



SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR  
DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC

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Wednesday 27 January 1999

Mr. Kent L. Armstrong, Chairman  
SUVCW Nat'l C. W. Memorials Committee

Subject: "CANNON INQUIRY PROJECT"

Dear Brother Armstrong:

Please accept my apologies for being overlong in providing you with this update. And also for the incomplete nature of the report. I had hoped to be able to provide you with information on more cannon and in greater detail but apparently the interest level is just not out there. Some brothers that had indicated willingness (even eagerness) to help by checking in their areas have not done so despite follow-ups.

Only cannon that were not on U.S. government property were checked on (or were tried to be checked on).

The report of the Dept. of California & Pacific (such as it is) is herewith attached.

Yours in F, C, & L,

UPDATE ON "CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL CANNON"  
FROM DEPT. CALIF. & PACIFIC, SUVCW - 01/28/1999

STATE OF WASHINGTON

Wrote to Camp Commanders in Washington. No specific response was received however some notice of the project was given in the November issue of the newsletter of the Gov. Isaac Steven Camp 1. The cover page and 4 pages of the newsletter are copied and attached. The final 2 pages are my letter to them (which is pretty similar to those sent to others soliciting assistance with the project).

STATE OF HAWAII

Only feedback received is that the two 12-lb Bronze Napoleons located at the Cannon Club on Diamond Head, Honolulu, are still there. This officer's club is now closed but still on the military base so can be presumed that they are relatively secure from theft or vandalism and are maintained in good state.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Vallejo &

Glen Ellen : Update from Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 attached. May be some problem with the cannon that were in Waterfront park (now renamed Vallejo Memorial Park).

Santa Barbara : Update from Roger Knox of Santa Barbara Civil War Council is attached along with photos of the two cannon. Birds nesting inside the barrels and graffiti seem to be a problem particularly with the one outside Nat'l Guard Armory.

San Luis Obispo : 32-lb Shell Gun in Lady Family-Sutcliff Cemetery report by Ed Strobridge of Sgt. Wm. Pittenger Camp 21 is attached along with photo of the cannon. It was restored within past few years through efforts of Bro. Strobridge. 1999 Annual Encampment of Dept. Calif. & Pacific will have a Memorial Service beside it on 03/20/1999.

Santa Ana : 32-lb Seacoast Gun in Jack Fisher Park is painted yellow to match nearby playground equipment. Report by Bro. Charles Beal of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 is attached along with 2 pictures.

Irvine : Model 1853 Howitzer in Irvine Regional park - report by Bro. Charles Beal of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21 attached along with 2 pictures.

San Jose : 12-Lb Dahlgren Gun is located in downtown park. Barrel has been filled with cement to prevent "useage" Cannon is chained to a statue of President William McKinley. All this per telephonic report of Bro. Dan Bunnell of Phil Sheridan Camp 4.

San Bernardino : A 4.2" Army Parrot Rifle is located downtown area in main city park. Decent enough condition and secured to concrete stand. Postal Card showing GAR Monument enclosed also has the cannon shown just to left and beyond the monument.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA (CONT.)

San Diego : (A) Two 12-lb Bronze napoleons in custody of the San Diego Maritime Museum are in superb condition, protected. They are displayed on deck of old Ferryboat "Berkeley" in San Diego harbor.

(B) A 10" Siege Mortar in Mt. Hope Cemetery is secured in its concrete base. Cannon ball wedged within the barrel. Semi-rusty, has been painted black sometime in the past. It's precisely located on west edge of the cemetery's Oakwood Ave. in the midst of the GAR Plot. Cemetery is locked at nights however trolley tracks run through middle of it. PICTURE ATTACHED  
[these reported by Bro. Gene Armistead of Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21]

Templeton : The 8" Rodman Gun is still located in Templeton Park in center of this small city per Bro. Ed Strobridge of Sgt. William Pittenge Camp 21.

Copperopolis : The 6-lb Bronze 1835 Field Gun is the "prize" of the museum there. Presence of the cannon there at beginning of the Civil War is attributed/credited with keeping that area loyal to the Union. Well cared for.

