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Commander in Chief David V. Medert, PDC (middle front row) and officers of our National Order of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War National Encampment of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic August 7-10, 2008 at Boston, MASS.

Photo by Cher Petrovic

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# DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

## Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War

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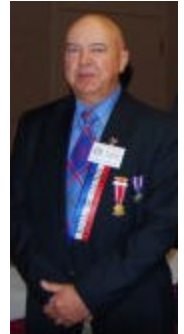
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Dear Brothers,

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

It has been a pretty busy summer for me, as I'm sure it has been for many of you. On 19 July 2008, I was the guest of the McCormick Camp for their first annual camp picnic held at Pilot Knob. The food and fellowship were wonderful, and the camp's newly formed SVR unit practiced some drill. At the invitation of the Sherman Camp, I participated in the Noonan Civil War Memorial Dedication Ceremony at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis on 26 July 2008. Please let me know when you might like to have me visit your camp or attend one of its functions.

The big event of the summer has been the 127th National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Boston, Massachusetts, 7-10 August 2008. Walter Busch, PDC; Robert Petrovick, PDC; Donald Palmer, PDC; and Charles Funck, PDC ; and I were in attendance. (Please see Department Order #4 on our Dept. of Missouri website.)

As is always the case, there were many items on the agenda at national. David V. Medert, PDC (Past Department Commander) and retired commander of the SVR, is the new Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I believe he will be a great C-in-C.

St. Louis is being considered for the 2014 National Encampment. This will be during the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of the Civil War. Also, The SUVCW is looking for a new site for its headquarters. Currently, we have a small office at the Civil War Museum in Harrisburg, PA. Any department that thinks it has a good sight for the HQ is asked to put together a proposal that will be presented at next years National Encampment. I have already talked to people at Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis and there may be a sight in one of the historical buildings at JB that would be available in the near future. I will be working on this, and hope to have a definite proposal ready by early next year. If someone in the department would like to be on a committee to work on this project, please contact me. Finally, I have been in contact with the Lodge of the Four Seasons at the Lake of the Ozarks. They are very interested in hosting our 2009 Department of Missouri Encampment, have come up with a room rate of \$99 @ night (far below their normal rate) and a meeting/dinner room with no setup charge. Please let me know what you think of this idea. We need to make a decision about this very soon. I hope that each camp in the department will try to send representatives to our department meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday, October 25th, at the Capital Building in Jefferson City. We will have much to discuss. However, I want you all to know that I run a tight meeting that will not drag on. Immediately after the Department Meeting, Major Grothe will conduct a brief SVR meeting.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

Emmett P. Taylor

Commander

Department of Missouri

SUVCW



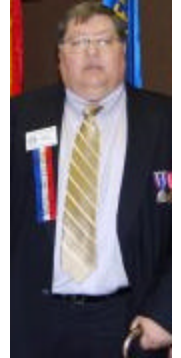
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# JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

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ROD PRICE

Department of Missouri  
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER



Brothers

I was asked to reintroduce myself to you. Some of you I've met during the SVR drills, the last several department meetings and encampments, as well as several burial and memorial details we've been involved with.

I'm married for 32 years and live in southern Jefferson County. The area is rich in local history and I've made that a second interest along with family genealogy

However, to everyone else I like to mention that at last year's encampment I was named **Promotions and Marketing Officer** for the Department and I hope to meet all of you in that guise to see if I can help get our camps better known.

Camp McCormick is one of the newer camps in the Dept. of Missouri. I was secretary our first year. In Dec. 2007, I was elected the second **Commander** for Gen. McCormick Camp 215. I'm following a tough act formally occupied by Chris Warren. I'm really lucky to have so many people who working so hard to improve our Camp and helping me as Commander.

I will also boast that our camp not only prints a newsletter, we have a website (hosted by the Grant Camp), and that after loosing two people due to transfers, have grown in membership by over 40% since January 2008.

Lastly, this year at Department encampment I was voted in as **Department Junior Vice-Commander** for 2008-2009.

I look forward working with all the Department officers and all the camps this coming year and I promise to do my best. Please don't hesitate to ask for help, I won't!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Rod Price  
Commander, McCormick Camp 215  
Junior Vice-Commander, Department of Missouri

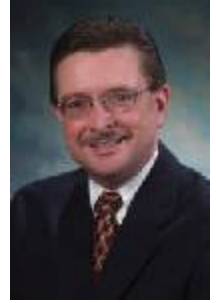




## *PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER*

**Donald D. Palmer, Jr.**

**Department Commander 2001-2004**



At the Sixth Annual Department Encampment in St. Louis, Missouri on June 23, 2001, the Department of Missouri elected Donald D. Palmer, Jr. of Ballwin, Missouri as their fifth Department Commander since the Department was re-chartered in 1996. He was re-elected at Department Encampments in 2002 and 2003 and ended up serving three consecutive terms as Department Commander. Don joined the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in December 1997. He claimed his right to membership through his Great-Great Grandfather, Sylvester J. Alden, a private who served in Co. D, 11<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry. Don served as Camp Commander of U.S. Grant Camp #68 in 2000 and, in addition to Department Commander, has held several offices at the Department level. On the National level, Don served two terms as National Chief of Staff and one year as chairman of the G.A.R. Post Records committee. At the 126<sup>th</sup> National Encampment held in St. Louis, he was elected to the post of National Secretary. Don is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (Spirit of St. Louis Chapter), Order of Founders and Patriots of America (Illinois Society) and the Society of Mayflower Descendants (Missouri Society).

