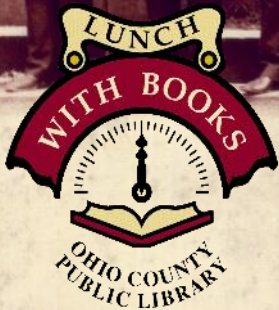


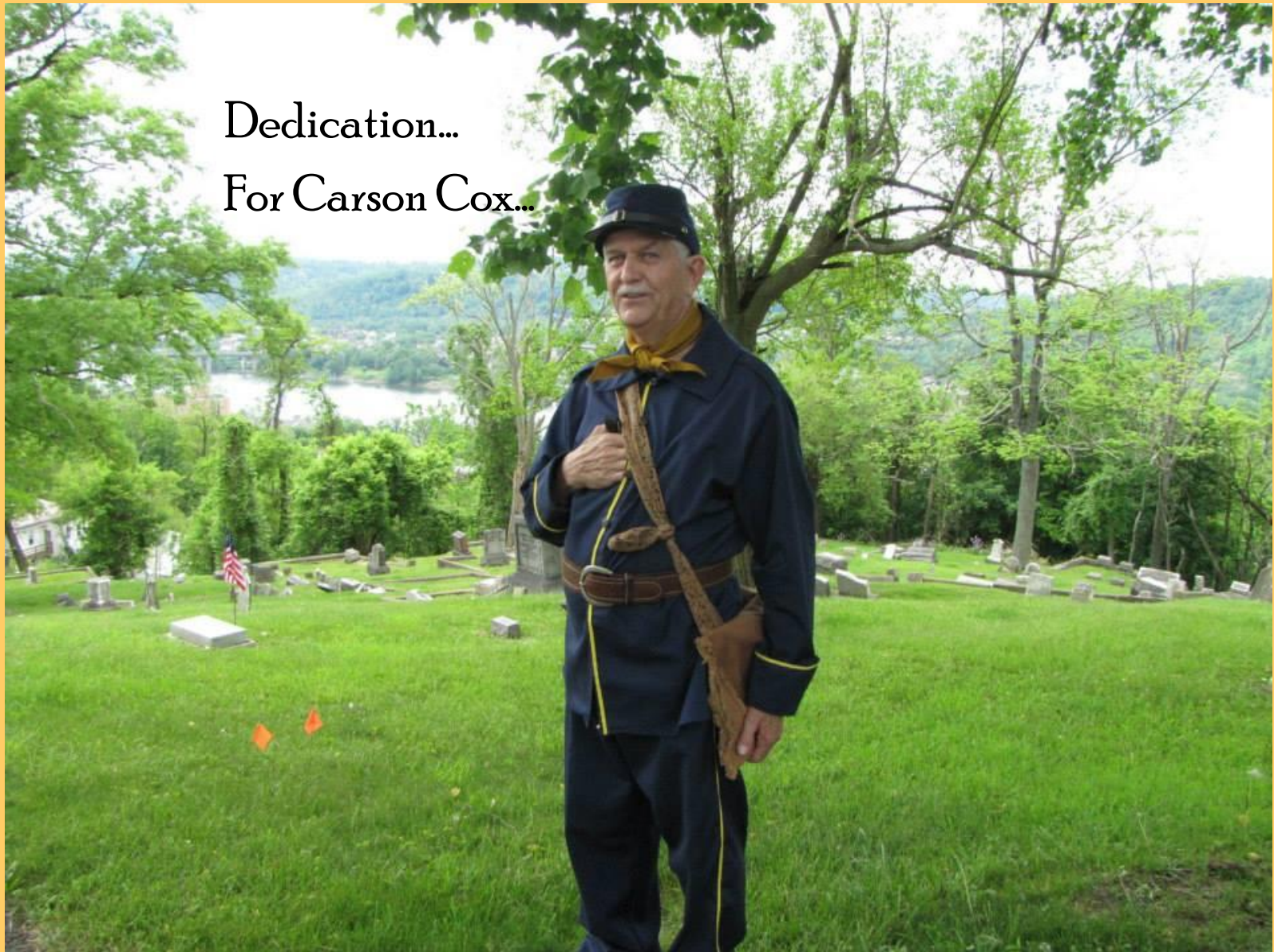
Fraternity,
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The Grand
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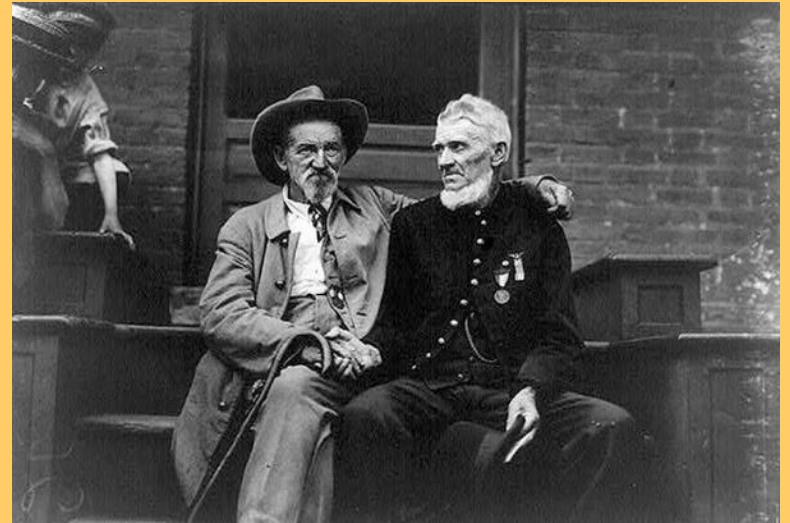


Presented by Jon-Erik Gilot and Seán Duffy

Dedication...
For Carson Cox...



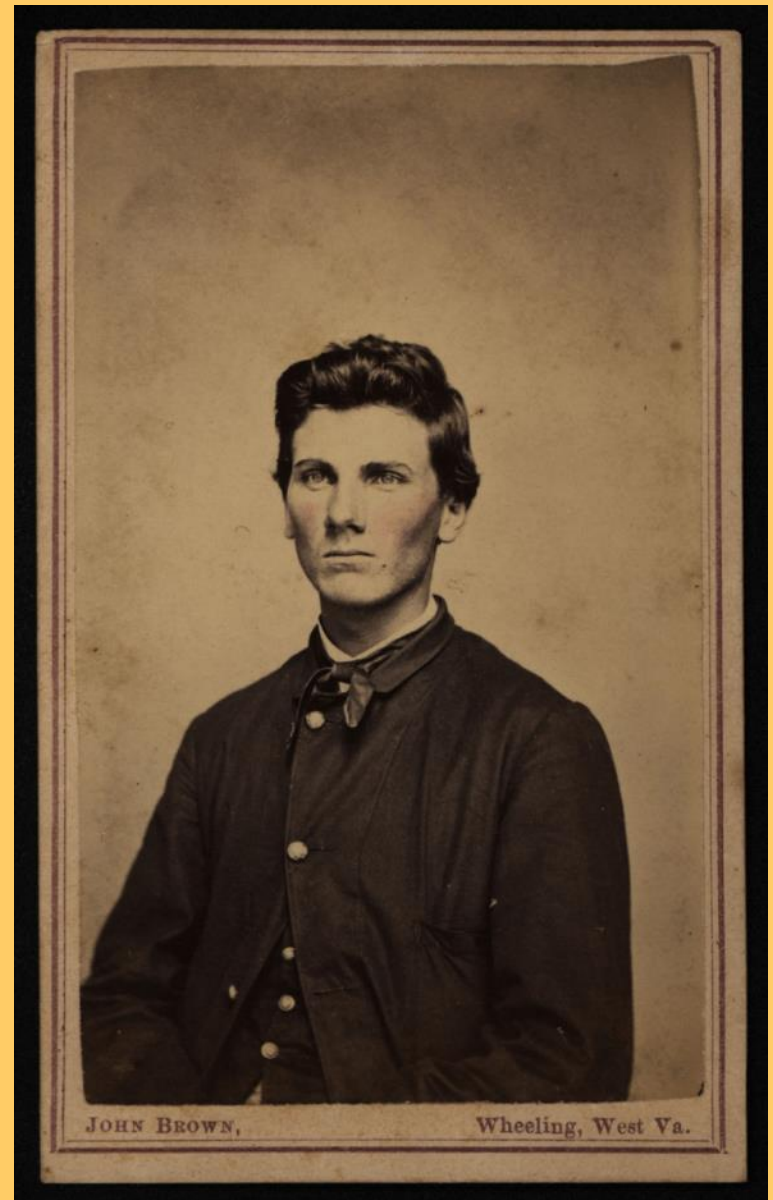
**“Veterans of the late
unpleasantness...”**



**Origins of the Grand Army of the Republic
Why did they unite?**

“Billy Yank”

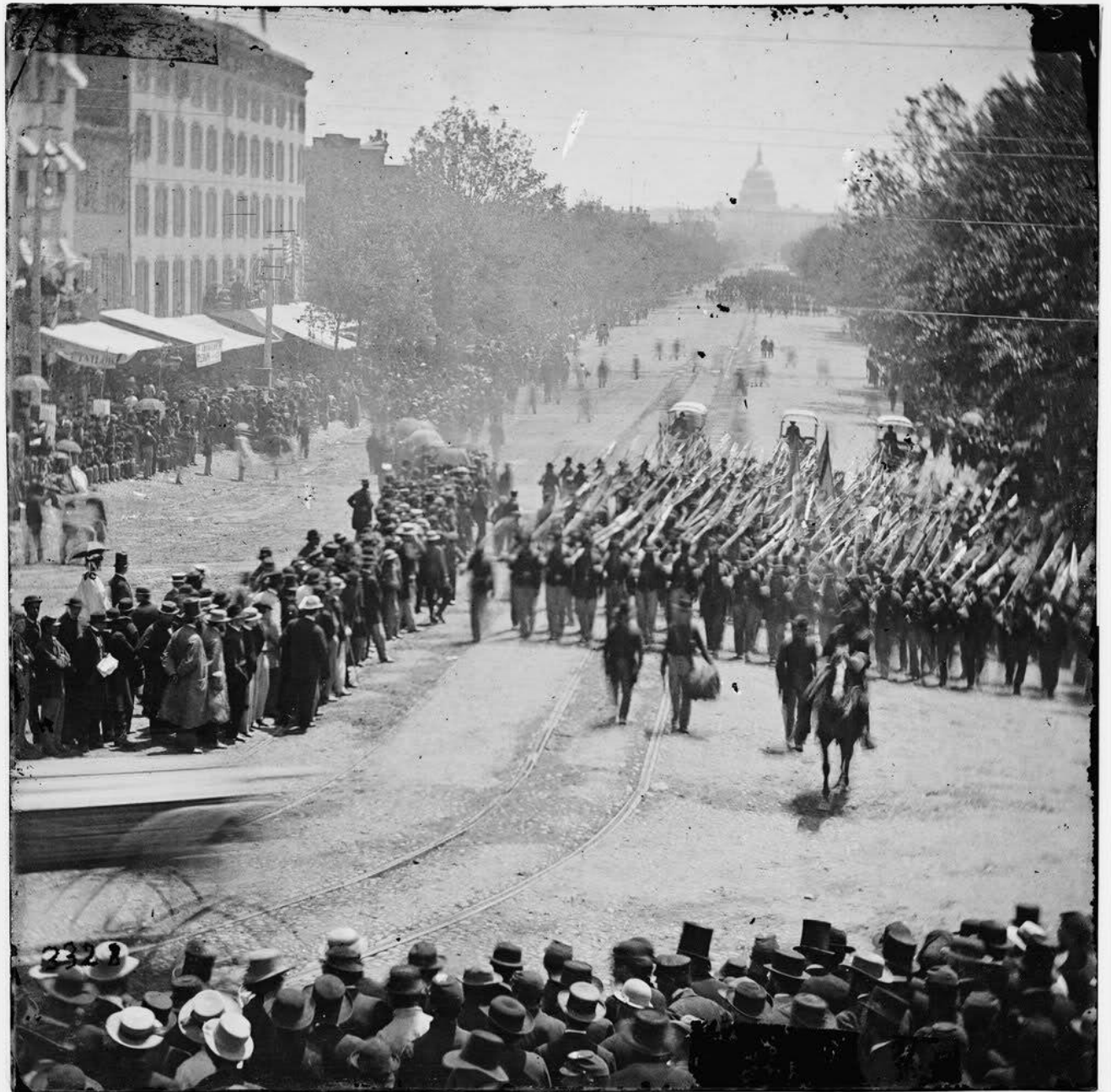
- 2.7 million men served in the union armed forces (1861-65)
- 600,000 enlisted by the end of the war (200,000 confederate troops)
- More than 325,000 union soldiers died in the war (combat and disease)
- More than 275,000 were wounded in action



Grand Review

Washington D.C.

