

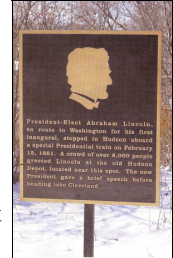
May 7, 2011
On this day...MOLLUS members will honor a Companion, First Lieutenant George Coates Ashmun, Hudson's town Doctor and Mayor at the beginning of the war.

Portrait photos of George C. Ashmun and his wife, Lydia Ashmun. These portraits were donated to the Western Reserve Academy by Marian Cornell, MOLLUS member Barry Cornell's widow, in 2008. They are now hanging in the Pierce House, residence of the Headmaster.

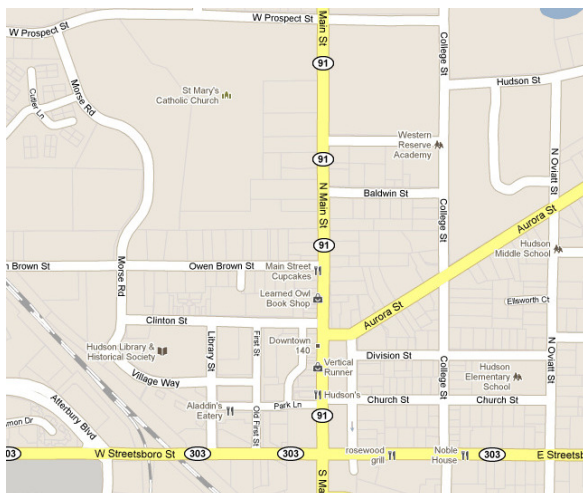


It was a cold and blustery day when Lincoln stopped in Hudson, OH as part of his two-week train journey across the north from Springfield, Illinois to Washington, D.C. for his inaugural. He had already been to Cincinnati, and had addressed the Ohio Legislature at the newly-completed Ohio Statehouse in Columbus. On February 15, 1861, his train had come in from Pittsburgh, stopping at Alliance for lunch, then on to Ravenna for another brief stop, then into Hudson where 6,000 people had turned out to see the President-Elect at the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Railroad depot. Although the train stopped for only a few moments, Lincoln came out on the back platform to address the crowd, and excused himself because he was quite hoarse and unable to speak for long. A great cheer went up from the happy spectators and the train whistle sounded as it pulled slowly from the station and headed into Cleveland.

As short as Lincoln's visit was, it still was a big event for Summit County, Ohio in 1861. Special trains had come in from Akron earlier that day, and the Akron newspaper, the Summit Beacon, gave the story full coverage. For decades to come, people in Hudson and surrounding areas would recall to their friends and family that they had been among the crowd on the day that Lincoln came to Hudson. As late as 1931, seventy years after the visit, both the Akron paper and the local Hudson weekly had articles about the "last person" alive who remembered that day at the Hudson depot. A few responded who had been children in 1861 that they indeed were there. The memory of Lincoln's visit was later all but lost except for the old news stories, when an effort was launched in 2003 to get a marker in Hudson that would celebrate Lincoln's visit. With funding from a local foundation, we were able to have a marker designed and



the city agreed to give us a place in what is now open land close to the center of town. The marker, dedicated in 2004, now stands near the Hudson Police station and very close to the place where the 1861 depot was located. There are only three other towns in Ohio that have historic markers noting the visit of Lincoln on his inaugural journey: in Columbus at the Ohio Statehouse, in Steubenville at the Jefferson County Court House, and in Ravenna in front of a restaurant on Main Street. Only the marker in Hudson is almost on the exact spot where Lincoln's train came to a stop and where Ohio citizens had a chance to see the greatest man of the era, and perhaps the colossus of American history itself. *Submitted by Tom Vince, Archivist and Historian, Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, Ohio, member of the Ohio MOLLUS Commandery.*



Message from the Commander...

We encourage all Ohio Companions and Dames to attend the expanded May 7th Meeting in Hudson, Ohio. Family and guests are encouraged. Make sure that Recorder Bury is informed of your attendance and any guests. This will be the first of the Civil War 150 events sponsored by our Commandery. We welcome any thoughts or ideas on how the Companions and Dames of Ohio wish to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the War of the Rebellion.

The State of Ohio kick off of the Civil War 150th will start at 2:00 PM Sunday April 10:00 at the Capitol in Columbus. We hope that you will consider joining us to represent MOLLUS and DOLLUS at this event. If you can join with us, please let Recorder Bury know of your participation so that we may all rally together.