Don is a graduate of West High School in Waterloo, Iowa. He attended college at Iowa State University in Ames, IA, where he received a B.S. degree in Physics in 1985 and a M.S. degree in Materials Science and Engineering in 1987. In 2004, he received a doctorate in Materials Science and Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis. Don began his career in the aerospace industry in October 1987, joining The Boeing Company (formerly McDonnell Douglas Corporation) in St. Louis, MO as a Material and Process Engineer. One of his major accomplishments included development of a multi-modal scanning system for detection of corrosion and fatigue damage in airframe structures. This technology has been accepted by the Department of Defense for inspection of military aircraft and has also received Federal Aviation Administration certification for inspection of selected commercial aircraft. Don received a commendation from the U.S. Air Force for his work in introducing new technology to reduce maintenance costs associated with aging bomber and tanker aircraft. In addition, he developed and patented a magnetic resonance-based process for detection of moisture and corrosion under thermal protection systems, such as those found on the Space Shuttle. Based on his expertise, Don was appointed to a NASA-led committee to evaluate new non-destructive testing technologies to evaluate Space Shuttle structures for damage in the wake of the shuttle Columbia accident. He holds three patents and has authored over 50 papers published in technical journals and conference proceedings. His string of significant technical accomplishments was recognized in September 2004 as he was elected a Boeing Fellow.

Don and his wife Kimberly currently reside in Ballwin, MO. They have two children, John age 9 and Sarah age 7.

Editorial Note: Brother Don was the previous editor of the Missouri Unionist.



# CAMP NEWS

## The General Alexander S. Asboth, Camp #5 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Gen. Alexander S. Asboth Camp is alive and well. Six of our members were in attendance at the Department Encampment in June. We were proud to have one of our brothers elected Department Commander for 2008-2009. Brother Emmett P. Taylor, DC attended the National Encampment in Boston.

The camp, along with the Nancy A. James Auxiliary to the SUVCW, has been regularly sending care packages to our brother, Gregory Decker, mobilized with the Missouri National Guard in Iraq.

We have plans for a busy fall with efforts to step up Eagle Scout recognition, graves registration, and identification of the Last Solder. The Camp/SVR unit will also participate in several grave/maker dedications.



l-r Captain Emmett Taylor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Greg Decker, 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant Charles Cummings  
Private William McGehee, Sergeant Harold James, Private Wayne Sampson  
Private Wesley Burnett

Editorial Note: I place the Camp News in the sequence I receive them from the Camps. So if you would like to see your camp information first. Get it to me first.

# U.S. Grant Camp # 68

On October 5<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m., we would like to invite all Camps who are interested to come to the ceremony to participate with us in paying honor to a fallen soldier. It will take place at the Huzzah Valley Resort near Steelville, MO.

During the retreat of General Ewing's Federal army from Fort Davidson, Ewing retreated through the farm of the Carr Family. Private Jackson was killed during this retreat and has lain in a grave that was marked only with a stone. Mr. & Mrs. Cottrell, owners of the Huzzah Valley Retreat have graciously consented to allow us to place a grave marker on his final resting place.

We feel that it is an honor to have the privilege to finally make known who has lain at this sacred site since September 1864. The Dr. Cyrus A. Peterson Papers at the Missouri History Museum on Skinker Avenue, St. Louis contained the information that verified who he is.

We hope that you all will take this opportunity to celebrate with us in this ceremony. If you are interested please contact Camp Commander Gary L. Scheel at 573-883-9397 or by e-mail at [somewhere1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:somewhere1@sbcglobal.net)

Below is a photo of the grave marker that will be placed at his resting spot provided by the Veteran's Administration.



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## GENERAL JAMES R. McCORMICK CAMP #215

### The Picnic was a Huge Success

The McCormick camp had their first annual picnic on Sat. July 19, 2008 at

Fort Davidson Park. Ribbons were given to all who came.

The food was great and everyone had a smile on. We had seventeen members and guest,

playing games, eating and some practice marching was done. They looked Good.

We were also visited by the Department of Missouri's Commander, Emmett Taylor.

**Rod Price, Commander**  
**James R. McCormick Camp 215**



# William T. Sherman Camp # 65



L-R: Major Jack Grothe, Company C, 34<sup>th</sup> Regt, ILL Volunteer Infantry SVR, and  
Commander of 4<sup>th</sup> Military District; Richard E. Schneider, Jr. of Slidell, LA,  
Sergeant Charles Funck, Company C, 34<sup>th</sup> Regt, ILL Volunteer Infantry SVR,  
Captain Emmett P. Taylor, Company C, 5<sup>th</sup> Missouri Cavalry SVR,  
Commander, Department of Missouri, SUVCW  
Not shown is William Groth, Camp Commander, Wm. T. Sherman Camp # 65

On 26 July 2008, a Memorial Dedication Ceremony for Corporal Thomas Noonan, Co. E, 4<sup>th</sup> New York Heavy Artillery was held at Calvary Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

SUVCW Brother Richard E. Schneider, Jr. of Slidell, Louisiana was inducted into the William T. Sherman Camp # 65 by Department Commander Emmett Taylor. Brother Schneider was also inducted into the Spirit of St. Louis Chapter, Sons of American Revolution by past Chapter President William Groth.

Brother Schneider is still recovering from the damages caused by Hurricane Katrina.