May 23-24, 1865

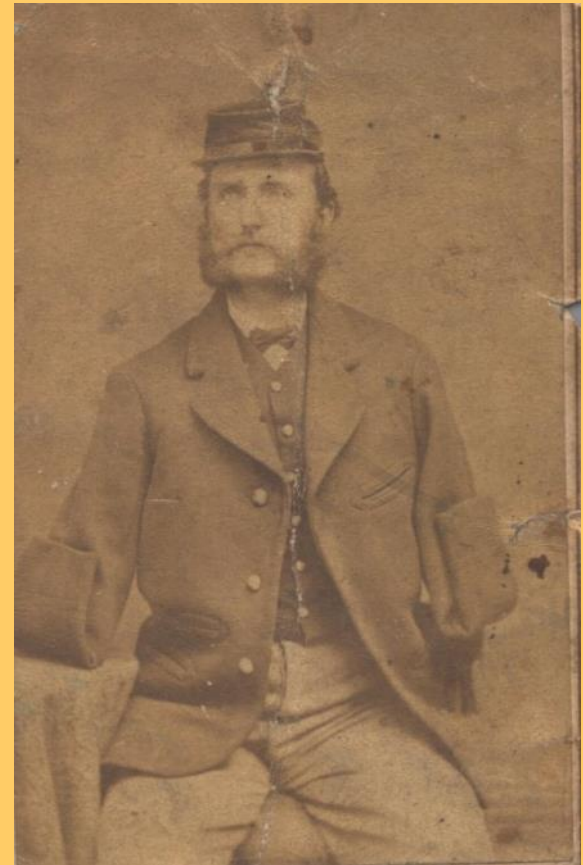


Most Northerners hadn't seen the war up close...

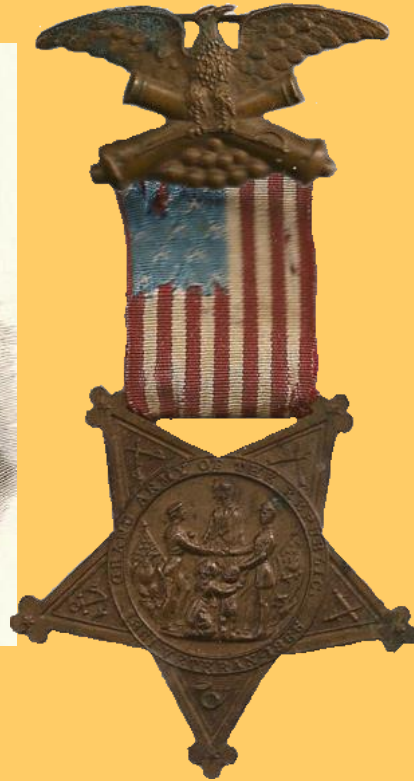
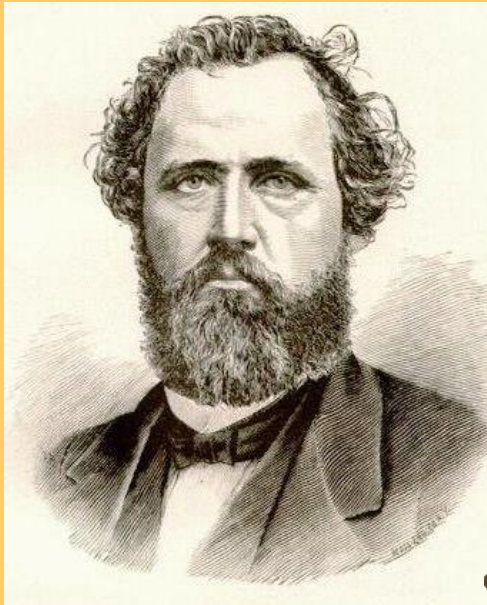


Post War Setting

- People wanted to forget the war and move on...
- “Empty Sleeves” - Wounded veterans
- Unemployed/unemployable Veterans
- Trauma/Addiction
- Veterans treated badly
- Widows and orphans of dead soldiers
- Black soldiers and families
- Newly freed slaves



Grand Army of the Republic



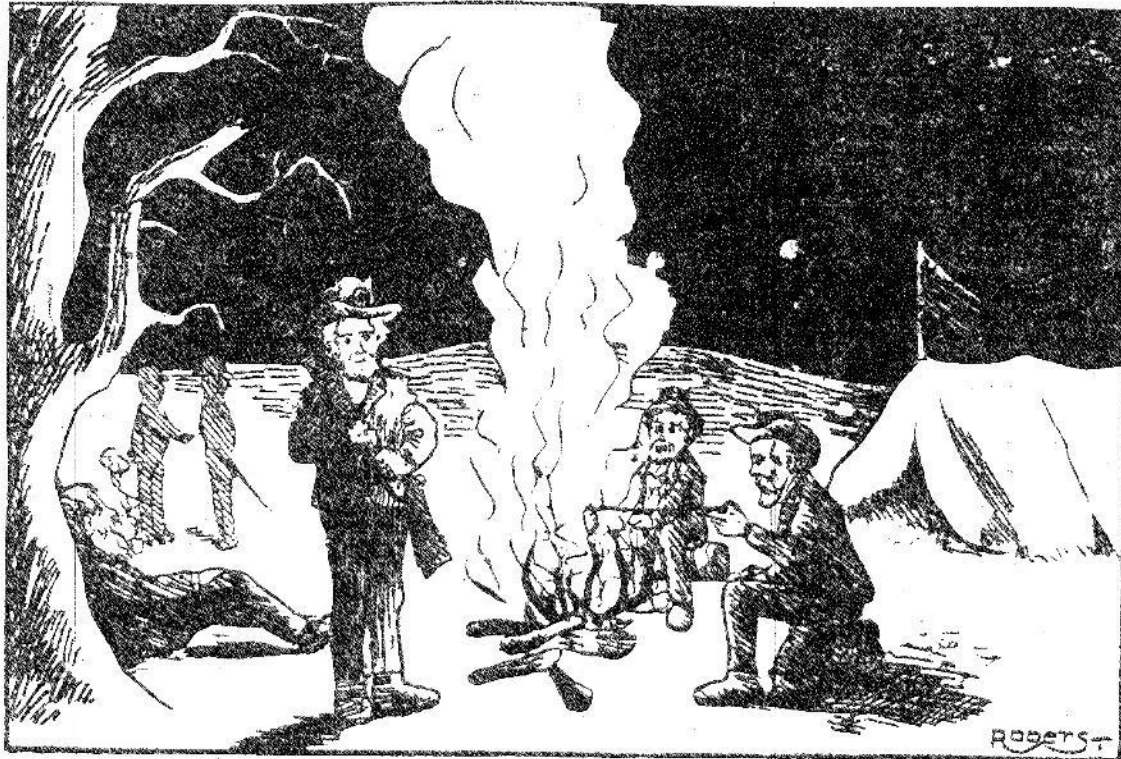
Founded April 6, 1866 by Civil War Surgeon

Dr. Benjamin Franklin Stephenson in Decatur Illinois

Why did they unite?

1) FRATERNITY: Veterans Missed the Camaraderie of the Camps

Memories Recalled



Veterans of the Sixties Recall Scenes Like This About the Wheeling Campfire of Encampment

“We drank from the same canteen..”



Why did they unite?

2) CHARITY

- Fundraisers to help wounded and sick comrades
- Later for those ravaged by time and old age
- Funds for relief of widows and orphans
- founded soldiers' homes
- active in relief work
- and pension legislation

Why did they unite? 3) LOYALTY



Decoration Day/Memorial Day

DECORATION DAY



C. BUNNELL

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They GAVE Their ALL.

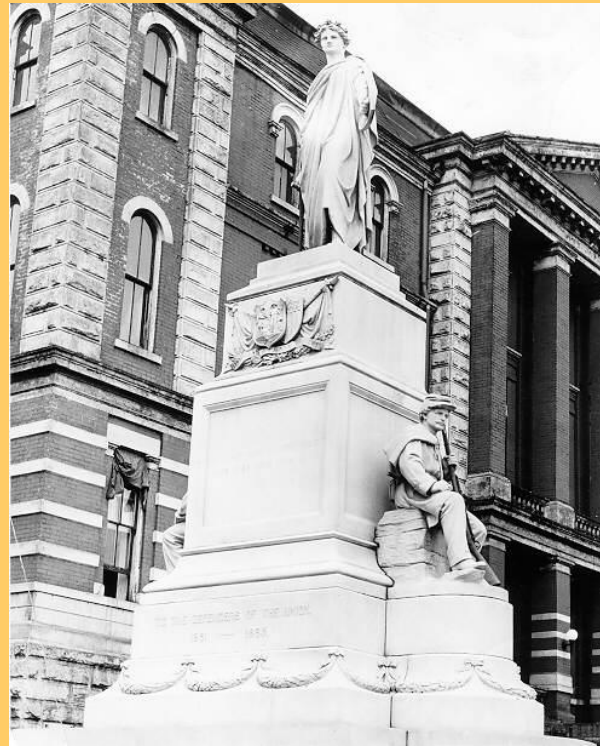
Honor
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brave!

