

**Brad Schall**

**From:** Jim Gray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 6:59 AM  
**To:** CofA6@suvcw.org  
**Subject:** ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL FOR 100+ UNION VETERANS

I am contacting you on behalf of the American Civil War Round Table of Queensland, Inc. located in Brisbane, Australia.

We have documented some 100+ Union veterans buried throughout Australia, and to date, there has never been a memorial or recognition of these Union veterans in Australia.

We would like to know if there is some way a grant or other funds could be acquired, as we are financially unable to take on such a project, to establish a memorial for these Union veterans at the Australian War Museum in the nations capital. We are sure we could get the cooperation of the War Museum, as there are such memorials to other Australian war veterans there; but nothing honouring those Australians who served in the American Civil War. We could also likely get the corporation of the RSL's (Return Service League's) in such a project.

If we could acquire the assistance of the Sons of Union Veterans in such a project, we could at long last establish a memorial for their service to the United States.

Any assistance or suggestion you might be able to provide would be gratefully appreciated by many; including the descendants of the veterans.

Sincerely,

James Gray  
ACWRTQ

**Brad Schall**

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**From:** Bob & Rosemary [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 9:47 AM  
**To:** Brad Schall  
**Subject:** RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL FOR 100+ UNION VETERANS

Hi Brad:

I have been in communication with Jim Gray for several years concerning the Nat'l GR Project. His suggestion is something we might well look into.

Regards,  
Bob

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Brad Schall  
**Date:** 11/12/07 09:19:04  
**To:** 'Jim Gray'  
**Cc:** Bob Lowe; Dave Stephen; Charlie Kuhn CIC; Dan Murray; Jim Hanby  
**Subject:** RE: ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEMORIAL FOR 100+ UNION VETERANS

Mr. Gray,

Thank you for your request and I will review and be your advocate.

I will take this information plus the information that you sent to Dave Stephens with me to our national meeting in Gettysburg. By the way is that you in the photograph?

Did you have a relative in the Civil War?

I'm on my way to Gettysburg tomorrow for Remembrance Day events (Lincoln Gettysburg Address Day) and to our children's home for Thanksgiving in North Carolina. We won't return to California till the first part of December and then we can pursue your request.

Do you have a list of Union and Confederate soldiers, their units and burial sites? If so I would be glad to place them on our national website and forward to the Confederate Grave Registration officer.

Great display.

Sincerely,

Brad Schall, PDC

National Council of Administration

11/12/2007

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**From:** Jim Gray [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2007 6:33 AM  
**To:** dpstephen1@mchsi.com  
**Subject:** NEW MEMORIAL TO FORGOTTEN UNION VETERANS  
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**The first and only memorial to war veterans, dedicated to the memory of Australians who participated in the American Civil War, from 1861 through 1865, has been established by Mr. Robert Taylor and James Gray, members of the American Civil War Round Table of Queensland, Inc. at the Beenleigh Historical Village Museum; located at 205 Main Street, Beenleigh, Queensland. It includes nine (9) Union veterans and one (1) Confederate veteran; buried within the state of Queensland, Australia.**

**The Union veterans include Samuel Sherwood Bissell, U.S. Navy; Joseph Woodward Boles, U.S. Navy; Solomon Bradford, 79th New York Militia; James Latimer, 36th Mo. Militia; Frederick Downey Macomber, 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery; Palle de Rosencrantz, 1st German Cavalry; Abraham Edward Walsh, U.S. Navy; William Waters, U.S. Navy and Edward Charles Wright, 4th Massachusetts Infantry.**

**The Queensland's Veterans display includes photos and story briefs on each veteran buried in Queensland, replica weapons used during the war, a veterans hradstone display board, colourful flags, replica's of soldiers, original artefacts from Civil War battlefields, samples of grave memorial plaques and much more. Shortly a large glass encased diorama of the 'Battle of Gettysburg', in which some of those veterans participated, will be added to the display. It will consist of some 1000 had carved miniature figures depicting that famous battle; all carved by a local contributor. It is truly a fitting tribute to those great Queenslande veterans, and other Union veterans buried throughout Australia; who should never be forgotten in the future.**

Good to hear from you Brad;

Yes that is me in the photo. I am a descendant of Confederate soldiers, but like many in the SCV, we feel we need to do all we can to honour and preserve the memories of **both** the North and South. 99% of all the confirmed veterans in Australia and New Zealand are Union veterans, and we all in the ACWERQ look at them as our own. I belong to the American Civil War Round Table of Queensland and have for about 5 years been researching the veterans buried in Australia. Many were without headstones, so Robert Taylor, a friend and myself, enlisted the backing of the Round Table and began acquiring headstones and bronze plaques for the Union veterans. So far we have acquired about 15; and one Reb Australian buried in Mansfield, Louisiana.