Also participating were representatives of DUVCW; members of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army: Woman's Relief Corps; LGAR; Auxillary, SUVCW; and Daughters of the American Revolution, Webster Groves Chapter.

# History Detectives Needed: Missouri's Last Soldier Project



by Walt Busch, PDC

The other day I was checking the Missouri Secretary of State's website to determine if they had 1940s death certificates on line yet. They now have copies of Missouri deaths from 1910 to 1956. This is a great find for genealogists, but can be an even greater help to our work on Missouri's Last Soldier Project.

The Last Soldier Project is an effort to determine the last living Union soldier in each of Missouri's counties. We know the very last Civil War Union soldier to die in Missouri is John Hutchinson, 46<sup>th</sup> Missouri Inf., Co. I, who died at 105 years of age on March 18, 1951. We also know the names of about 50 other veterans who should be the last soldiers in their counties. Some have been verified, but many have not.

I was on the website because there were two candidates for last soldier of Jackson county. The new data for the 1940s was up and George Johnson was quickly determined to have beaten the other contender for the title. The years 1946 through 1951 have yet been checked for other possible candidates, but George, an African-American currently holds the title.

The reason this was so quickly determined is because we had information about George and because starting in 1941, a change to Missouri death certificates took place. The certificates started showing military service and requesting information as to what war the service was in. George and the other candidate both clearly showed Civil War service. Hopefully each camp throughout the state will have some members who will make an effort to research the counties in their areas. This is how I recommend the search take place.

1. Go to the Secretary of State's Website: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/archives/resources/deathcertificates/>.
2. Do not type in a last name or first name. Instead, pick a county from the drop down tab.
3. Type in a year to search. Remember only the years from 1941 on (and only some of 1941) will have veteran information listed.
4. In counties like Reynolds, probably 40-70 records will return in a year. About half will be women and some will be listed as "infant" which should quicken the search considerably.
5. With high speed DSL, I was able to check records from 1941 to 1949 for Reynolds Co. in under an hour. Counties like St. Louis with over 2,000 death certificates listed in one of the years will take much longer.
6. Once the names are obtained, they can be sent to the Department Officer in charge of the Last Soldier Project for someone at a later date to verify their service (it does make a difference whether the service was Union or Confederate) or you can do it yourself.

With the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War coming up, last soldier commemorations can help membership drives for each camp.

The following is a list of counties for which some searches and information have been obtained. If the county isn't listed, no searches have been done to our knowledge.

## Adair County

**Hynds, Andrew J.** d. 1935. Cpl. Co. M, 2nd MO S.M. Cav. Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery -Kirksville, Mo Death date probably in error, Mo Sec of State shows died 18 Apr 1930 - Unverified

## Andrew County

**Caldwell, Joseph Harvey** buried in the Rochester Cem. in Andrew Co. MO. b. May 17, 1841 d. 29 April 1932. He was a private in Company L, Regiment 1st MSM - Unverified

## Barry County

**Wilson, Thomas N.** d. May 15, 1936. 13th Iowa Cav. Seligman Cemetery - Unverified

## Barton County

**Foster, Arsenus** Oct 15, 1848-Mar 20, 1941 Pvt. Co. K, 153rd IL Inf. Nigh Cemetery - Unverified

## Bates County

**Waters, Lyman Henry (Henry Lyman)** 11 Nov 1844- 27 Sep 1935. Co. B, 137th PA Inf. Crescent Hill Cemetery. - Unverified



**Waters, Lyman Henry (Henry Lyman)** 11 Nov 1844- 27 Sep 1935. Co. B, 137th PA Inf . Crescent Hill Cemetery. - Unverified

### **Bollinger County**

**Billings, William W.** Private, Company B, 29th Missouri Volunteer Infantry is buried in the Old Slaybaugh Cemetery in the Old Lutesville area of eastern Marble Hill in Bollinger County. He was born 25-Dec-1842 in Lincoln Co., TN and died 19-Mar-1934 in Crystal City, MO (which probably makes him a candidate in Jefferson County). He was wounded in action outside Atlanta in late July, 1864 fighting under Sherman. Charter Member of GAR Post #100 in Marble Hill. - Unverified

### **Caldwell County**

**Thomas, Stephen**, age 98, of Braymer, Mo. attended the last Missouri GAR encampment in 1940 representing Post 8. Last Missouri Department GAR Commander. He lists his service as 2nd Reg. Vol Cavalry from Missouri. Died January 1941 - Unverified

### **Carroll County**

**Key, William H.**, of Tina, Died Monday at home of son J.A. Key. He would have been 100 years old on March 15, 1936. In 1862 he enlisted in Company A, 65th regiment, enrolled Missouri Militia in which he served from July 28 to Dec. 6th of the same year. He then served in Company E, 4th Provisional Missouri Militia from May 7, 1863 until June 30, 1863. He was in Captain Wm. Beatty's company from Sept. 21, 1864. In October of the same year he was captured by the Confederates and was released Jan. 10, 1865. - Unverified

### **Christian County**

**Eliason, John** born 20 Apr 1844 died 4 Jul 1938. Co. B, 46th Wisconsin Inf. Buried Ozark City Cemetery. Unverified

### **Clark County**

**McCoy, Charles** Aug 6, 1846 - Sep 20, 1935. Co. E, 7th Iowa Inf. Sands Cemetery. - Unverified

### **Crawford County**

**Pinnell, Lunsford Lane** Born: 13 February 1848 in Lanes Prairie, Maries, MO. Died: March 1934 in MO, Private Musket Company G, 48th Missouri Infantry Private, Company E, 50th Missouri Infantry. Was involved in campaigns in Missouri and Arkansas. (He may belong to Maries County, Missouri, Last Solider Project but he was a minister and roamed the state). - Unverified