1861-1865

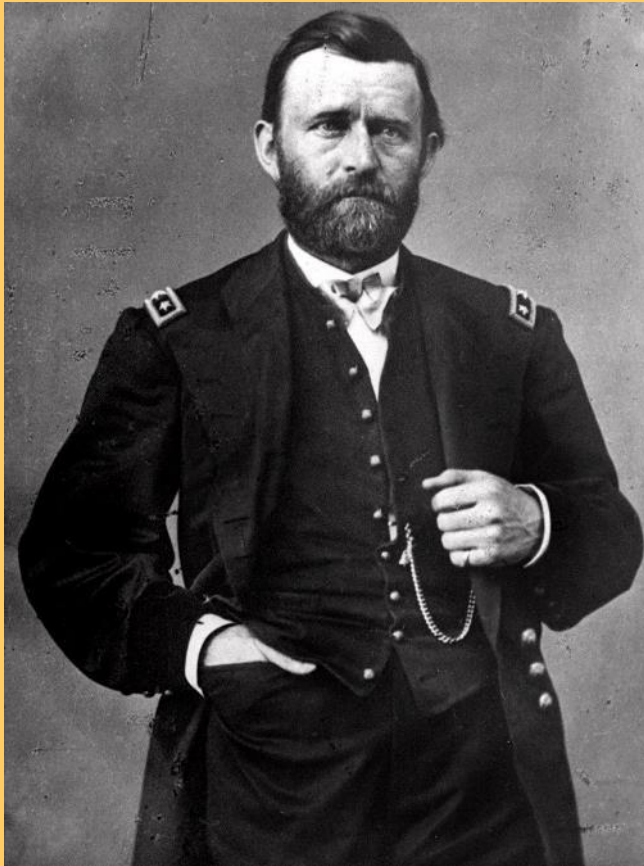


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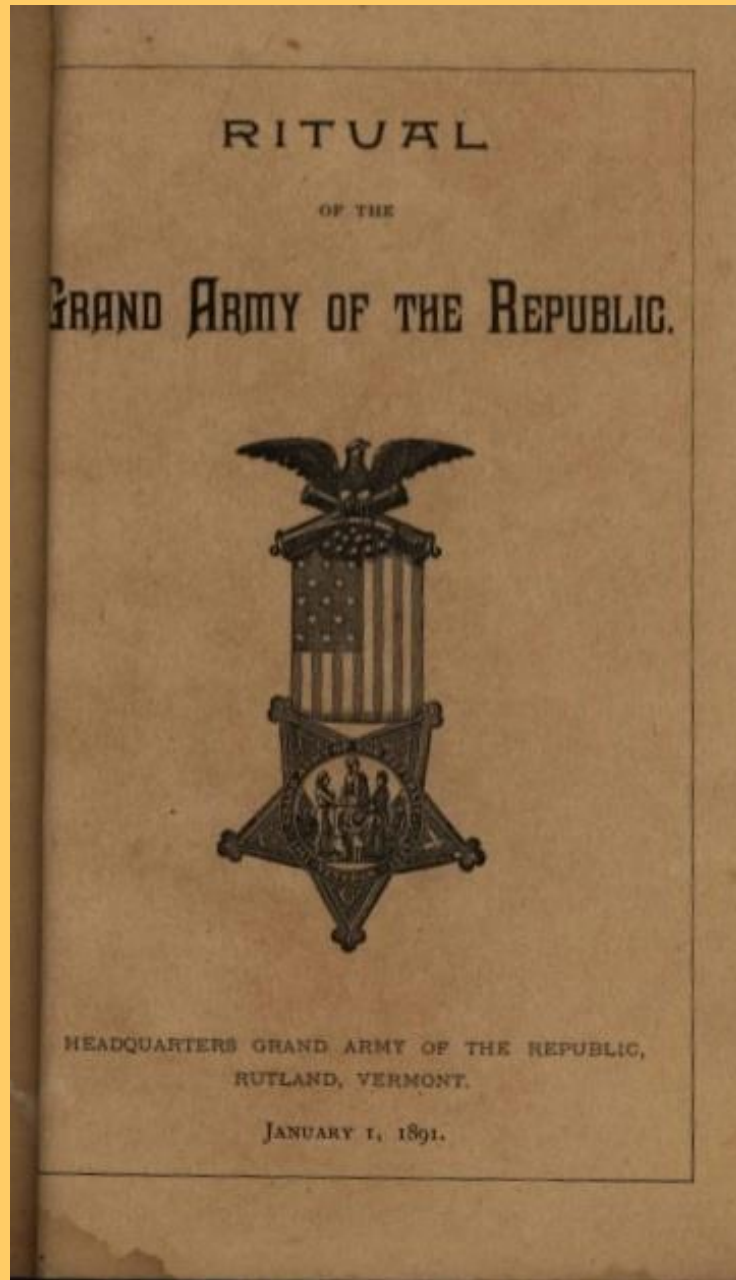
- Monuments, Memorials, Statues
- Preservation of sites and artifacts
- Preserving history, soldiers' stories
- School visits
- Patriotism



Political Power: Five G.A.R. Presidents



- US Grant
- Rutherford B. Hayes
- James A. Garfield
- Benjamin Harrison
- William McKinley



Ritual

- Modeled on Masonic Ritual
- Votes on new members cast with white balls and black balls
- Blackballed
- Black Books

HEADQUARTERS

Grand Army of the Republic.

RUTLAND, VT., Dec. 1, 1890.

This ritual of the Grand Army of the Republic has been carefully examined by me, and is hereby approved for the use of the Order.

W. G. Wraze
Commander-in-Chief.

Official:

J. B. Holding
Adjutant-General.

PLAN OF POST-ROOM.

S. M. Adj. C. Q. M. Q. M. Sergt.
O O □ O O

O. D. Surg.
O O

Altar.

Right.

Left.

Front.

J. V. C.

Right Flank.

Left Flank.

Chap.

O
O. G.

□

S. V. C.

Inside Sentinel.

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The Captain Thomas Espy GAR Post 153

Allied Orders...



Virginia Hall Donnelly

CANDIDATE FOR

National President

LADIES OF

G. A. R.



MRS. VIRGINIA HALL DONNELLY
of Wheeling

She is a true, energetic G. A. R. girl. All admire her Living Flag. She certainly captivates all who see her Living Flag and hear her sing her patriotic songs. She is also a Past Department President of Ladies of G. A. R.

The Final Encampment & the Last Soldier

Final National Encampment: Indianapolis, Indiana, 1949

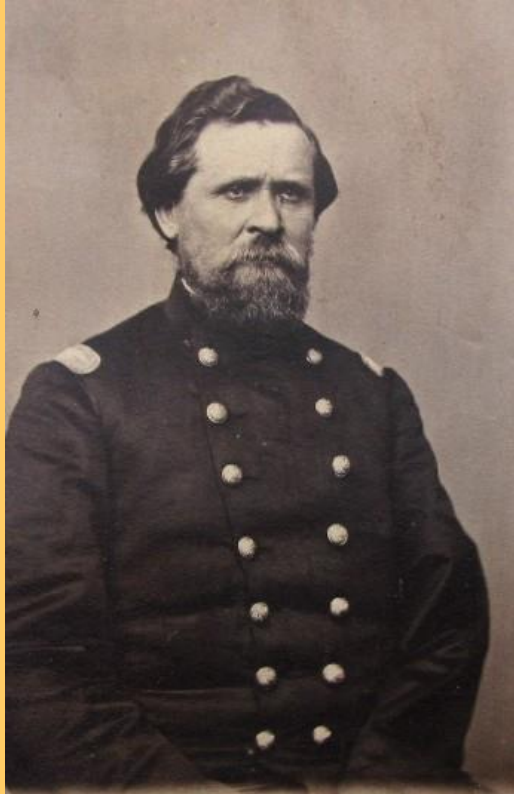
Last surviving G.A.R. member:

Drummer boy Albert Henry Woolson

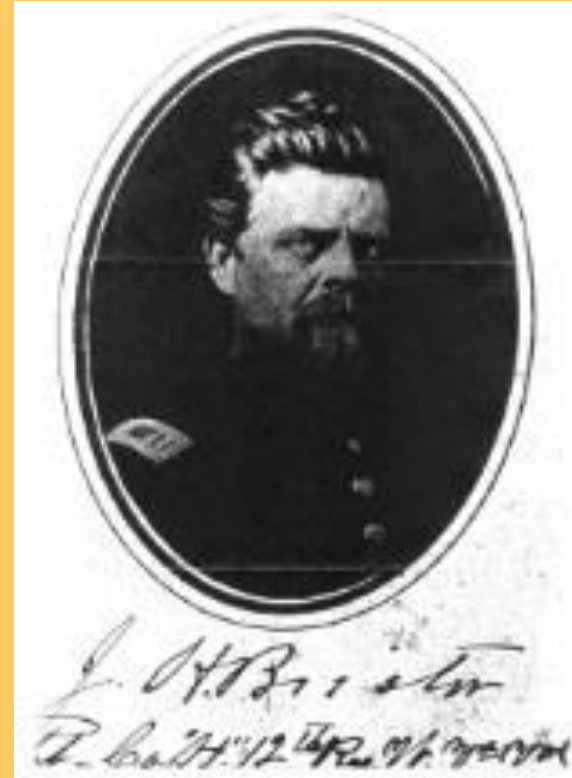
Died August 2, 1956, at age 109



Thoburn Post – 1868 – 1874



Colonel Joseph Thoburn
1st West Virginia Infantry
Killed at Cedar Creek, Virginia –
10/19/1864
Namesake of Thoburn Post



Captain Jacob H. Bristor
Co. H 12th West Virginia Infantry
First Commander of the Thoburn Post

Thoburn Post – 1868 – 1874



Wheeling
Soldiers & Sailors Monument



West Virginia National Guard
Origins Trace Back to Thoburn Post

J.W. Holliday Post No. 12, Wheeling, WV



Read more about John W. Holliday

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Colonel John W. Holliday



Mother Holliday



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Col. John W.
Holliday Post
G.A.R. was
mustered in on
Saturday,
March 24,
1883

THE NEW POST

Of the Grand Army of the Republic Successfully Mustered in.

The Col. John W. Holliday Post, G. A. R., was mustered in Saturday night at Knights of Labor Hall, Beck's Block, in the presence of a number of visitors, among whom were Spangler Post, of Bellaire, under the leadership of Commander James Graham, to the number of about thirty, accompanied by a drum corps, who came up on the Princess; Thoburn Post, of Martin's Ferry, headed by a drum corps, under Commander V. H. Orr, which squad as it marched from the Little Anna to the hall, numbered about twenty-five. Bridgeport was also represented by about twenty members of Brannum Post.

The mustering officer was General L. H. Duval, of Wellsburg, Senior Vice Commander of the state. On a call of the roll, thirty-two of the forty-two members were found to be present, as follows: J. H. Burtt, J. R. McAllister, Albert S. Shore, G. B. Jones, Ed. Robertson, Fred Bye, Wm. M. Morgan, B. McLaughlin, Jas. Sheridan, W. Cunningham, H. C. Peterman, David Greer, William Turner, John Mooney, George F. Irwin, George Rodenbaugh, Wm. McAdams, Samuel Davis, George Prager, Wm. A. Higgins, John McAdams, S. B. Forrall, J. J. Brown, August Saur, J. F. Smith, Jr., M. Bennett, Wm. Budke, B. F. Malone, John Beewig, F. Shanley, Joe Marple.

The following assistants to the mustering officer were appointed:
S. V. C., J. M. Lytle, Thoburn Post; J. V. C., Joseph Graham, Spangler Post; Chaplain, George Kryter, Brannum Post; Officer of Day, Jerry Ebbert, Thoburn Post; Officer of Guard, Adam Hainig, Thoburn Post; Adjutant, W. S. Meek, Thoburn Post; I. G., Robert Griffin, Brannum Post.

The following officers were elected and installed:
Post Commander, G. B. Jones.
Senior Vice Commander, J. H. Burtt.
Junior Vice Commander, Wm. H. Travis.
Quartermaster, George F. Irvine.
Chaplain, M. Bennett.
Officer of the Day, James Sheridan.
Surgeon, Dr. John E. Smith.
Officer of the Guard, George Rodenbaugh.
Adjutant, Wm. A. Higgins.
Quartermaster Sergeant, B. F. Malone.
Sergeant Major, Edward Robertson.
Mr. W. S. Meek, of the Martin's Ferry Times, and an officer of the Thoburn Post, was then called on, and he made some happy remarks. He was followed by other visitors, and Thoburn Post sang an old army song, after which all joined in "Marching Through Georgia," and the meeting adjourned till next Saturday night.