STATE OF ALABAMA

Demopolis, Marengo County : Two 3" Ordnance Rifles located on east and west flanks of monument to "Our Confederate Dead" located circular boulevard intersection of Main Ave. & Capitol Street. Cannon originally secured for display there by United Daughters of the Confederacy. Iron rods welded to underside front end of barrels go down into concrete to secure them from theft or dismounting by vandals. Pretty good condition - maintained by the City. [report by Bro. Gene Armistead, Sgt. William Pittenger Camp 21.]

# CAMP NOTES

*A Newsletter of the Gov. Isaac Stevens Camp No. 1 of the  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War*

November 1998

Winter Edition

## ELECTIONS - FOOD DRIVE

AT THE NEXT MEETING

5 DECEMBER 1998

11 A.M.

The next camp meeting will be held at the IOOF Hall in Olympia. The physical address is 207 4th Avenue West. A computer-generated map, hopefully better than the last, is enclosed to help everyone find the IOOF Hall.

This meeting will be both business and fellowship in its orientation. First, we must elect officers for 1999. The following positions are open - and individuals willing to stand for election are noted to the side.

Camp Commander: Rod Fleck  
Sr. Vice Commander: Ken Richmond  
Milton Vaught  
Jr. Vice Commander: Milton Vaught  
Ken Richmond  
Secretary: Harley Crain  
Treasurer: Harley Crain

Nominations will also be accepted from the floor.

In addition to the above items, we are continuing with our third food drive effort. Please bring a couple of canned good items with you to the meeting. The holidays are

trying times for those struggling in our state; any help we can render will be greatly appreciated. Last year's donations went to a VFW chapter to help fill out food baskets for needy families. The VFW Commander was very appreciative and grateful for our generosity.

## REPORT ON THE OCTOBER 3 CAMP MEETING AND HISTORY MUSEUM 'TOUR'

There were 18 in attendance, consisting of 3 members of Camp 1, Dick Waldron of Camp 28 sitting in as Secretary, 3 reps from LGAR and DUV, 1 Camp 1 guest, 10 family members of two Camp 1 members.

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (Roberta Yates and her niece) and DUV (Linda Opstad) presented us with:

- 1) Guidon from Hiram R. Gale Camp 1,
- 2) Photo of Hiram Gale (probably from 1946, when he was GAR CnC),
- 3) Hiram R. Gale Camp 1 Charter (was chartered in 1956),
- 4) Photo of Rustan O. Reed (Seattle GAR member and National officer),
- 5) photocopy of scrapbook on DUV, LGAR, WRC, and the last GAR members in Washington and nationally - most dated 1940s-1960s,

number of Union veterans. We'll be searching for an unmarked grave of a Union veteran as well to round out the ceremony.

### Veterans Day - Port Angeles

To honor the first chartered veterans organization in the area, Pacific Post 48, GAR, the Clallam County Veterans Association invited Camp 28 to provide a Civil War-uniformed color guard to participate in the Veterans Day ceremony. Three brothers from within the Sons committed themselves to the event. We also contacted the Washington Civil War Association (WCWA) in hopes of increasing our numbers. After a "friendly" exchange of e-mail with a few WCWA members as to why no Confederate representation was invited, we found ourselves with a proper color guard of five gents.

The guard consisted of: Camp 1 member, re-enactor and active duty USN Tom Bass of Whidbey Island - Infantry Private; re-enactor Bernie Bateman, Puyallup - Infantry Sgt.Maj.; re-enactor Don Johnson, Kent - Infantry Sgt.; Camp 1 JVC Ken Richmond, Sequim - Artillery Sgt.Maj.; Camp 28 Sec. Dick Waldron, Port Angeles - Cavalry Sgt.Maj. It was certainly a colorful color guard with uniforms of each of the three "combat" branches of the Union army present.

We also secured a 34-star US flag for the ceremony. After the colors of each branch of the US Armed Forces, and after the colors of each veterans and patriotic organization present were posted, we followed up with our five-member guard. Our Civil War colors were posted in front of two special displays. One Civil War and GAR artifacts and memorabilia. The other, a display honoring the community's two Medal of Honor recipients and the only Coast

Guardsman to be awarded the MOH. The riflemen, Bass and Johnson, guarded the colors throughout the ceremony.

We received special mention as the newest "veterans" organization in Clallam County, and hearty applause to go with that. Veterans Day coverage in the local newspaper included a color photo of two members of the color guard, and plenty of mention of the SUV in the accompanying article. That evening's local cable news included footage of our men in blue.