### **Dade County**

**Carlock, James Monroe** Born 1846 died January 1942. Co. I, 15th MO Cav buried in Rice Cemetery. - Unverified

### **Dallas County**

**Swift, Willis Harlan**, b. 12 Sep 1844, d. 21 Dec 1933. lived in Dallas County all his life. Served in Capt. Lemon's Co. C, Dallas County Home Guards, 24 Jun 1861 to 24 Sep 1861. Enlisted in 24th Missouri Infantry, Co. G, at Rolla, MO, on 14 Nov. 1861, mustered into service, 20 Nov, transferred to Co. B, 2 Dec, 1861. Pvt. Willis was never wounded or in the hospital for illness during the war, although briefly relieved from duty several times about 23 Dec, 1863. Therefore it is assumed that he fought in every skirmish and battle in which his unit was engaged for the duration of his service. He was transferred to Co. H, 2 Oct, 1864 and mustered out 28 Nov 1864 in St. Louis. Willis was Chaplain of the Gen. Frank J. Herron Post, No. 161, of the G.A.R. when it was organized in 1884, and attended G.A.R. reunions in Buffalo in 1904, 1905, and 1906. Willis died at age 89 on 21 Dec, 1933; he is buried together at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, MO - Unverified

### **De Kalb County**

**Bradford, John Jasper** 1841-27 Feb 1936. Co. C, 43rd MO Inf . Christian Chapel Cemetery - Unverified

### **Dent County**

**Manning, John N.** Buried New Hope Cemetery. A veteran of the Union Army in the Cival War, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elex Crisp, southwest of Salem, early Wednesday morning at the age of 92. Mr. Manning was born in Kentucky on May 3, 1844 and during the Civil War he enlisted under General Breckenridge at Lexington, Ky., in Company "E", 40th regiment as a volunteer. The captain commanding his company and many of his comrades were killed in action, and those remaining were combined with another company. With this company he served the latter part of the War under General Grant. Interment in the New Hope Cemetery under the direction of the Spencer Funeral Service. Died 7 October 1936. - Unverified

### Douglas County

**Dobbs, Richard** born 4/11/1840 in Tenn Died 9/7/1932 buried New Hope Cemetery near Drury, MO. in Douglas Co. was in Co H 46th Mo inf. - Unverified

### Dunklin County

**Gist, James Knox Polk** buried Cockrum Cemetery, Dunklin County, Missouri. Served as Private in Company E, 2d TN Mounted Infantry (Union). Born December 4, 1844 in Lauderdale County, Alabama. Died March 27, 1936. Caught measles while serving which left him with "weak lungs" and partially deaf. - Unverified

### Franklin County

**Confirmed by Wilhelmi Camp.**

Karl Charles "Fritz" Facius Died 5 October 1939 Mustered 21 Feb 1862 at age 21 in Co. E, 2nd Missouri Infantry Vols. Enlisted as a bugler Co E 2nd Mo Vols and later served in Co G 15th Mo Vols. Discharged for disability 3 Oct 1863. Buried at St. Johns E&R (UCC now) Church, Casco (Leslie), Mo. Grave dedication on June 24, 2007 by Wilhelmi Camp. Department SUV has copies of rededication info.

### Gasconade County

**Schiedegger, Frank** Aug 22, 1844 - Mar 17, 1933. Co. C, 2nd MO Light Artillery. Buried St. George Catholic Cemetery. He enlisted as a private and bugler in Co F 2nd Mo Lt Art. - Unverified

### Greene County

**Coon, William B.**, age 97, of Springfield, Mo. attended the last GAR encampment in 1940 representing post 69. He lists his service as 4th Reg. Vol. Inf. Co. L & G from Missouri. Died December 1942. - Unverified

### Grundy County

**Morgan, James** 1842-Jan 11, 1936. Co. I, 21st MO Inf. Sugar Creek Cemetery - Unverified

### Iron County

**CONFIRMED**

**WEBB, William Henry** Born: Feb, 1844 West Virginia, Son of John and Susan Webb.

Enl: Union 6th Mo Cav. At Battle of Pilot Knob Notation: A picture of Mr. Webb can be found at the Library of Congress, Manuscript Section, General Ewing's Paper, Container 212-213. Post-War: a member of the posse assigned to capture the notorious Sam Hilderbrand. His photo was taken at Fort Davidson 20 Oct 1930 with other visitors. Died: 8 Feb 1941, Ironton, MO

### Jackson County

**Johnson, George W., age 92, of Kansas City, Mo. Attended the last GAR encampment** in 1940. representing post 4. He lists his service as "Battle of the Potomac" from New York. Died August 1945. - Unverified

### Jasper County

**Osborn, William H.**, age 97, of Joplin, Mo. Attended the last GAR encampment in 1940 representing post 14. He lists his service as 117th Reg. Inf. 117th Reg. Inf. from Indiana. He was the national patriotic instructor in 1942 & 1947 and died in office as the national GAR junior vice-commander in 1948. Died October 1948. - Unverified

### Laclede County

**Turner, William** of Lebanon, MO was age 97 in May, 1940 and Attended the last Missouri GAR encampment in 1940 representing post 48. He records his service as 2nd Reg. Co. E Heavy Artillery from Connecticut. Possibly William H. Turner who died June 1941. - Unverified