My wife built the Australian memorial website for the veterans and we were asked by the Australian National Archives to allow it to be archived; and we agreed. I have already personally registered all the veterans in Queensland and I believe most of the others are; but I'm not sure as I have been too busy researching to remember to check the Union grave reg. list to find out. I must do that now that you have reminded me. You can view all the confirmed veterans on the website, at [www.acwv.com.au](http://www.acwv.com.au); but there are some 200+ more still being researched, many from Australia that we know served in the war.

Robert and I felt so strong about a memorial to the veterans here, that we established the small memorial I informed you of, at a local well known Historical Village. But what we really need is a national monument, or a wall like the Viet Nam Veterans wall, for "all" the veterans buried in Australia; at the national war museum. I know a lot of individuals would get on the band wagon, and their descendants would surely stand up and help us as well; and I know the War Museum would be receptive.

Attached is the grave of William waters we found after much searching in a local Brisbane cemetery. We held a public ceremony for the placement of his headstone and it was well attended; along with 3 generations of his descendants. Another was held in Bundaberg for Adam Walsh, USN, and still others are planed for in Mt. Morgan for Samuel Bissell, USN, and for Palle de Rosencrantz, 1st German Cavalry, in Rockhampton. (all Union veterans) .

If the SUV would like to really honour their forgotten veterans in Australia, the American Civil War Round Table of Queensland stands ready to carry the ball for you here. Dr. Jack Ford, a Brisbane heritage official, is the President of ACWRTQ.

I didn't start the research down here, but unlike others, I and the ACWRTQ will continue it until 'all' the veterans are identified. The list contains some 300 more names.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Jim Gray  
ACWRTQ



QUEENSLAND "FORGOTTEN VETERANS"  
of the American Civil War

<p><b>JAMES A. HOWELL</b> 1821 - 1888 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865</p>	<p><b>JOSEPH WOODWARD BAKER</b> 1825 - 1888 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865</p>	<p><b>N.Y.S.V. 79th REGIMENT</b> 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865</p>	<p><b>CAROL LATHAM</b> 1821 - 1888 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865</p>
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<p><b>WILLIAM WATSON</b> 1821 - 1888 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865</p>	<p><b>1861 - 1865</b> "Lest We Forget"</p>	<p><b>EDWARD C. WRIGHT</b> 1821 - 1888 1861 - 1865 1861 - 1865</p>	

American Civil War Round Table of Old Inc



# Gray and the blue come together to honour forgotten Civil War veteran

Almost a century and a half has passed since the last shot was fired in anger in the American Civil War which pitched north against south.

However, representatives from both sides of that conflict will undertake a simple, yet meaningful ceremony at the Bundaberg General Cemetery this Sunday at noon.

Apple Tree Creek Civil War enthusiast Dick Rogers will don his blue Union Lieutenant's uniform and team up with Bundaberg Confederate General, Peter Richardson, to provide a military tribute to a former Civil War serviceman buried there.

Dick and Peter have a mutual interest in the group, the American Civil War Round Table of Queensland.

"Basically, the group, aside from its historic military focus, is participating in locating Civil War personnel who left the United States after the war, settled, and eventually dies in other countries around the world," said Mr. Rogers.

"On Sunday we will be honouring the late Adam Edward Walsh who died in Bundaberg in January 1925 at the ripe old age of 84 years."

Mr. Rogers said Mr. Walsh had served as a member of the Union Navy during the Civil War conflict in the 1860's.

"He had a most interesting life. Of Irish parents, he lied about his age so he could join the Navy and eventually was engaged in blockade duty aboard the USS Bambridge. Mr. Walsh maintained an interest in the sea long after his military service was over."

"He eventually found his way to this district, married a girl from Maryborough and settled in Bund-

aberg where they raised a family."

Mr. Rogers said Elizabeth Nunn, Mr. Walsh's great great grand-daughter would travel from Brisbane for the occasion.

He said he had long held a passion for the Civil War era which he believed was one of the most defining periods in US history.

"I'm a former Yank, I was born in New York and lived in the Long Island area. I enjoyed service as a member of the US Coastguard and it has been a long tradition of military association within my family that has seen me retain links with these organisations which still observe traditions associated with the Civil War."

"I've been in Australia for 45 years and I love the place but I don't mind admitting that in some ways I'm still homesick for the US."

"I guess that's why I sometimes dress up in my Civil War uniforms and participate in occasions such as will be held on Sunday."