All enjoyed the ceremony and our part in it - the public, the veterans, the officials and dignitaries, and our re-enactor guests. We opened up a relationship between the Sons and the WCWA, and all are looking forward to 1999 when we can get together to honor the veterans of the "Recent Unpleasantness."

## CANNON - CANNON WHOSE GOT THE CANNON

As you know, in September a cannon was rededicated to the memory of the Wenatchee GAR post. What you may not have known is that that cannon was one of 16 given to our state. It appears that the interest that an e-mail from Brother Fleck and Brother Richmond sparked has resulted in national wanting to know more about the many cannon given to the GAR by the Federal Government. Brother Crain received the enclosed letter from the Department Commander of the Department of the Pacific (California and Hawaii) that is enclosed for your review.

HERE IS THE CHALLENGE - Let's make it a goal for 1999 to find out where each of these are, or what happened to them. The

challenge does not appear to be difficult - and hopefully we can assign a specific location to one brother to check on.

As part of the Jr. Vice Commander's & the Sec./Treasurer's report, there will be a request that the Camp seek recognition of Wenatchee's efforts from the National Commander-in-Chief in the form of a special order or certificate. I hope that we can get National to recognize the hours, dollars, and dedication that numerous volunteers made to preserve the memory of the GAR in Wenatchee.

### A NEW FLAG FOR THE GAR CEMETERY

I have also enclosed a copy of the letter that Brother Crain received regarding the National Flag that he gave for us at the Seattle GAR Cemetery. Brother Crain had informed me that he intended to have this flag donated to this purpose. On behalf of the Camp, I want to extend my gratitude for this thoughtful gesture. Thank you Harley your kindness is truly appreciated.

### VERY INTERESTING BOOK AVAILABLE

Brother Richmond has been also pursuing the Internet and has taken up collecting GAR items purchased via a cyberspace auction house known as Ebay.com.

Well, he also found a heck of a book that many of you may want to add to your library. *Membership and National Encampment Badges of the Grand Army of the Republic, 1866-1949*, by PCINC Kenneth R. Johnson and Jeffrey B. Floyd is available from Orders and Medals Society of

America. This monograph consists of 80 pages and as its title states covers the membership badges, and the National Encampment badges, used by the GAR. Each badge or badge type is illustrated with a black and white photograph and detail description of the badge. The cost is less than \$25 post paid and can be obtained from the society by writing to:

OMSA  
C/o Dean Veremakis  
P.O. Box 896  
Duluth, GA 30136-0896

### ALSO AVAILABLE AT YOUR LOCAL BOOK STORE

As a few of you may recall, I did a presentation on the German ethnic regiments in the Civil War. One of the sources I relied upon for that presentation, was William Burton's *Melting Pot Soldier* which has been out of print for some time.

Well, the good professor has apparently found a new publisher, because now available is *Melting Pot Soldiers: The Union's Ethnic Regiments*. The book is available in either cloth or paperback (\$32.50 or \$19.95) and is published by Fordham University Press. This version is 282 pages with 14 B& W pictures.

Not only does the book cover German regiments, but it also talks about Irish, Hungarian, Italian, Swiss, Spanish, Norwegian and others. Anyone with a Union soldier for a specific ethnic group wants this book.

Be sure to be good from here on out, and let Santa know that this book is on your Christmas list.



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Friday 6 November 1998

Mr. Harley E. Crain, Commander  
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Mr. Robert L. Haynes, Commander  
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Kettle Falls, WA 99141

Dear Brothers:

I know that your Camps are not part of the Dept. of California & Pacific. Please do not feel that I am trying to either "tread on your turf" or "annex" you to this Department. In relation to a recent, important project of the SUVCW I've received communications and information on "Civil War Memorial Cannon" along with request/instructions to check on them out this way. I guess, someone has presumed that the "& Pacific" includes Oregon and Washington (actually it is Hawaii and Nevada). Anyway, I need to ask your assistance in this project.

During the period 1872-1916, the Federal Government donated almost 12,000 Civil War era cannon to towns, to civic groups and to patriotic organizations (including the GAR) for use as or in conjunction with memorials. The best accounting is that there are now only about 5,460 remaining. Many were "consumed" in the scrap-iron drives of WWI and WWII. Others have been stolen from cemeteries - a sad event which continues to occur with one stolen only a few months ago from a cemetery in San Andreas, CA. Many are doubtless not in a good state of preservation or not well protected. Currently, there is quite a "stir" going on in Iowa over the sale by an American Legion Post of a Civil War cannon which it had received from a GAR Post. It appears that this sale is now "on hold" due to the controversy which it has generated - the Iowa Dept of the SUVCW protesting the sale volubly.