### Lawrence County

**Haynes, William** May 31, 1846-Nov 11, 1939. Co. H, 15 MO Cav. Spring River Cemetery - Unverified

### Lincoln County

**Kowazek, William** of Hawk Point was age 92 when he attended the last Missouri GAR encampment in 1940 representing post 107. He lists his service as 49th C.A. Vol. Inf. from Missouri. Died December 1948. - Unverified

### Linn County

**Hooker, Enoch**, Pvt, 44th Mo Vol - US (1848 - 1944), buried in the Hooker Cemetery in Linn County west of Browning. (No record of a Enoch Hooker dying that year in Sec. of State database.) - Unverified

## Madison County

**HAHN, John Jasper** Born: 14 Nov 1848 Bollinger Co., Mo. Son of Joseph I. Hahn & Mary (Reagan) Mar: 22 Dec. 1873 Fulton Co., AR, Joanna Gadberry Enl: 15 Aug 1864, Co. C, 47th Missouri Infantry Disch: 29 Mar 1865. Muster out roll of Co. I, 47th Reg. Died: 13 Mar 1941 Mine La Motte, Mo. Buried Christian Cemetery, Fredericktown, MO Newspaper reported that he was the last Civil War soldier in Madison Co., MO.

SOURCE: Geraldine Sanders-Smith page 228 - Unverified

## Miller County

**Dickerson, John (E. or I.)** 1845- 15 April 1935 Co. E, 48th MO Inf. Billingsley Cemetery - Unverified

## Montgomery County

**Barker, James Legrand** b: 27 Oct. 1845 near Flint Hill, Mo. dm: 27 Jan. 1877 Montgomery City, Mo. and he d: 16 Apr. 1938 Wellsville, Mo. m: Emma Irene Meyers. He served with the Union Army in the Civil War from Mo. [Possibly with 67 EMM Co. C as a James L. Barker enrolled in that unit at Wellsville, If that is his only service, it may not be recognized as Civil War duty by the government.] - Unverified

## Nodaway County

**Huff, James Elias** 1845 - Jul 1934. Co. H, 2nd IL Cav. Wilcox Cemetery - Unverified

## Osage County

**Kapell, Charles** 11 Aug 1838 - 21 Oct 1934. Co. E, 4th MO Inf. Clary Cemetery - Unverified

## Ozark County

**CONFIRMED--**

**Hutchison, John**, John The last surviving Civil War veteran from Missouri is buried at the Isabella cemetery. He served in the 46th Missouri Infantry, Co. I, which was the same unit Silas Risley served in. Hutchison lived to be 105 years old. He died on March 18, 1951.

## Perry County

**CASH, Joel H.** (28 Aug 1844-Sep 1937)

Funeral Rites Last Friday For Joel H. Cash, 93

One of Few Remaining Civil War Veterans of County is Victim of Infirmities of Age  
Burial in Whitewater Christian Church Cemetery

Joel H. Cash aged resident of the Barks community in western Perry County and one of the few remaining Civil War veterans in this part of the country, died at his home at 12:10 last Thursday morning of the infirmities of age. He was 93 years old and totally blind.

Born August 28 1844 at Warwick, Indiana, Mr. Chas was reared on a farm and on August 20, 1862 at the age of 18 enlisted with Company 'D' of the 91st Indiana Infantry. Little is known of his military record except that he was discharged on June 26 1866 at Salisbury, North Carolina.

At the funeral, full military honors were accorded by the Sons of Union Veterans and Auxiliary and the American Legion, with members of the latter organization firing the customary three volleys at the graveside. (Perry County Sun 30 Sep 1937) - Unverified

## Polk County

**Mitchell, John O.** 1849 - Jan 1941. Co. F, 8th Iowa Cav. Pleasant Ridge Cemetery - Unverified

## Ray County

**Mansell, Zachariah** was born Feb. 10, 1844 in Tn. and served in Co. A 7th. M S M Cav. Mo. died in Ray Co. Mo. May 26, 1937 buried in Southpoint Cemetery, Ray Co., Mo. - Unverified

## Reynolds County

Missouri Sec of State Death Certificates checked from 1941 to 1950. No Civil War Soldiers Listed.

## St. Francois County

**Lee, William** Born: 12 Mar 1848 near Yount, MO. Son of John Lee and Mary Elizabeth Yount. Enl: 13 Oct 1864 Cape Girardeau Co MO, 50th Mo Inf. Co. G Disch: 26 May 1865 Died: 24 June 1940 Buried Masonic Cemetery, Farmington, St. Francois Co., MO. - Unverified (since he died only one month after Washington County's candidate and the article about that person says there are two left in St. Francois County, Lee may not be the last).