Knights of Labor Hall, "Beck's Block" was at 1515 Market, across Market Street from the Custom House.

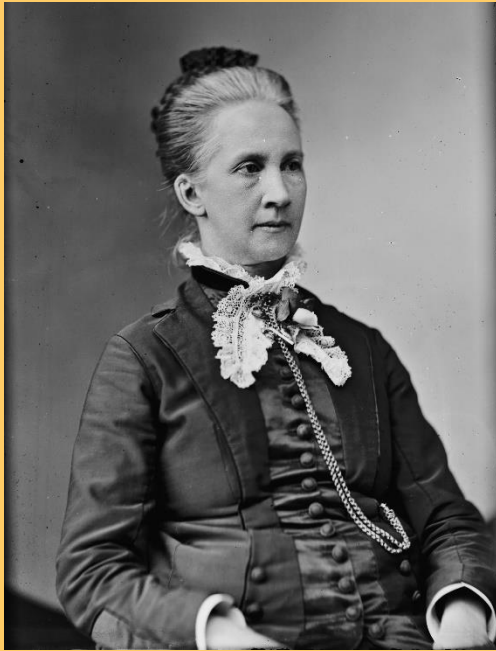
“To the Defenders of the Union”



File Under "Fraternity": Bean Bakes!



File Under “Charity”: Belva Lockwood



File Under “Loyalty”: Death of Captain Carlin



The Banner Incident



August 26, 1887

CIVIL WAR VETERANS MARCH IN WHEELING



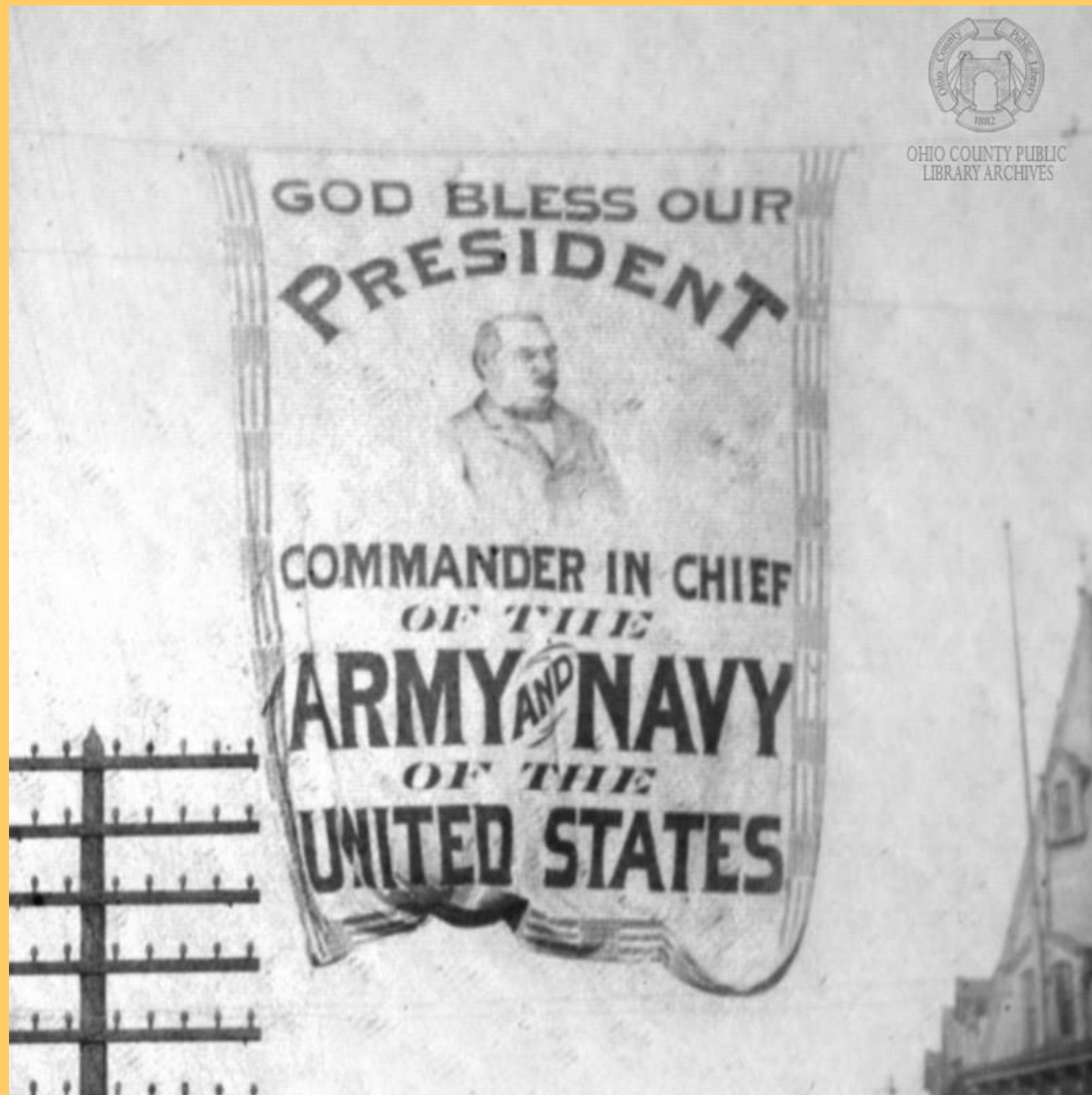
“You don't get me to march under that thing!”

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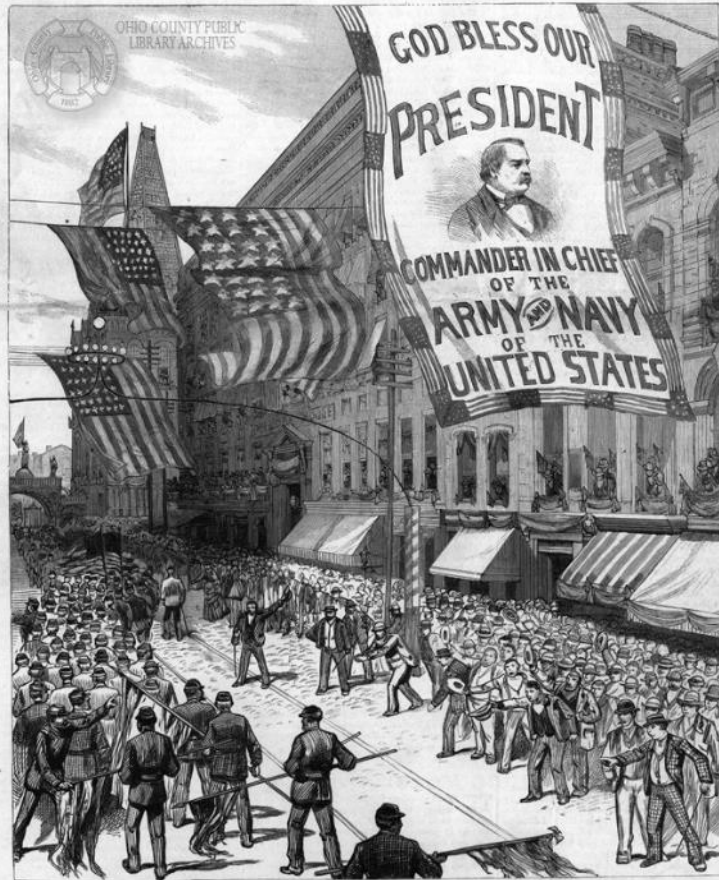


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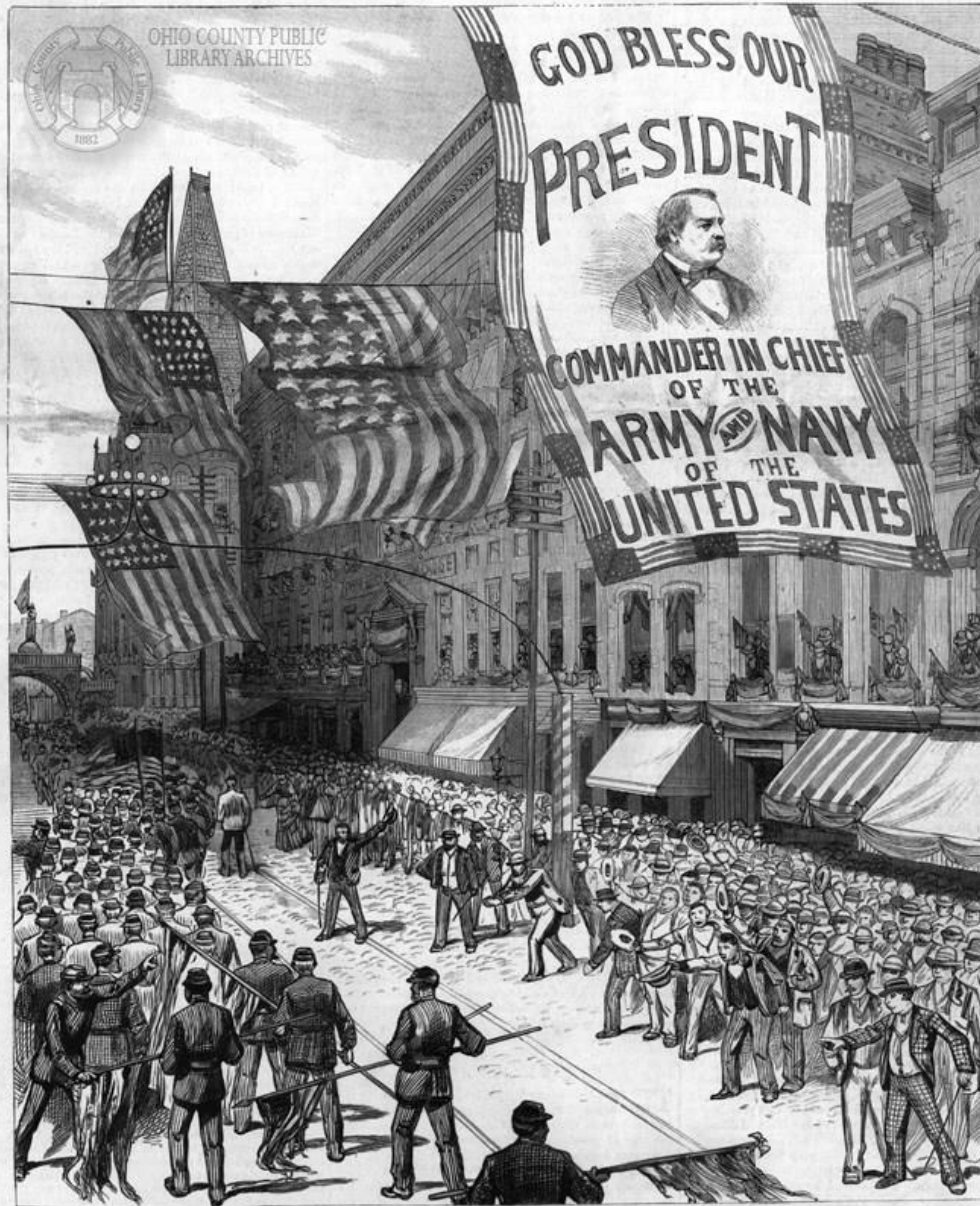