As a result of this, the SUVCW is endeavoring to accelerate as it pertains to "memorial cannon" its Civil War Memorials Registration Project. The effort is concentrating on those memorial cannon which are neither privately owned nor in the custody of the Federal Government (national cemeteries, military bases, national battlefield parks, and the like). The listing which I have received indicates that there are fifteen (15) Civil War cannon located in the State of Washington. Could you assist with this SUVCW project? I believe that inquiries from Washingtonians would be more effective that from distant Californians or Easterners.

The information which I have to pass on to you is "fragmentary" in reference to precise location. Hopefully, either or both of you gentlemen, will be better able to locate these cannon. The following information for each of the cannon is solicited ...

- A. LOCATION: Precise address or cross-streets and name of where ( \_\_\_ County Courthouse, \_\_\_ Cemetery, etc.)
- B. CONDITION: How is it mounted? Rusted? Polished? Painted? etc.
- C. SECURITY: What protection is there vs theft or vandalism? Patrolled area? locked up at night? Lighted area? Secured to ground in some way?
- D. CUSTODY: What govt entity, group or business has it? That is Name of the

place where it is located. If a Nat'l Guard Armory then obviously custody is Wash. St. Natl Gd.. If a cemetery then Name (and owner/operator) of the cemetery. If a museum, who runs the museum? etc.

Following are the Civil War Memorial Cannon reported to be in the State of Washington.....

CAMP MURRAY: One 12-pounder Bronze Mountain Howitzer, Model 1835.  
Foundry: Alger. Weight: 221 pounds. Supposedly at National Guard.

DAYTON: Two (2) 12-pounder Bronze Mountain Howitzers, Model 1835.  
Foundry: one Alger, one Ames. Weight: both 223 pounds. AT Courthouse?

FT. LAWTON: One 3-inch Ordnance Rifle, Model 1861. Foundry: Phoenix.  
Weight: 816 pounds. Has been altered to a salute gun.

FT. LEWIS: One 5-Pounder Iron Gun, pattern 1834. Foundry: Columbia.  
One 12-pounder Bronze Mountain Howitzer, Model 1835.  
Foundry: Alger. Weight: 1217 pounds. Muzzle face worn smooth. Supposedly in museum.

PORT TOWNSEND: One 9-pounder Iron "Insurance" Gun. Foundry: Alger.  
(There is also a privately-owned cannon in Port Townsend: a 12-pounder Insurance gun. Perhaps the 9-pounder is also privately owned?)

SEATTLE: Two (2) 12-pounder Dahlgren Boat Guns. Both Ames foundry.  
Both weighing 722 pounds. Both in "Woodland Park"?

STELLACOOM: Two (2) 12-pounder Bronze Napoleons, Model 1857. One from Hooper foundry, one from Revere foundry. Each weighing about 1,220 pounds? Supposedly at Ft. Stellacoom (on loan from Olympia).

WALLA WALLA: One 10-inch Rodman, sleeved to an 8-inch Rifle gun.  
In Pioneer Park?

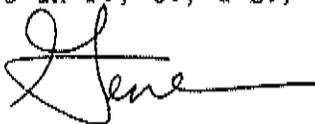
WENATCHEE: One (1) 32-pounder Bronze Howitzer, Model 1844. Foundry: Alger. Weight: 1874 pounds, In City Park.

YAKIMA: One (1) 12-pounder Bronze Mountain Howitzer, Model 1836.  
Foundry: Alger. Weight: 221 pounds. In Yakima Valley Museum.

If you gentlemen could check on these cannon and advise me by 15 December of any results and information, it would be most helpful in advancing the SUVCW work of preserving the memory of the GAR and our Civil War. And, I would personally be very appreciative of your help and make sure that SUVCW National Organization is made aware of your contributions.