## St. Louis City

**Moreau, August**, age 93, of St. Louis, Mo. Attended the last GAR encampment in 1940 representing post 107. He lists his service as US Gunboat, Monitor, Navy, from Missouri. He died at St. Louis, Missouri, on April 27, 1945, aged 98. From NEW ENGLAND'S LAST CIVIL WAR VETERANS by Jay S. Hoar, Seacliff Press, Texas, 1976. - Unverified

## Scott County

**Sanders, John Mack** Born February 8, 1849 in Missouri. Private in the Scott (County) Home Guards. (He was just a teenager). He retells the story of how he was shot at (with a flint-lock rifle - he could tell, because he heard it, although couldn't see who was firing it) while crossing the farm fields on the family farm. Died November 16, 1932, but is not buried in the Sanders Family Cemetery. - Unverified

## Stoddard County

**Tweedy, William Cullen**, buried Fairview Cemetery.

Born August 19, 1842 in Cumberland, Kentucky, died August 2, 1938 at Acorn Ridge, MO. Married Susan Margaret Rough February 25, 1867 in Indiana. Six children all born Warrick County, Indiana. Joined Inf. Co H25 Indiana Volunteers. Moved to Stoddard County "...because I was in the area during the war and thought it would be a good place to live...". Attended 75th Civil War Reunion in Gettysburg, PA - Unverified

## Texas County

**Lynch, Ransom B.** 2 Oct 1845 - 8 Mar 1936. Co. K, 16th MO Cav. Long Hollow Cemetery – Unverified

## Vernon County

### CONFIRMED

Elder, Robert C. born Jun 4, 1844 died Dec 8, 1946. Pvt. 6th MO Inf. Green Mound Cemetery

### **DEATH COMES TO R. C. ELDER - 102-Year Old Veteran Of Civil War Is Dead**

R. C. Elder, Civil War veteran and former resident of Harwood, who in June celebrated his 102nd birthday anniversary, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herman Elder, near Walker, where he had lived the past several years.

Mr. Elder was born June 4, 1844, in Ohio. When 20 years old he enlisted for service in the Civil War at Little Rock, Ark, and until his death Mr. Elder held the reputation of being the only Civil War veteran in the county. A private in Company H, Sixth regiment, of the Missouri Infantry, he received his discharge Aug. 17, 1865...

Burial will be at the Harwood cemetery. The Waggoner Funeral home in Harwood will be in charge of services. ----- *The Nevada Daily Mail*, Nevada, MO. December 9, 1946

## Warren County

### CONFIRMED

Pvt. George C. "Uncle Cal Wyatt" Martin. Born a slave in Lincoln Co sometime in 1831 and died Nov. 30, 1937, having said to be 106 years old. Enlisted in Co D 62nd US Colored Infantry Vols, serving from December 8, 1863 to March 31, 1866. Buried at Wesley Methodist Church Cemetery, Wright City, Missouri. -- Info compiled by Wilhelmi Camp.

### **From The December 3, 1937 Warrenton Banner:**

### **Former Slave and Veteran Dies at 106**

### **Cal Wyatt, Last Surviving Civil War Veteran in County, Succumbs Tuesday [Nov. 30, 1937]**

Cal Wyatt, former slave and Civil War Veteran, said to be 106 years old, died at his home north of Wright City Tuesday evening about eight o'clock. His death followed a few days' illness. Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at 2 p.m. with military honors.

"Uncle Cal" as he was familiarly known, took an active part in the Warren County Centennial held at Warrenton last August. Taking the part of a Union veteran in one of the tableaux, Wyatt was one of the most interesting characters appearing in the pageant.

Wyatt lived quietly in a small log cabin which he built 69 years ago. His 76 year old second wife and several nieces lived with him.

The Negro's Civil War discharge papers show that he served with Company D, Sixty-second Regiment of colored infantry volunteers, from December 8, 1863, to March 31, 1866. He served as a slave under three masters. He was born on a slave plantation in Lincoln County, and was a houseboy until he was 15 years old. In his early youth, Wyatt worked as a field hand.

### Washington County

**WILSON, Jesse** born 9 Jul 1844. died 25 May 1940

~ **CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES AT FRANKCLAY**

**"Uncle" Jesse Wilson Last of the Old Soldiers of this County**

Jesse Wilson passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Foster, at Frankclay, at six o'clock Saturday morning, May 25, 1940, after a brief illness. Aged 95 years 9 months and 17 days.

Funeral services were conducted at the White Oak Grove Baptist Church near Shirley, at 11 a.m. Monday, by Rev. M. B. Hubbard of Potosi, with J. B. Boyer & Son undertakers. Burial was in the White Oak Grove Cemetery with military honors by the Cordia-Humphrey Post No. 255, American Legion.

The deceased was born in Nashville, Tenn. on July 8, 1844, the son of the late William Wilson and Elizabeth Raines. He came to Missouri in 1853 and settled in Washington County. .."Uncle Jesse" served his country during the Civil War and was the last survivor in Washington County of that conflict. Only two are left in St. Francois County where he had made his home most of the time for a number of years. He was a member of Company I, 131<sup>st</sup> Missouri Home Guards [Co. I, 8th Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia]. He was in the Battle of Lookout Mountain and was with Gen. Sherman's army in the march from Atlanta to the sea. He was a member of Post No. 348 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

### Wayne County

**Stratton, Hampton** born 24 Jun 1843 died 18 Sep 1937 5th Missouri Cavalry Buried in Chapel Hill Cemetery in Wayne County, Missouri near Williamsville. - Unverified

### Wright County

**James C. D. Clouse**

Born, 1846 died June 1946 and is buried in the Hillcrest cemetery. He was in Co. E, 5th Reg. Tenn. Inf. - Unverified