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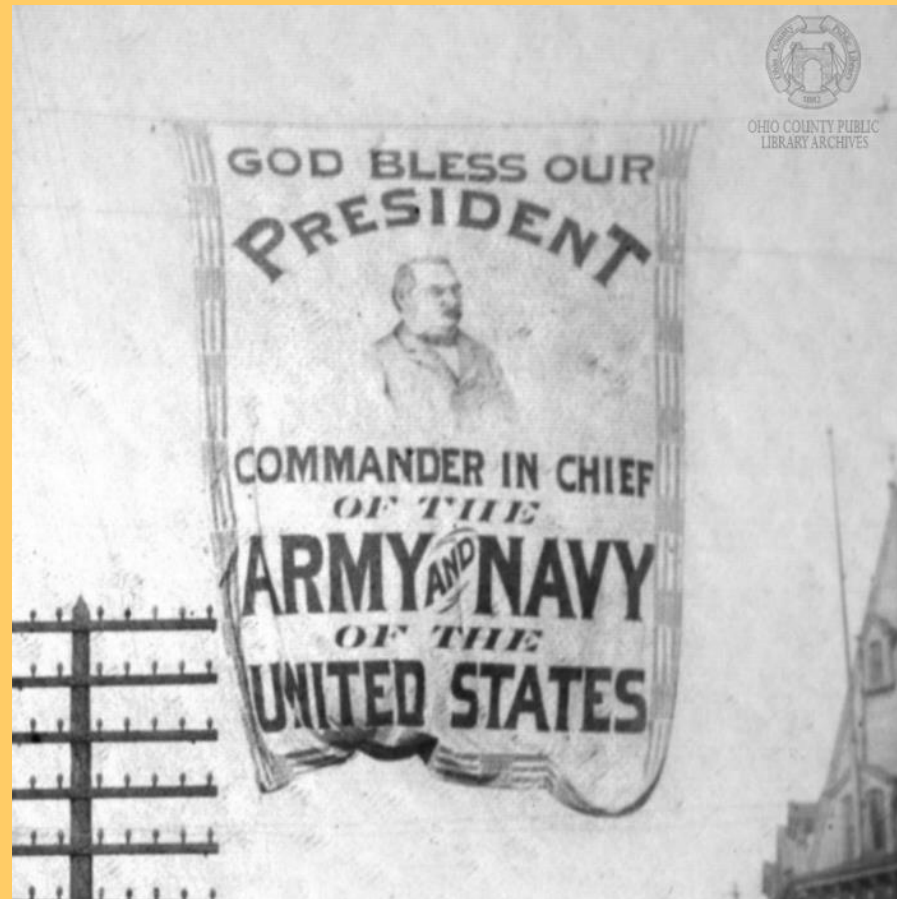
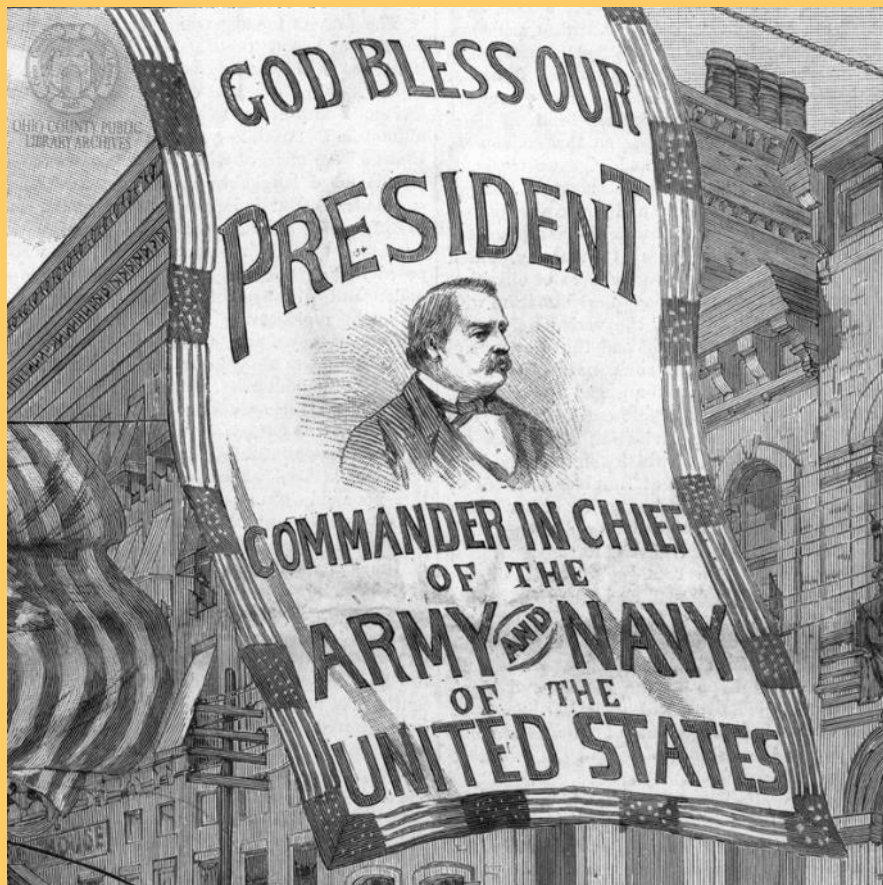
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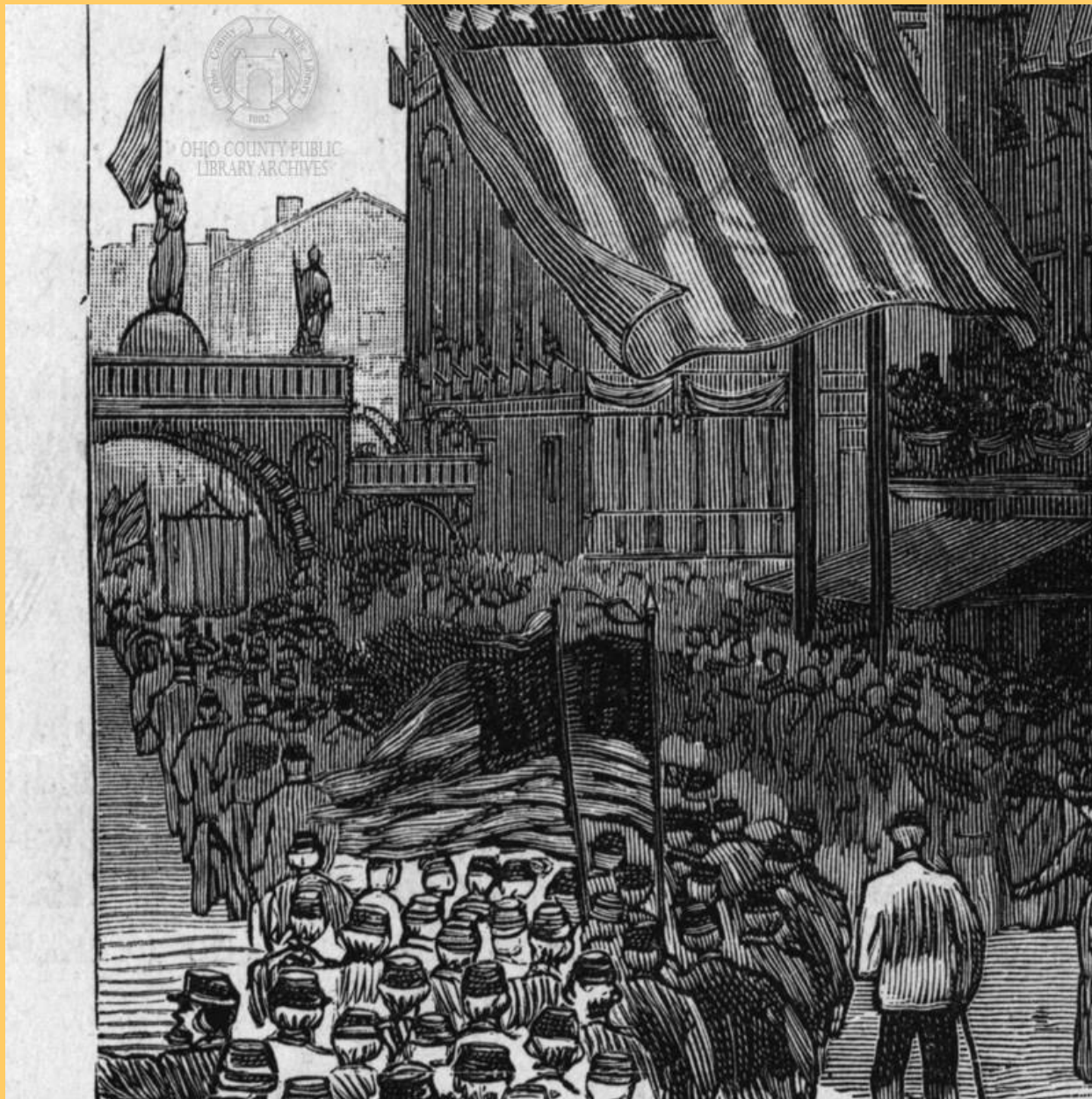


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A BAD BLAZE.

A RATHER DISASTROUS FIRE ON MAIN STREET, EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

The Four Story Block, Nos. 1207 to 1215 Pretty Badly Scorched, Involving a Loss of About Fourteen Thousand Dollars—Fully Insured.

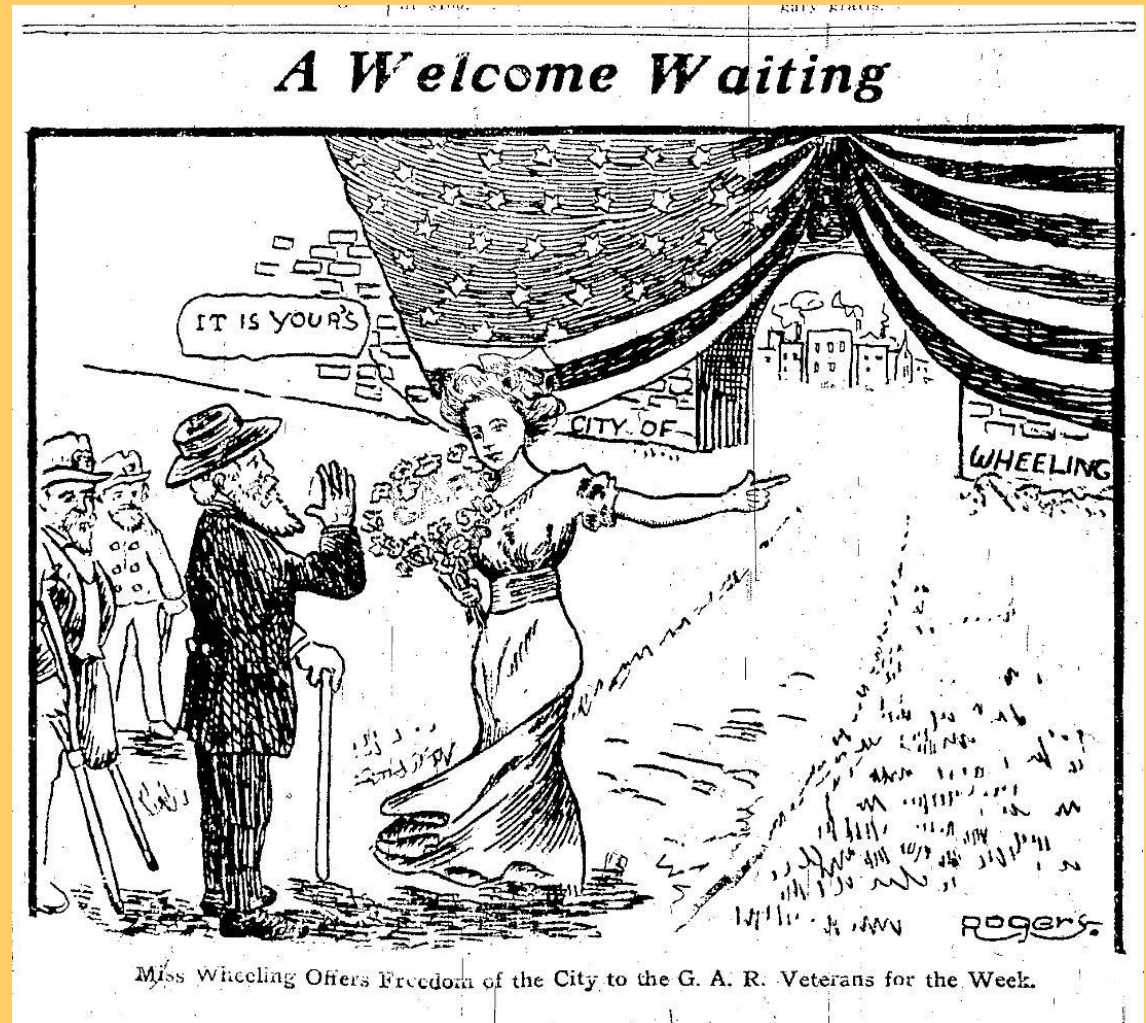
“Judge” Beymer, of the Western Union, and box 24, at Main and Twelfth street, formed a combination which called the entire fire department of the city, shortly after five o'clock yesterday morning, to fight one of the most stubborn blazes ever started in Wheeling. And the fire-