If you've any questions, please feel free to contact me (evenings or weekends) at [REDACTED]

Yours in F., C., & L.,



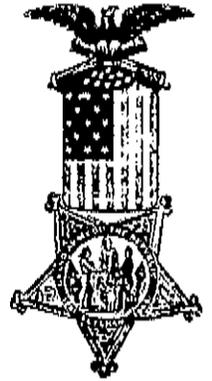


## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

COL. ELMER ELLSWORTH CAMP #23

Santa Rosa, Calif.

12 Dec 98



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Dear Brother Gene:

Cannon report.

It was hell with the people at the cemetery, but I pushed the edge and found out that some historical society back east hit them up also and the Mgr. just ignored my request until this morning. The results are;

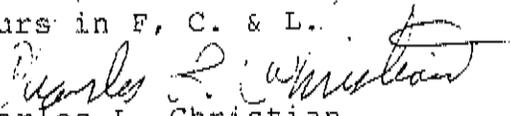
A. Sunrise Memorial Cemetery, Vallejo, all the cannon are in place with the six still "muzzle down".

B. Vallejo Memorial Park (ex-Waterfront Park) Community Development Analyst, Anatalio Ubalde, reports "the city has no knowledge at all about the two cannon or if they ever had them". Sounds like a scrap drive got them and they went back to war.

C. Glen Ellen. A cannon is in the village center and on a brick platform and cemented in to it. It is a 8 inch seige howitzer M1841? made in Pittsburg, PA, 1862. It was received in early 1905 through the efforts of a Gen. Wagner. It has a plaque with the information on it and installed by E Clampus Vitus 1995. On top are the markings, A.E. No 37. 2583 lbs. J.R.E. ORT-PITT. PA 1862 \*

Sorry for the bad delay.

Yours in F. C. & L.

  
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Camp Commander

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**TO: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War  
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**FROM: Sergeant Roger Knox  
319 Tiburon Place  
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93111**

**24 Nov. 1998**

**SUBJECT: Verification of Status of 2, 4.2" Parrott Rifles in Santa Barbara.**

**REF: Your letter of Request dated 6 November 1998.**

**Cannon #1: Is located at the Santa Barbara Cemetery. (Off Highway 101 at Hot Springs Road turnoff, go under the Freeway and take a left).**

**CONDITION: Well preserved, painted, and mounted on a stone/cement base. It is located at the top of Veteran's Hill guarded by "The soldiers".**

**There is a cannon ball lodged in the barrel near the muzzle. Cannon balls are stacked neatly next to the cannon permanently cemented in.**

**SECURITY: Cemetery is locked at night and there are no signs of vandalism. This is a "Gated Community".**

**CUSTODY: Santa Barbara Cemetery Associates**

East Cabrillo Blvd.

PO Box 803

Santa Barbara, Ca. 93102-0803

805 969-3231

**Cannon #2 Is located in front of the National Guard Armory across from the Santa Barbara High School on Cannon Perdido (Lost Cannon) St.**

**CONDITION: Painted, but has graffiti marks on the tube and debris stuffed down the barrel. Mounted on a stone/cement base. There are no cannon balls left on the mounting plate next to the cannon. Large trees cover the area, very shaded. Hardly noticeable 15 feet off the sidewalk.**

**SECURITY: None. The area of storage is not lighted, fenced, or patrolled. Because it is so heavy, it would take a crane to move it, so it is still there.**