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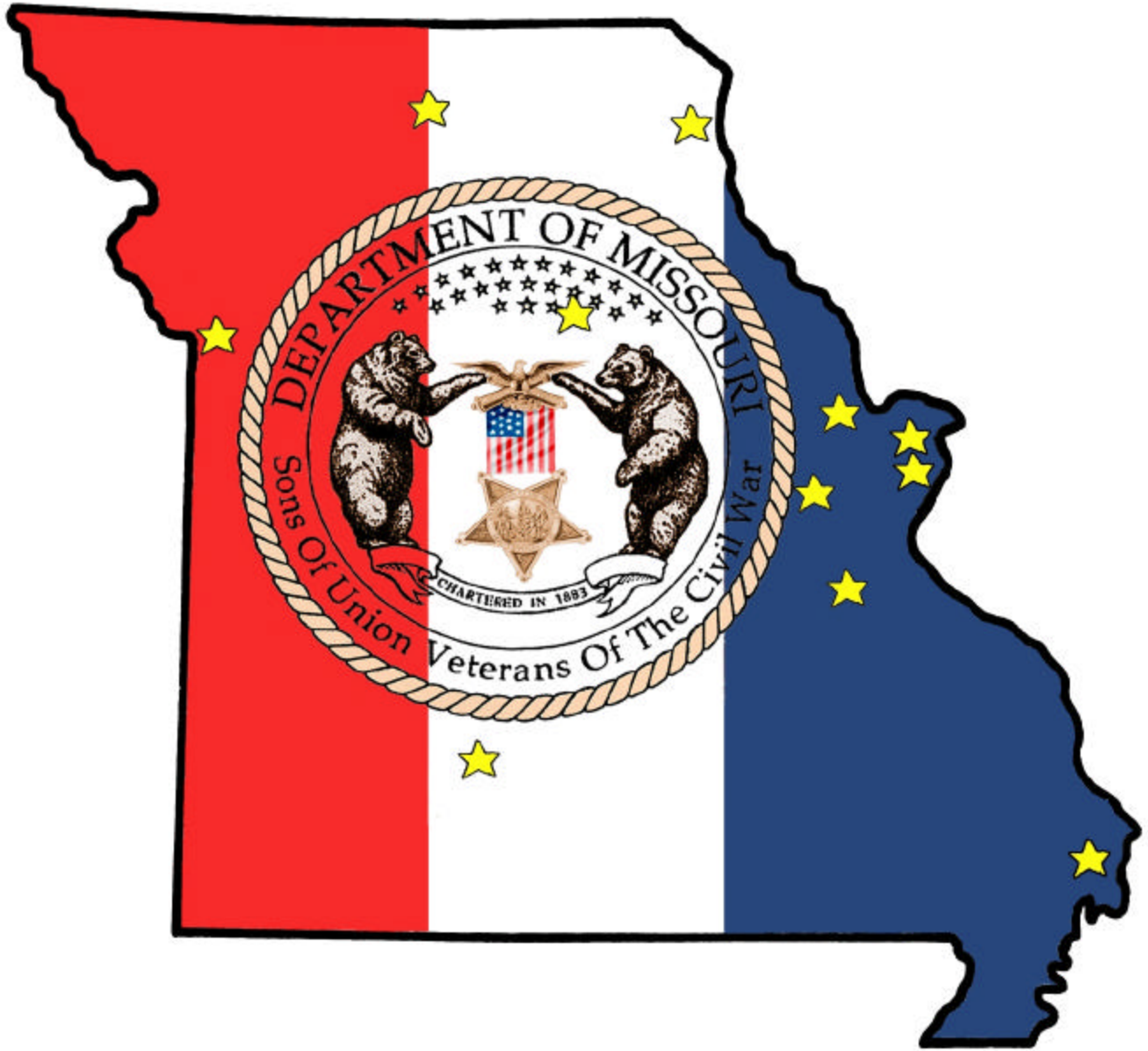
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Editorial Note: You may have noticed this map of Missouri with the Department of Missouri emblem in the middle at the head of each subject. Each camp is represented by a star. Cher Petrovic designed this map and has given me permission to use it for the Missouri Unionist. I wanted you to see the details of it in the large size.

Thanks Cher.





# FROM A CIVIL WAR VETERAN

FRANKLIN COUNTY RECORD  
UNION, MISSOURI      JUNE 8, 1876

MEMORIAL DAY  
ST. LOUIS, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup> 1876

Friend Record: Yesterday being the day consecrated to our fallen braves we thought some account of our visit to the National Cemetery, would not be uninteresting to your Franklin County Readers, who are liked to this one of "God's Acres" by many a tender tie. The day was all that could be asked for and as we steamed down the river on the "City of Alton" and saw the banks on either side covered with living green, while nestling among this verdure were the homes of our retired capitalists, we thought a fairer brighter scene could scarcely be conjured up by a magician's wand. The ride of 16 miles quickly came to an end, beguiled by the enlivening strains of the band on board, and at 2:30 o'clock we drew up to the wharf at the Barracks.

The grounds here rise abruptly from the river, so the Arsenal and Officers Quarters have a fine commanding position. The road ways were nicely graded and every thing was beautifully neat and clean. As we entered the grounds the soldiers were firing a salute, and the rapidity of their movements was quite astonishing to inexperienced eyes. As we passed around the large well shaded grounds, we saw cannon balls of all sizes arranged in pyramids. Shot and shell piled up on every side while cannon and small field pieces were found every where. One large square was surrounded by cannon of the same size, arranged so as to produce a most fine effect.