G.A.R. Meeting Hall Fire

April 12, 1888

ing building made too hot a fire to be easily checked, and it began to eat its way along under the roof of No. 1213, into the old Union Hall, recently fitted up in a beautiful manner by the G. A. R., and from there it went farther north beneath the roofs as far as 1207, or next door to the National Bank of West Virginia.

West Virginia Dept. Encampment, May 1897



MT. ZION CEMETRY.



DECORATION DAY MAY 30th 1911.

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Local Celebrities At Last!

"The comrades were all pleased to have their pictures in the papers and their record of the war..."

—H. Hoefler. Meeting Minutes, Holliday Post No. 12, Dept. W.Va., Jan. 14, 1928.

INTELLIGENCER WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14, 1928

CIVIL WAR HEROES

OF

WHEELING HOLLIDAY POST NO. 12

Joseph A. Pyle is another of the general veterans of Holliday Post No. 12, G. A. R. Mr. Pyle is also a veteran in the match of life, having attained his 80th birthday last June, thus having passed far beyond the typical span of three score years and ten.

Born at 16.

Mr. Pyle was born at Mt. Pleasant, June 2, 1847. He was but a boy of 16 when the country was plunged into Civil strife. From 1861 until 1864 he saw the horrors of war, and the fires of patriotism blazed in his heart. At last, in February of 1864, when but 16 years of age, he offered his services to his country and was enlisted in Company C, First West Virginia Infantry.

With company C the young soldier was busy all winter and summer guarding the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from the south branch of the Potomac to Cumberland, Md. They also engaged in many skirmishes and battles with the enemy during that period, and young Pyle saw war in all its phases. Finally, however, the day of peace had come and the young soldier, not yet 18, had finished with warfare.

Married War Widow

Taking up civilian life, the young man settled in Wheeling. Here romance called to him, and he was united in marriage to Mrs. Nancy Jane (Alexander) Armiger, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Levi Alexander of Baltimore, Md. Mrs. Armiger was a widow with one son. Her husband, a soldier, had been starved to death in the Solisbury prison, in North Carolina, during the war. To Mr. and Mrs. Pyle six children were born.

For many years Mr. Pyle engaged in the produce business in Wheeling markets. Later in life he moved his family to Bridgeport, where he continued in business. In 1907 his wife and one son, Walter, passed into the great beyond.

Since the death of his wife, Mr. Pyle has made his home with his daughter in Bridgeport, Ohio. He is greatly beloved by all who know him,

JOSEPH PYLE



and on account of his wealth of snow-white hair and beard, the children call him "Santa Claus." Mr. Pyle is always trying to help some one less fortunate, and is always ready to extend sympathy and a helping hand to those in need.

The well-known veteran still has one sister living in Los Angeles, who is 88, and one brother in Martins Ferry, who is 90 years of age. They, like their younger brother, are hale and hearty, and look forward to many more enjoyable sunset years of life, enjoying the fruits of a life well spent.

CIVIL WAR HEROES

OF

WHEELING HOLLIDAY POST NO. 12

George Prager, 84 years old, whose brown eyes fairly danced while he reminisces of events of more than half a century ago, is a veteran of the Civil war, and a member of Holliday Post No. 11 of Wheeling.

Mr. Prager enlisted November 15, 1861, in Company I, First West Virginia Infantry, when a youth of 19 years. Although 65 years have slipped through the hands of time since first the guns of the north and the south thundered their messages of death across a United States torn asunder, those months and years of living close to death, of the thunder of war, and the horror of blood ties sundered by hate, are still as fresh in the minds of the veterans as they were a year after the close of the war. Mr. Prager is no exception to the rule and his war history is a most interesting one.

Fought Stonewall Jackson

Mr. Prager was born September 5, 1843. Following his enlistment, he left Wheeling with Company I, the last of November, and went to Romney, Va. There they cut down trees and built shacks to live in during the winter. In March his company moved there to Patterson Creek on the Baltimore road. There they were joined by General Shields and his command, and moved to Winchester, Va., where they engaged in battle with the famous Stonewall Jackson's army. After that battle the union ranks, including Mr. Prager's company moved up the valley to Columbus Bridge, and from there to Staunton, Va., where they engaged in battle the fifteenth day of May, 1864. It was in this battle that Mr. Prager's brother John was killed.

Famous Hunter Raid

Following this battle, General Hunter took command of the company in which Mr. Prager was a member, and they went on the Hunter raid of historic fame. This raid took them to Lexington, Va., where they engaged in battle and were defeated. Mr. Prager states the men of his company were five days and nights getting back to their starting place. They arrived in Parkersburg, W. Va., July 4, 1864, where General Hunter was relieved of the command, and General Sheridan took his place.

With Sheridan in South West Virginia in command the union troops moved from Parkers-

GEORGE PRAGER



burg to Cedar Creek. While en route to that point with a wagon train, the Johnny Rebs gave Mr. Prager's company a surprise attack. General Sheridan was at Cedar Creek when he heard of the attack. He hurried back and rallied the boys, and the day was won for the union troops.

On November 28, 1864, Mr. Prager was discharged at Wheeling. Mr. Prager has spent most of his life in Wheeling and has always led an active life. His health has been fairly good, and he is in possession of all his faculties and able to get around at all times. At present he makes his home at 1608 Huff street, where he resides with members of his family.

REMUS ACQUITTED

(Continued from Page One)

charge ever was made in an American court of law. But for that I am sure that right now I would be a free man."

Once in his jail cell, Remus hurriedly dictated a message of thanks.

The Last Ledger Entry...

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a Regular meeting Holiday Post No 12 left via GAR April 8 1933

The meeting was called to order by the officer of the day
J M Smith } The minutes of last meeting were
J A Pyle } approved as read. The following members
H Hooper } were present report on sick it was
Buttencutter } reported that Com Coffey was in bad
Patterson } shape so is Com Foster. There was no
business on hand by a vote of the Post it
it was decided to get rid of our funds and present
each member a 10 dollar check which will make 100⁰⁰
There being no further business the meeting adjourned
H Hooper

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HEADQUARTERS
DEPARTMENT OF
WEST VIRGINIA
G. A. R.



Wheeling, W. Va., October 25, 1920.

General Order No. 3.

1. The last National Encampment, held in Indianapolis, Ind., from Sept. 19th to 23d of 1920, our 54th Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, one among the most pleasant Encampments ever held, from the fact from the time we started from home until we returned everybody going and coming seemed to be out for a good time, and we had it, forgetting as far as possible their age. Too much praise can not be given the Railroads that favored us all they could and at the same time reduced the rate to one cent per mile. Their kindness and generosity we will not forget. All the good people of Indianapolis were most eager to perform any act of kindness possible, to show their appreciation and best wishes. If any Comrade, or number, of G. A. R. auxiliaries did not enjoy the trip and a good time in Indianapolis it's not the fault of the Railroads and the people, and all of that city.

2. The Department Commander desires to extend his heartfelt thanks to his Comrades of West Virginia, also our auxiliaries, who assisted him in any way at Department Headquarters in Atlas Hotel, Indianapolis, where our books were opened for registration of any Comrade of our Department, or any West Virginia Civil War soldier; and I am proud to say that 215 were registered, 170 direct from the State and 45 that now live in other States. Many loud cheers and shouts were given West Virginia Troops as we marched along the beautiful and clean streets.

3. The business sessions of the Encampment were



HEADQUARTERS
J. W. HOLLIDAY POST No. 12
DEPARTMENT OF WEST VIRGINIA
G. A. R.

COMMANDER

QUARTERMASTER

ADJUTANT

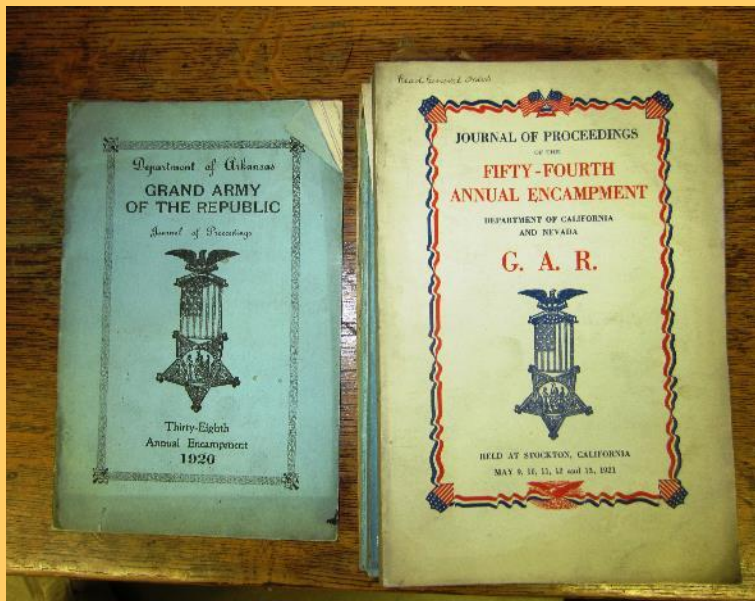
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Statement for July.