**CUSTODY: National Guard Headquarters**

700 E. Cannon Perdido St.

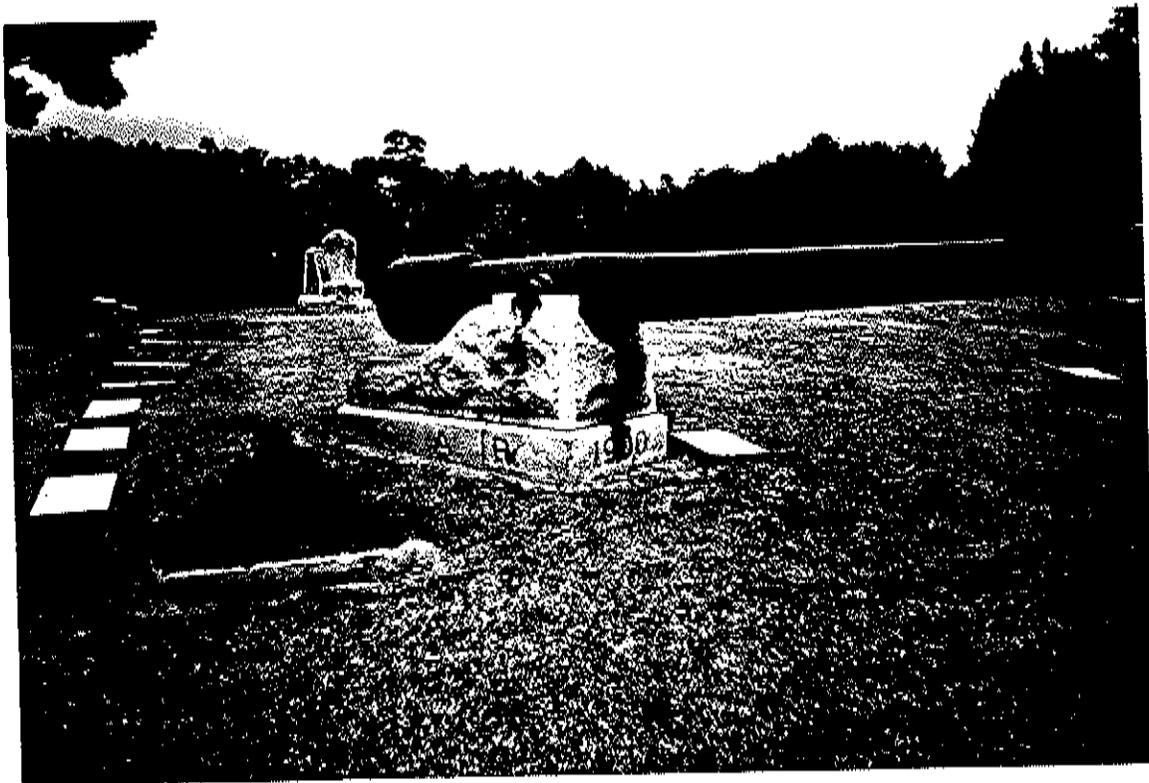
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93103

805 564-7724

Major Eric Brun, Work: 805 594-6543

Hope this is helpful to your project.

In Your Service,



SANTA BARBARA CEMETERY



NAT'L GUARD ARMORY, CANNON PERDIDO ST., SANTA BARBARA

**32 Pdr. Bureau Shell Gun of 4500# (U.S. Navy)**

located at

**Lady Family-Sutcliff Cemetery  
(Old I.O.O.F. Cemetery)  
San Luis Obispo, California**

State: California

City: San Luis Obispo

Location: Old I.O.O.F. Cemetery, GAR Plot, Elks lane & So. Higuera Sts.

Type: 32 Pdr. Bureau Shell Gun of 4500#

Metal: Iron

Grooves: Smoothbore with a Chamber

Foundry: "BF" (Builders Foundry)

Reg. #: 333

Insp.: (Proofed by) P/TAH

Foundry #: #62

Year: 1866 (Design of 1864)

Weight: 4530#

Comments:

Owned by the "Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War", (SUVCW), Legal Heir To And Representing The Grand Army Of The Republic. Chartered and Incorporated by Act of Congress on August 20, 1954 by passage of Public law 605.

Carriage: Wrought iron Marsilly Carriage manufactured by "Architectural Iron Works, 1865" this Gun is mounted on, which includes an elevating screw used for aiming, is unique to this Model as the Naval record of this series of 379 guns manufactured states that a Quoin was used.