July 9th will be this year's Buffington Island Commemorating the only Civil War Battle within Ohio. The program starts at 2:00. For more details Contact Commander Ashley. Also July 19 to 21, 2013 marks the 150th of the Battle which our Commandery Founder, Rutherford B. Hayes, was involved along with the fighting McCooks of Carrollton whose many family members have been Companions of the Ohio Commandery. Mark your calendar.

The date of our Fall Meeting is set for the Saturday following Labor Day on September 10th in conjunction with the National Park Service at Lawnfield, the Mentor, Ohio home of James Garfield. The last Garfield belonging to the Ohio Commandery was Harry Augustus Garfield who was elected by Inheritance of the First Class (eldest son of the Veterans Companion) on June 3, 1885. See more information listed elsewhere in this issue of the Sword and Revolver. This will be another of our CW 150 expanded meeting events which is great for membership recruitment, both from the attending general public and for prospective candidates that you may want to bring along to the meeting event.

Commander Keith Ashley

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEE SCHEDULE

	Single Payment
AGE	AMOUNT
0-2	\$100
2-3	\$105
3-4	\$115
4-5	\$128
5-6	\$141
6-7	\$155
7-8	\$171
8-9	\$189
9-10	\$208
10-11	\$229
11-12	\$253
12-13	\$279
13-14	\$307
14-15	\$329
15-16	\$373
16-17	\$412
17-18	\$459
18+	\$500

DUES ARE NOW DUE

PLEASE REMIT YOUR 2011 DUES NOW

***MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO
OHIO COMMANDERY, MOLLUS***

IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30.00

***AND SEND TO:
GORDON BURY
10095 WADSWORTH RD.
MARSHALLVILLE, OH 44645***



**Ohio Commandery of MOLLUS
Fall Meeting
September 10, 2011
Celebrate the 150th
Sesquicentennial at the Home of
our departed Companion
James A. Garfield's "Lawnfield"**

***11:00 Brunch & Meeting at Yours Truly Restaurant
7274 Center St. Mentor, OH 440-954-9393***

***Members can then proceed to "Lawnfield" to tour the grounds and
enjoy Civil War Living History***

- Watch USA, USCT and CSA reenactment units march, drill, and fire their weapons
- If you're a kid, participate in special drill
- instruction just for you!
- Tour the Garfield home
- Listen to music from the Civil War era
- Shop at the sutlers' tents
- Watch a living history presentation by "James A. Garfield"
- Learn about Civil War ladies' aid societies and the U.S. Sanitary Commission



**To Register for Brunch please contact Gordon Bury at:
330-855-4251 OhioMollus@aol.com**

**The James A. Garfield National Historic Site is Located at:
8095 Mentor Avenue • Mentor, Ohio • 44060
440-255-8722 • www.nps.gov/jaga**

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS FREE EVENT
 The Ohio Commandery of the
 Military Order of the Loyal Legion Host
 A Mini-Symposium in Hudson, OH
 May 7, 2011

- 9:00 Door opens at the Hudson Library & members of the Ohio Commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion welcome you
- 9:30 Posting of the Colors by the 29th OVI Co G Civil War Historical Association, Union Civil War Re-enactors followed by a short history of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion by Past Commander-in-Chief Gordon Bury,
- 9:45 Marjorie Wilson, Interpretative Guide, Historian & Story Teller will present the “War of the Rebellion” as it interfaces with Cleveland history and individual lives from pre-war to post-war civilians. Marge is a member of the Cleveland Civil War Round Table and is the Round Table’s liaison with National History Day. She’s busy at Lake View Cemetery where she is a docent, and also a guide at the Garfield Monument. In addition she’s on the Cemetery’s Speakers’ Bureau and in 2011 will lead a new walking tour: “Lake View’s Civil War Veterans”
- 10:30 Tim Daly, Director of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Public Square in Cleveland, Oh, will discuss this outstanding monument to the Soldiers and Sailors who served Cuyahoga County during the War of the Rebellion along with it’s recent restoration.
- 11:00 *Break*
- 11:10 Tom Mackie Director of the Abraham Lincoln Memorial Library and Museum at Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee will give a short presentation on Lincoln and his interest about inland transportation.
- 12:00 *Luncheon* at the Reserve Inn with a stop at the location where Abraham Lincoln stopped in Hudson in February of 1861.
- 2:30 Memorial Service at Western Reserve Academy Chapel followed by a walking tour of Western Reserve Academy including the oldest observatory in the Western Reserve, concluding at the cemetery where John Brown family members are buried.

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