & Swamps

Civil War book written by Gary L. Scheel member of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. 704 pages, hardback, 20 photo's, 20 maps and roster of the regiment.

Complete history of the 31st Missouri Infantry Regiment as they marched through eleven States in secession. They were under the command of General William T. Sherman from December 1862 through the end of the war. If you would like to order a copy send \$22.50 to Gary at:

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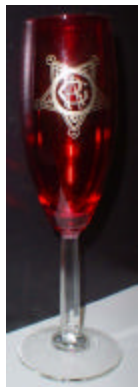


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