Bal July	1 st	\$31.52	Expens for July	\$ 5.10
Recs "		9.15	Bal Aug 1 st	35.57
Total		<u>\$ 40.67</u>		<u>\$ 40.67</u>

No.	NAME	Age	Birthplace	Residence	Occupation	ENTRY INTO THE SERVICE				FINAL DISCHARGE			
						Date	Rank	Co.	Regiment	Date	Rank	Co.	Regiment
1	Acers J. H.	59	W. Va.	Wheeling	Plumber	May ¹⁰ /61	Private	W. S.	5 th S. Minn.	Sept ³ /65	Retired	W. S.	5 th S. Minn.
2	Adams Solomon	61	Switzerland	"	Structural worker	Aug/62	"	C	110 O.V.S.	/65	Private	C	110 O.V.S.
3	Allen Charles	60	Virginia	"	Miner	Sept ¹⁵ /63	"	A	4 th W. Va. cav	June/65	Sgt.	F	5 th W. Va. cav.
4	Armstrong A.	62	"	"	Bricklayer	May ¹ /61	"	"	1 st " " Inf.	Aug ²⁷ /61	Private	A	1 st " " Inf.
5	Alexander W. H.	67	Penn.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6	Allen James		At Sea.	"	Quiller	Jan ¹ /62	"	H	5 th W. Va. Art.	Jan ⁵ /65	"	H	5 th W. Va. Art.
7	Atwell W.	57	Maryland	"	Boiler	May ¹⁷ /64	"	F	4 th " " leav.	July ³ /65	"	F	4 th " " leav.
8	Adams Wm. H.	63	"	"	Ins. clerk	Jan ² /62	R. Q. M.	"	6 th W. Va. Inf.	June ¹⁵ /65	R. Q. M.	"	6 th W. Va. Inf.
9	Alexander R. B.	61	leav.	"	Printer	Oct ⁷ /61	Private	C	10 th Kans.	Oct ⁴ /64	Private	C	10 th Kans.
10	Armstrong J.	69	Virginia	"	Laborer	May ¹ /61	"	F	1 st W. Va. " "	Aug ¹⁷ /61	"	F	1 st W. Va.
11	Acers E. R.	61	W. Va.	"	Cigar maker	Sept ² /62	Musician	H	24 th W. Va.	June ² /63	Mus.	H	24 th W. Va.
12	Altmyer Wm. H.	60	Penn.	"	Wailer	/62	Private	H	15 th W. Va.	/65	Private	H	15 th W. Va.
13	Armstrong A.	70	Virginia	"	Laborer	May ¹⁰ /61	"	F	1 st " " " "	Aug ¹⁷ /61	"	F	1 st " " " "
14	Able Charles	79	Germany	"	Marble cutter	Sept ²³ /61	"	H	6 th " " " "	Nov ²⁵ /64	"	H	6 th " " " "
15	Britt J. H.		Penn.	"	Mould maker	Apr ¹⁹ /61	"	B.	102 O.V.S.	June ² /65	"	B.	102 O.V.S.
16	Bennett M.	64	Ohio	"	Carpenter	Aug ¹³ /62	Corp.	D	155 O.V.S.	" ² /65	Corp.	D	155 O.V.S.
17	Bye Frederick		"	"	Plumber	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
18	Burdett W. H.	63	Ohio	"	Tramster	June/61	Private	H	20 O.V.S.	July/65	Private	E	1 st W. Va. cav.
19	Besse J.	78	Mass.	"	Wailer	July ² /61	"	B	15 th Mass. " "	June ²⁷ /65	"	B	32 nd Mass. I. S.





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To Comrades and Allies:-

At the Sixty-sixth Department Encampment of the California and Nevada Grand Army of the Republic, held in Berkeley, Calif., May 14 to 15, 1933, Colonel Russell C. Martin was unanimously endorsed for the office of Commander-in-Chief to be presented to the National Encampment to be held in St. Paul, Minn., September 17 to 22, 1933.

The Pacific Coast has had but one Commander-in-Chief during the existence of our organization.

Each succeeding year brings the Department of California and Nevada, Grand Army of the Republic, more and more to the front. Already our Comrades in the more easterly departments are recognizing the fact that we have not only been neglected, but persistently ignored in the matter of a Commander-in-Chief. And now, in this year, 1933, we find this the proper time to secure recognition.

Recognizing in Colonel Russell C. Martin, a man of sterling character, ability and years of efficient service, with definite knowledge of the distinguished record he has made in public life, as the custodian of the welfare of the Civil War Veterans, committed to his care, the Department of California and Nevada, Grand Army of the Republic, confidently assures the Comrades of the National Encampment that at the Encampment at St. Paul, it can render no better service to our distinguished order than to elect Colonel Martin Commander-in-Chief.

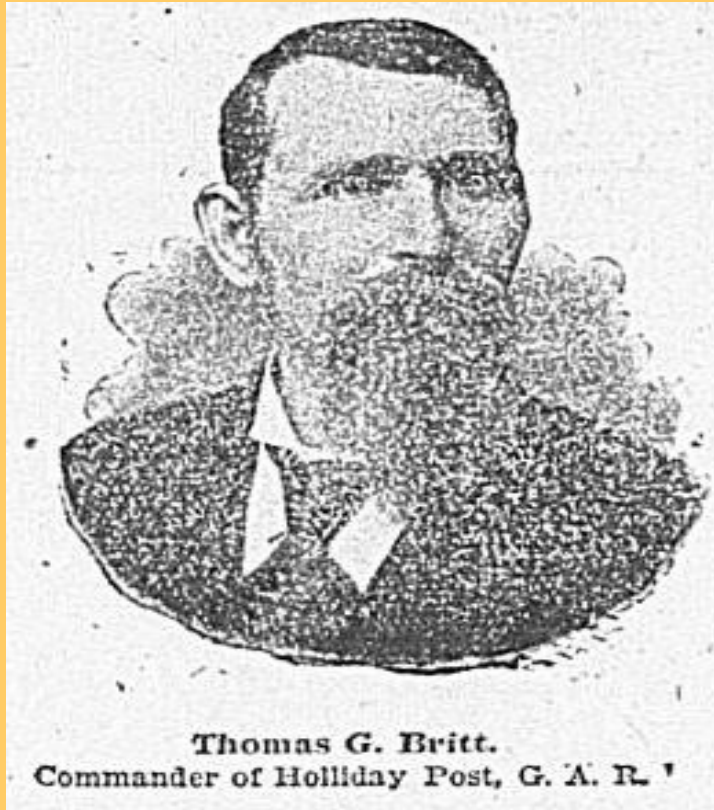
Colonel Martin was born in Vermont, November 24, 1848, served in Company I, 1st Vermont Cavalry, enlisted at the age of 15, December 17, 1863, and discharged August 7, 1865; serving in the Army of the Potomac under Generals Custer and Sheridan; came to California in 1891 and has resided there continuously; served as Department Commander in 1918-19; was Commandant of the California State Veterans' Home at Yountville, California, from March, 1921, to March 1926, and Department Judge Advocate, 1929-30.

Colonel Martin has served you last year as Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief and was unanimously elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief at Springfield, Illinois, in 1932.

Record of Joseph Marple Smith 1861-1865

Wheeling Island was the old camping ground for the Union Veterans when enlisting for the Civil War. The West end of Virginia St. Company, 1-3-12-15-17 recruited here. The Holmes and Caslin Battery formed here. A Battery consists 150 men, 36 horses and 6 caissons. 1000 men make one regiment. Joseph Marple Smith was born June 11, 1854. First enlisted Jan. 2, 1863. Also Will Talbert of Louisville Ky. for 4 months working for the Government as a mule packer. 35 men cared for 3000 mules. Was at Nashville, Tenn. at that time. He was discharged May 5, 1863 that time to bring Will Talbert home, sick with fever. Aug. 1863 he volunteered to join Holmes Battery for 6 mo. 17 came from Denver 14 from Sherrard, 6 Philadelphia, 4 Greggville, 5 West Alexander, the majority from Wheeling. He was sent to Maryland Heights. He was out nine months in all. Had whooping cough on Island first, then later in Oct. '63 had fever. Was taken home until well. Reenlisted 3rd time in Feb. 15, 1865 in Co. H. 17th Infantry. Washburn was Commander. Camped in the opposite 1st Eng. Luth. Church 16th St. 200 men slept there. The 2-28th Ohio German Co. had been in front held for police duty. Was sent to Bull's Town, Va. Braxton Co. The Unions Policed the whole Co. There were as many rebels which terrorized the

First to Enlist



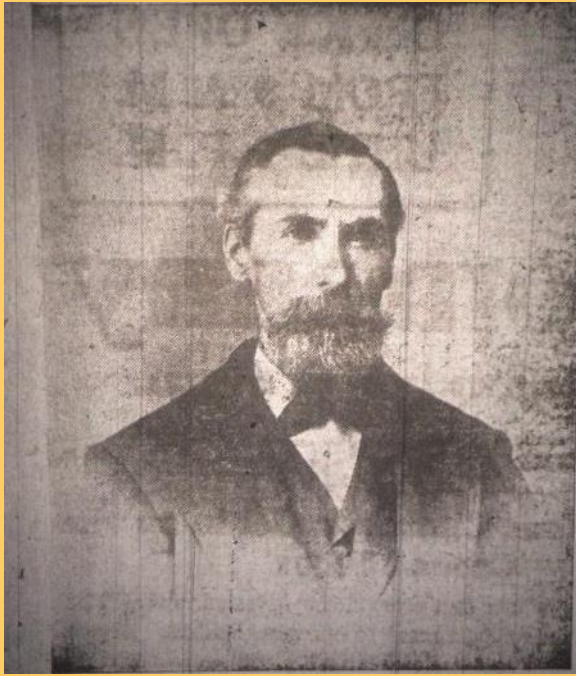
Thomas G. Britt
Private

Company A – 1st Loyal Virginia Infantry
“The Rough & Ready Guards”



Joseph D. Britt
1st Lieutenant
Company A – 1st Loyal Virginia Infantry
“The Rough & Ready Guards”

Captured the Flag...



Daniel Finley McKinley
Private

Company B – 1st Loyal Virginia
Infantry “The Iron Guards”
Company A – 4th West Virginia
Cavalry



Hauled Down Secession Flag from Virginia Hotel
at “Battle” of Philippi, Virginia – June 03, 1861

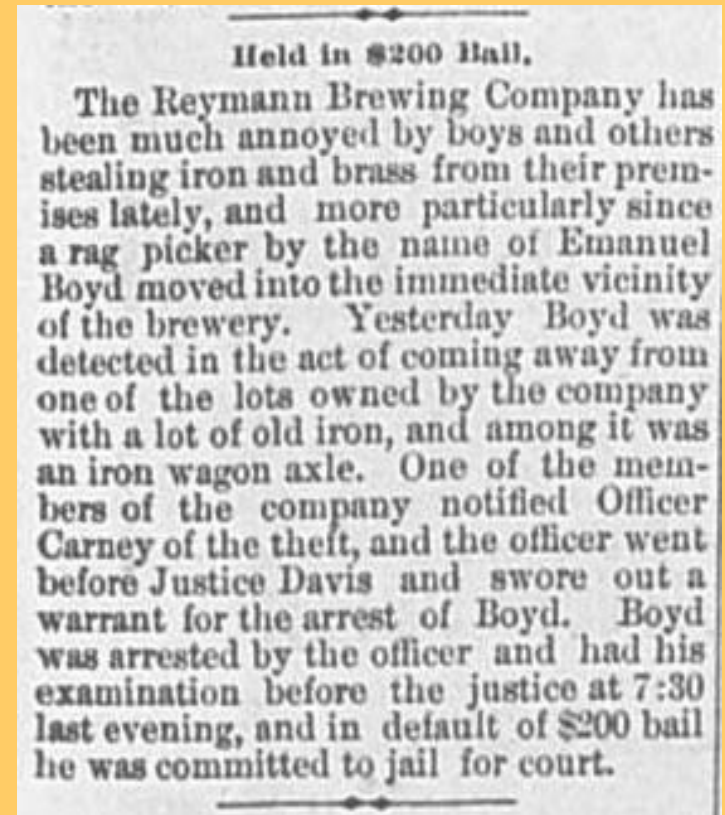
Largest Regiment Raised...