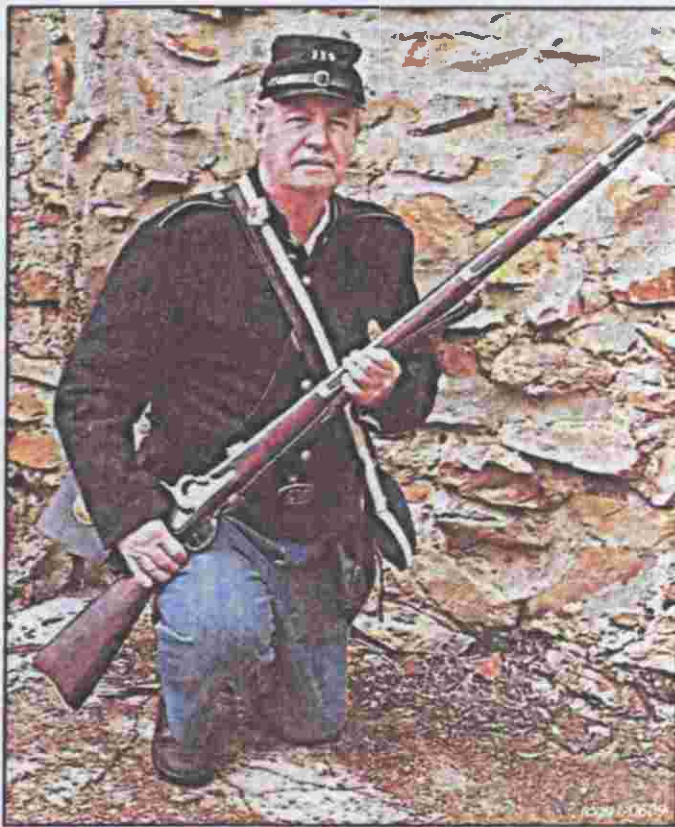
"It's that association and linkage to the US plus my belief that every honourably discharged ex-US serviceman is entitled to a funeral service with military honours."

"That's essentially what we are doing for Mr. Walsh on Sunday. We will relate a little of his life, his service record and ensure a plaque which identifies him as a former Civil War serviceman is in place."

Mr. Rogers is a collector of Civil War memorabilia and, as a member of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia, "indulges" himself in shooting replica muzzle loaders of the Civil War era.

On Sunday he will be in a dress uniform complete with ceremonial sword.

*"It's my belief that every honourably discharged ex-US serviceman is entitled to a funeral service with military honours."* - Dick Rogers, Civil War enthusiast



"I think it should make an interesting, if not unusual, spectacle at the Bundaberg Cemetery," he said.

*Pictured: Apple Tree Creek resident Dick Rogers harbours a passion for memorabilia associated with the American Civil War. He is pictured in his Army Private's outfit with replica muzzle loading Springfield rifle.*

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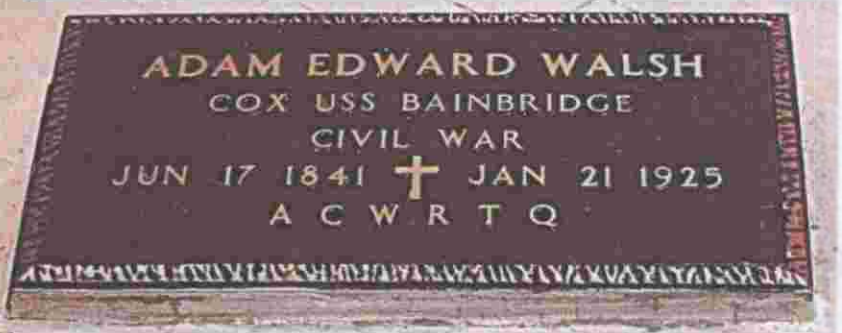


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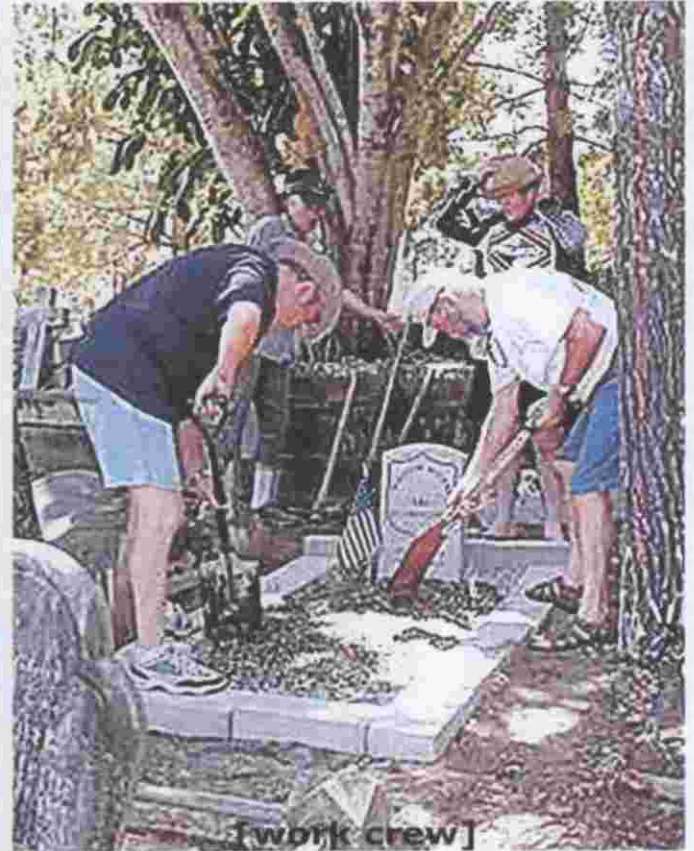
**Adam Edward Walsh**



**Adam Edward Walsh Plaque Dedication**



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