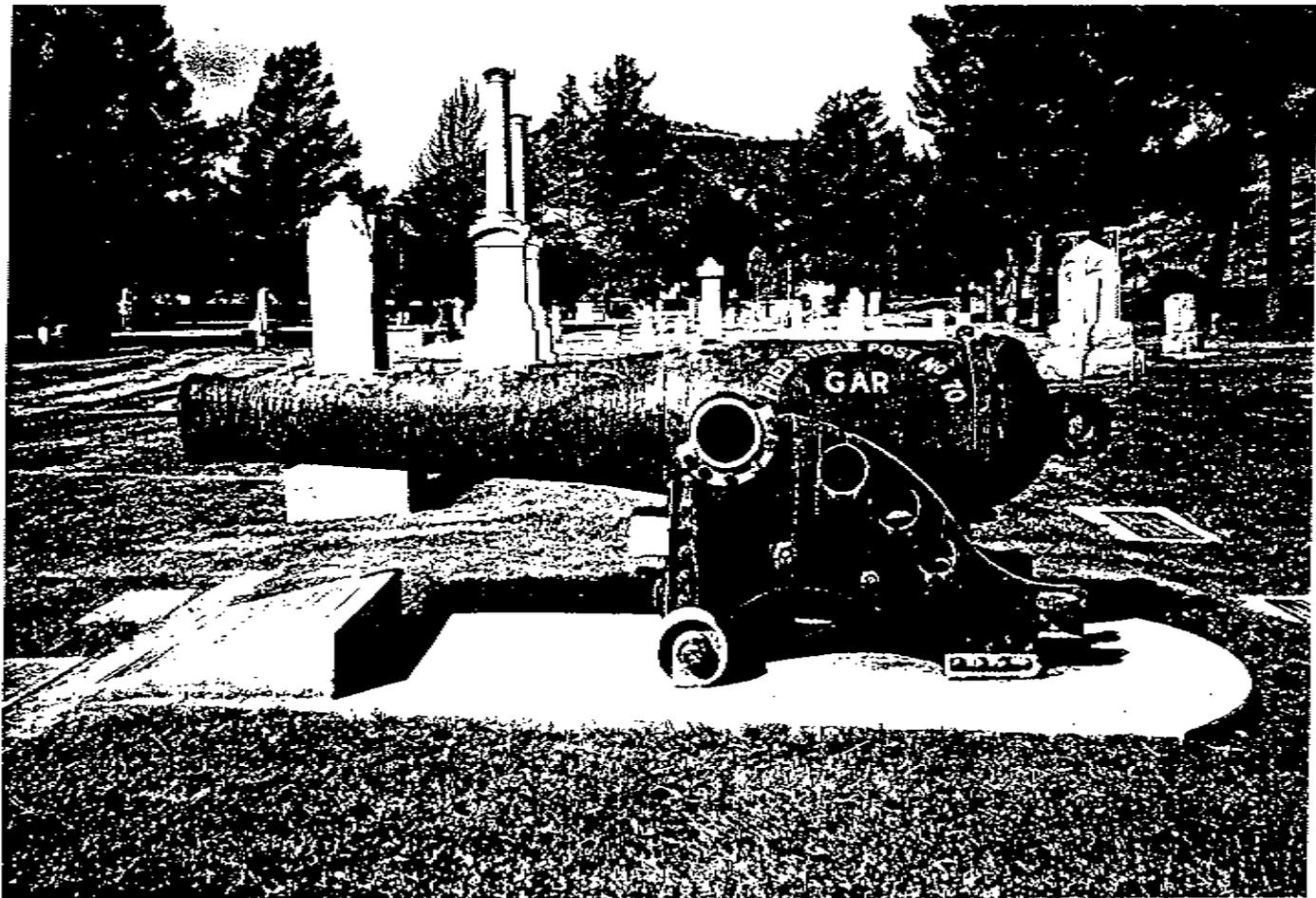
This Gun was placed on board the USS Kearsarge at the Boston Navy Yard in December 1867 where it was fired 54 times up to September 1870. The Gun was off loaded at the Mare Island Navy Yard at San Francisco, Calif. in October 1870 and remained there in inventory. It was given to the Grand Army of the Republic Fred Steele Post #70 in San Luis Obispo, Calif. in February 1892 who placed it in the GAR Plot in the Old Odd Fellows cemetery where it rests today.

The Gun was restored to its original condition in 1993 by Edson T. Strobridge, member of SUVCW who has maintained it to this day

For further reference please see: **"The Big Guns: Civil War Siege, Seacoast and Naval Cannon"** by Edward Olmstead, Wayne E. Stark, Spencer C. Tucker. (email at [starkgun@usaor.net](mailto:starkgun@usaor.net))

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November 18, 1998



LADY FAMILY - SUTCLIFF CEMETERY, SAN LUIS OBISPO

## Jack Fisher Park, Santa Ana, California

Located at the intersection of 2600 N. Flower St. and 900 W. River Lane & 900 W. Sharon Road in Santa Ana.