William Auber

Private

Company P – 6th West Virginia Infantry

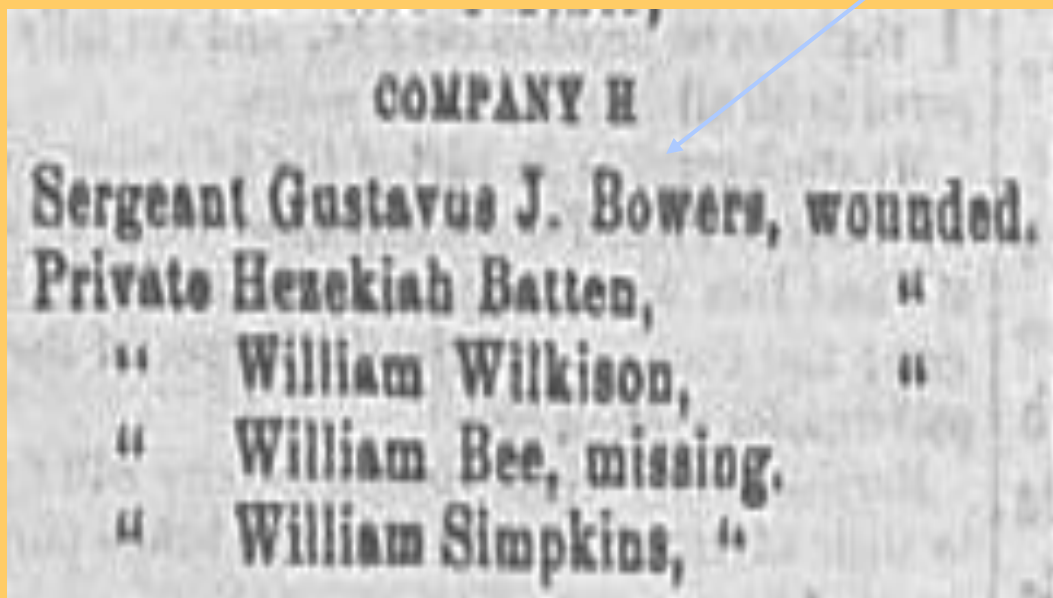


Emanuel Boyd

Private

Company I – 13th West Virginia Infantry

Wounded in Battle...



Gustavus J. Bowers
Sergeant

Company C – 7th West Virginia Infantry

Company K – 93rd Pennsylvania Infantry



George Matthews
Adjutant

Company A – 82nd New York
Infantry

Company E – 59th New York
Infantry

Permanently Disabled...



John P. Culver
Private

Company E – 1st West Virginia Infantry
Company H – 2nd West Virginia Veteran
Infantry

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John J. Brown
Privt, Co. P, 6 Reg't Va vol

Appears on
Hospital Muster Roll

of U. S. A. Post Hospital,
at Wheeling, W. Va.,
for May & June, 1864

John J. Brown
Private

Company P – 6th West Virginia Infantry

The Youngest to Enlist...

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

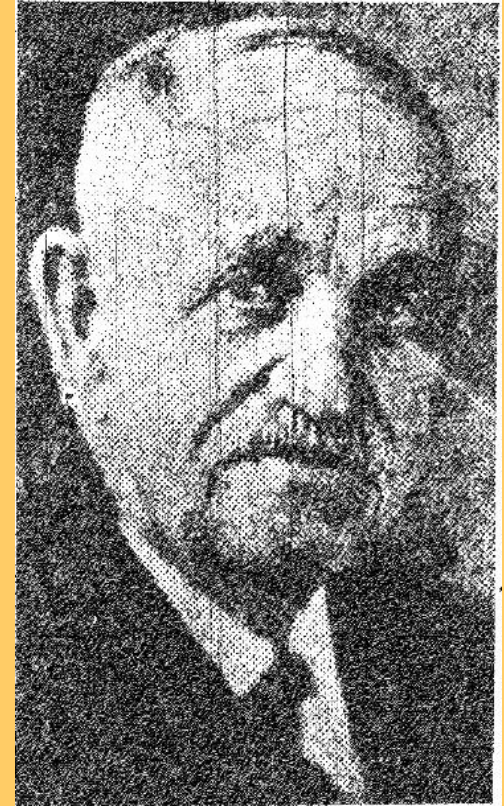
x, Isaac Barton ^{TO STATE} one desiring
to VOLUNTEER as a Soldier in the Army of the United States, for the term of ~~THREE YEARS~~
Do Declare, That I am Eighteen years and _____ months
of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States service on account of disability or
by sentence of a court martial, or by order before the expiration of a term of enlistment; and I know
of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for ~~three~~ ^{one} year.

GIVEN at Wheeling West Va
the Fifteenth day of February 1865

Witness: W Williams Isaac Barton

Isaac V. Barton
Private

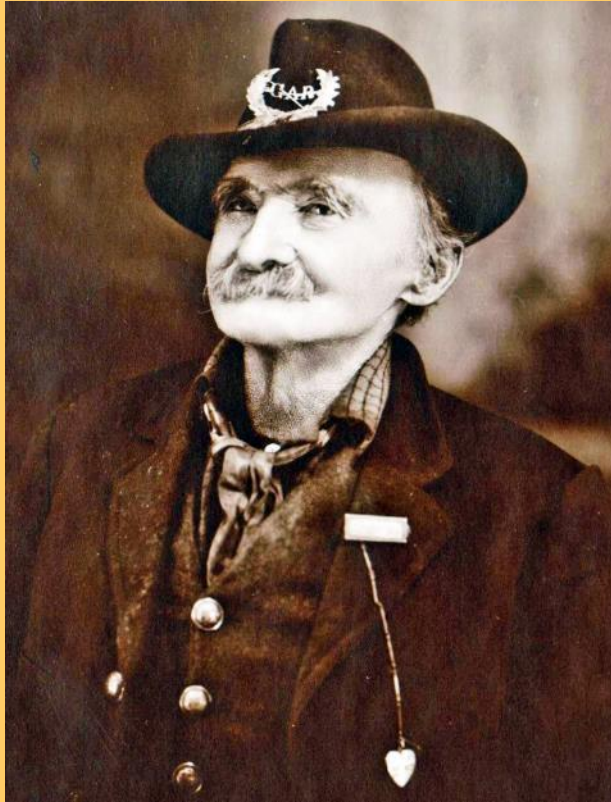
Battery H – 1st West Virginia Light Artillery
Company F – 3rd West Virginia Cavalry



Reuben L. Waite
Private

Company E – 1st West Virginia
Infantry
Company F – 2nd West Virginia
Infantry

In at the End...



Frederick M. Brown
Private

Battery D – 1st West Virginia Light Artillery
“Carlin’s Battery”



Philip Caldabaugh
Private

Company F – 189th Ohio Infantry

The Effects of War...



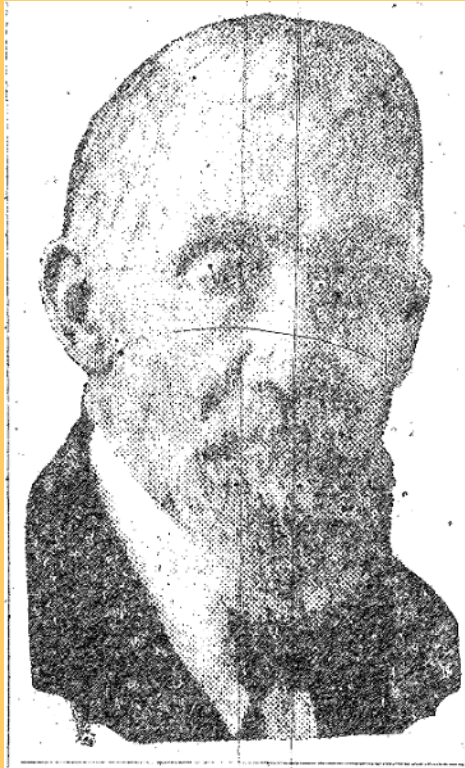
John Q. Blowers
Private

Company E – 1st Loyal Virginia Infantry
Company D – 46th Pennsylvania Infantry



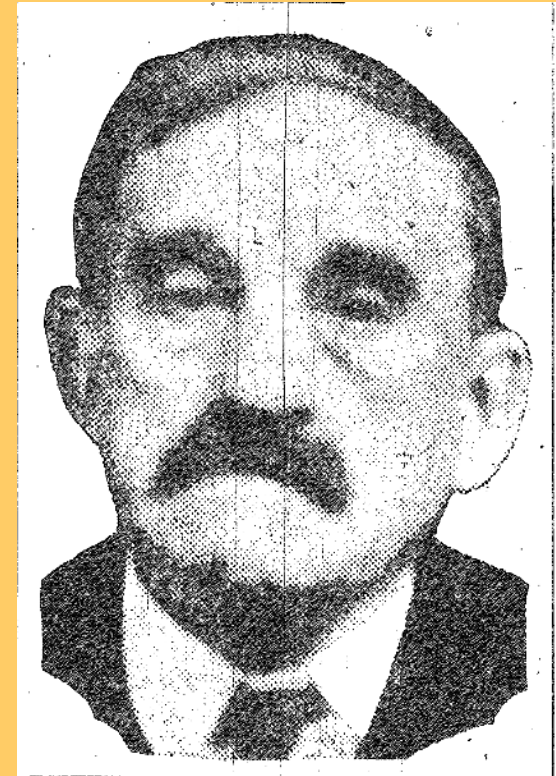
William T. Singleton
Major
1st West Virginia Infantry
U.S. Commissary Department

Grand Army Men...



Joseph M. Smith
Private

Battery H – 1st West Virginia Light Artillery
Company H – 17th West Virginia Infantry



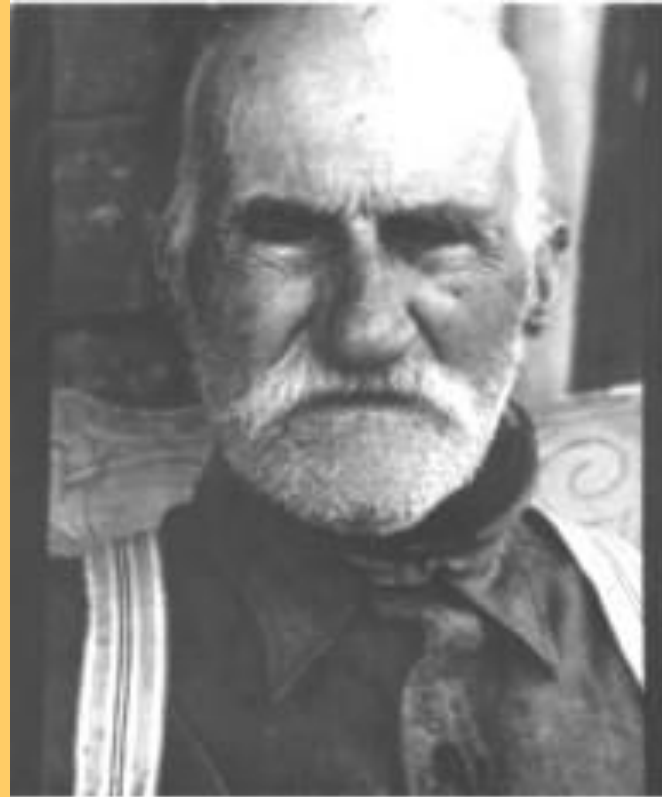
Lorenzo D. Ullom
Private

Company G – 7th West Virginia Infantry

The Last Among Us...



Joseph A. Pyle
Private
Company C– 1st West
Virginia Infantry
Company E – 2nd West
Virginia Veteran Infantry



Uriah T. Alley
Private
Company L – 6th West Virginia Infantry