But we soon left all this behind us and entered the National Cemetery. The ground is rolling and well shaded by fine old forest trees. The walks and drives are broad and arranged so as to divide the ground into squares, and at each one a board informs us from what State the fallen warriors came. But even that was not enough for one large division was marked by that sad word "Unknown." Poor fellows! It is well the "All Wise Father," has no unknown, in his great record above but with tender pity marks each resting place. Thousands of people were surging up and down the broad walks, each looking for some loved one who was in his dreamless sleep.

We sought the graves of Missouri's sons, and paused long beside our fallen comrades of the 47 Reg. Mo. Vol. As we laid our floral tribute on their graves, we brought to mind the many scenes we had passed through together; on the weary march, beside the camp fire, and where shot and shell fell thick and fast. Let me mention some of them. George R. Philips of Com. D. 47<sup>th</sup>, Mo. Vol. lays in section 45, grave No. 155, died April 21<sup>st</sup> 1865. Wm. Gilly Co. D, 47<sup>th</sup> Mo. Vol. grave in section 45 No. 109, died April 8<sup>th</sup> 1865. Wm. Bullock, Co. F, 26<sup>th</sup> Mo. Vol. grave in section 31, No. 134, died Nov. 17, 1865. But we would weary you dead we name them all.

By another year the military authorities hope to have stones, to mark the resting place of their dead, which will be quite an improvement on the narrow boards that now head their graves. So absorbed had we become going from one low mound to another that before we were aware the (3 or 5 ink spot hides top of number) signal whistle from the boat rang out on the still air, warning us to quicken our footsteps and leave the "silent city" for one of noise and bustle. The twilight was deepening when we mingled again with the crowds upon the streets and we felt that it had been good for us to pause in the eager battle of life and learn a lesson from those who now rest so calmly.

“On fames eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread  
And glory in her solemn sound  
Guards the bivouac of our dead.

J.C.H.

Another interesting story right under the one above.

#### Letter of Inquiry

John Richey was the son of Moses and Susan C. Richey. He had three sisters, Lydia A., Jane and Elizabeth. But during the war his people became scattered, and he lost all trace of them, so that he don't know whether he has a living relative or not, and considers himself an orphan. Any information likely to enlighten him in this respect will be thankfully received by addressing John Richey, Plum Valley P.O., Texas Co., Mo.

[Newspaper will confer a favor by copying.]—Houston Democrat

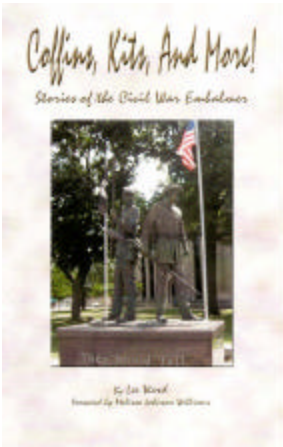
*Editorial Note:* Please allow me a few words. I found this article at the Library in Union, MO. I have no idea who J.C.H. is but that he describes his trip by river from St. Louis to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. It brought back to me the thoughts of what we are about. Our mission as Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as I understand it, is to continue to carry on the mission of our parent organization the Grand Army of the Republic. If the author of the first article was a member of the GAR, I do not know. If he wasn't he sure should have been. We are to pay honor to those who served in the Civil War to the best of our ability. How that may be, I leave for you to answer for yourself. As many of you know that since my wife and I have bought and started running a Bed & Breakfast in Ste. Genevieve, my activities in our organization have come to almost a standstill. The Missouri Unionist is one of the few ways that I can contribute and pay honor to my ancestors and others who served the Union during the Civil War. Thank you for allowing me to do this.

John Richey, in the Letter of Inquiry, I do not know anything else about him. On the Missouri Secretary of States web site there are four different John Richey's who are listed as serving in the Civil War. Was he a soldier who came home from the war and found everyone gone? I do not know but that is part of Missouri history of the turmoil after the war that we seldom hear about.

I would appreciate any articles that you all would like to send me to be included in the Missouri Unionist. I want to Thank everyone who has sent in articles for this issue.  
Gary L. Scheel, Editor



# 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](mailto:ilward64050@yahoo.com) or send a check or money order to: Lee Ward \$17.95 + \$2.50 for shipping. 805 W. Brewster Lane Independence, MO 64050 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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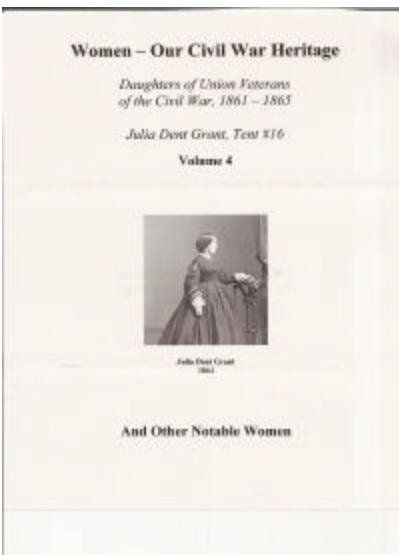
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Sandy Walther, Proprietor

"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.



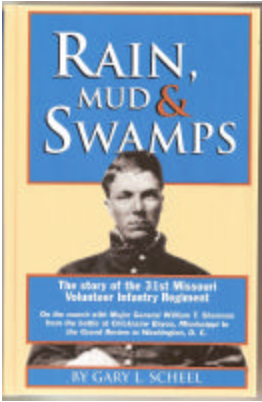
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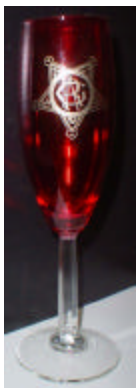


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