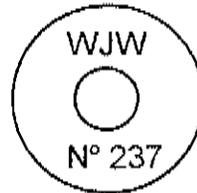
Hours: Sign posted as 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

This is a small public park that is maintained by the City of Santa Ana. You park on Flower St. and the park is on the Easterly side. No cost to use. There is no restrictive access to the park. This would be patrolled by the Santa Ana Police. There are no employees at the park to offer assistance.

The cannon is painted "yellow" and with the paint cracking in some places, you can see that the cannon was once painted "red". As a boy growing up nearby, I remember the cannon being "black" color. The cannon is pointed southerly towards Santiago Creek. The cannon is located on the bank of the creek. Bushes and trees surround the front of the cannon.

The cannon is stamped on it's front with the following stampings:

Front of Cannon



There are no signs telling of the history of the cannon. There is a decorative (small rocks) base the cannon appears to sit on. It appears to be hollow. It appears that the heavy metal frame that holds the cannon somehow secures the cannon to the ground. There is a nearby overhead light for nighttime lighting.



JACK FISHER PARK  
SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA



Irvine Regional Park, Orange, California

Located at Irvine Regional Park (founded in 1897)

1 Irvine Park Road

Orange, CA 92862

Hours: 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM (currently winter hours)

Admission Fee: \$2.00 per car on weekdays, \$4.00 per car on weekends

Park is run by the County of Orange. Park is patrolled by County Park Rangers who are there 24 hours a day.

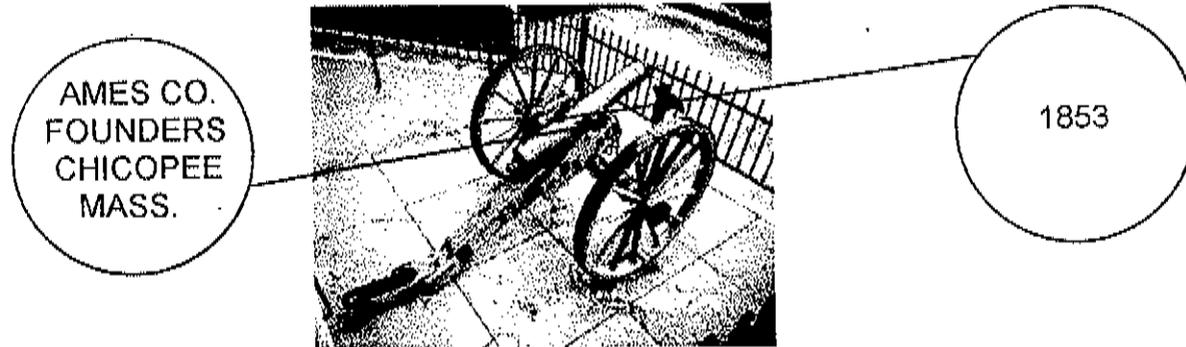
Located near the cross roads of Santiago Canyon Road and Jamboree Road in Orange.

The cannon points in a southerly direction at the upper end of a man made lake in the park. It is enclosed by a small rot iron fence. There is a nearby light for nighttime lighting. The cannon is tied down by chain on both wheels to the concrete pad. Also the tail end of the cannon is tied down by a chain to the concrete pad. Cement stairs are on the westerly and easterly sides of the cannon. With the northerly cement area looking down at the cannon adjacent to a Spanish-American Memorial. The wheels and wood structure holding the cannon appear to be original. Appears to be a few layers of black paint on the cannon.

In front of the cannon reads a plaque:

Cast in 1853 by the Ames Co. Foundry of Chicopee, Mass., this howitzer was brought to California during the Civil War and assigned to the garrison of California Volunteers at Drum Barracks, Wilmington. Secured from the State Armory at Los Angeles, it was installed on June 20, 1908, as Orange County's first courthouse cannon-"a symbol of peace." Replaced in 1925 by a captured World War I field cannon, the old brass "seven-pounder" was brought to Irvine Park to guard this Spanish-American War Memorial which was dedicated November 11, 1926.

The cannon shows the following stampings located in a metal circle adjacent to the barrel:



Located on the rectangular metal strips adjacent to the cannon barrel are the stampings:

(last number was missing or buried by many layers of paint)

185?



US  
ARTILLERY  
ARSENAL

The bottom two lines (Artillery & Arsenal) were illegible due to many layers of black paint. Not wanting to cause any damage to the cannon, this was what may have been stamped.

IRVINE REGIONAL PARK  
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

