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# STATUS OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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When the Grand Army of the Republic ceased to function as an active organization, our Order, as their sons, automatically became not only “heirs” but the leader of the family group, except in so far as Comrade Woolson himself can exercise that leadership. We are not only the oldest organization organized on a national basis, but, regardless of that fact, we have a further title to primacy.

Our ancestors brought to this country the English law and customs regarding succession and inheritance, which still prevail except in so far as they have been motified by statute or usage. Under these, when the head of a family passes away it is the son (or the eldest son, if there be more than one) who automatically becomes the titular head of the family, not the wife or daughter, for matriarchy has never existed in this country. Even when the head of the family is still alive, yet if for any reason he is unable to shoulder and discharge his full responsibilities, the son as heir apparent usually takes over such of these duties as may be necessary. We as “son” and, as Comrade Woolson calls us in his deed of 13 February 1954, the “natural heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic” have succeeded in the leadership of the Grand Army group, subject only to the primacy of Comrade Woolson himself, and we owe it to the candor which should exist between our own and the other allied organizations to state that we will neither abdicate from this position nor allow any other organization to usurp it.

## THE BANNER

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## SURVEY OF G. A. R. PROPERTY

Early in December an official letter was sent to each Department Commander requesting that he contact all Camps in his Department and direct them to make a survey of the territory covered by their respective Camps and locate any G.A.R. property in such territory or of which any member has knowledge or information. This includes real estate, cash in banks, bonds, stocks, records, Civil War mementoes, Post equipment and all other property, tangible or intangible. We have no intention to interfere with any property legally disposed of by the Grand Army, but in many, if not most cases, this property was never legally disposed of by the Grand Army, but was attempted to be disposed of by individuals without authority and in violation of the rules of the Grand Army. We have no desire to take over this property for our own benefit but desire and are bound by our resolution passed at the 1955 Encampment to have it placed in proper custody to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and to be available for historical and genealogical research. Any question as to legal title to such property should be submitted to me for advice of the National Counselor.

It is the patriotic duty and responsibility of every member of our Order from Past Commander-in-Chief down to and including every Camp member on the side lines to help discharge this responsibility.

I have been placed in charge of this work and with the help of our members we shall make a success of it. Without such help it will be a failure. I desire a report from each Department, regardless of results obtained. If each Department acts promptly, it will save the necessity of a series of follow-up letters.

FRED E. HOWE,  
Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief.

Abraham Lincoln was the first man to have been chosen as President from the west.

The honor of first suggesting the Grand Army of the Republic belong to Dr. B. F. Stephenson, of Springfield, Illinois.

## A MESSAGE

## FROM THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Accept my sincere good wishes to all for a Happy New Year. I am asking each and every member to pledge anew their loyalty to our Organization.

Let us do all in our power to increase our membership and to keep all those members we have now.

Thank you for the Birthday Congratulations and the Holiday Season's Greetings which I received from so many of you.

By this time most of the Auxiliaries have had their Installations. Remember that these Officers were elected by choice, so let us give them our full cooperation and help in every way.

Our National Patriotic Instructor and National Chief-of-Staff both have big jobs. You can assist them in making their year and our Organizations a success by assuming your responsibilities.

## GET BUSY!

"For the good that it will do  
For the work that's up to you  
For the sage of others, too,  
Get Busy!

It will help our Departments go  
It will help our numbers grow  
It will help our members, so  
Get Busy!

Do it now before you rest  
Do it now with eagerness  
Do it now and meet the test,  
Get Busy!

It is my sad duty to announce to the members of our organization the death of the husband of our National Vice President Margaret Horn. The sympathy of the entire organization is extended to Sister Horn in her hour of bereavement.

I am also sorry to state the Past National President Mrs. Elinore Conrad of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been very ill. We all wish her a very speedy recovery.

All items for The Banner should be sent to the National Press Correspondent, Ethel Heilman, 910 South Wesley Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

I hope to visit each Department Encampment or Department during my year.

May God protect and guide us during this coming year.

Yours in F. C. & L.,  
LENORE GLASS,  
National President.

The youngest prisoner of the Andersonville pen was August Dipler, of Co. F, 155 New York Regiment.

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## GENERAL ORDER No. 2

Headquarters  
Commander-in-Chief  
Sons of Union Veterans  
of the Civil War

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1. It is my sad duty to announce the death on 30 November at Traverse City, Mich., of our National Patriotic Instructor, Brother Oliver S. Larkby. Brother Larkby joined U. S. Grant Camp No. 100 of Cincinnati, Ohio, on 15 January 1930, deriving his eligibility from his grandfather, James John Larkby, who served in Co. A, 181st Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Though never holding office until his appointment as National Patriotic Instructor, he was always ready to answer any call to serve the Order and acted as Chairman of the Finance Committee for our 1955 Encampment, the success of which was due in substantial measure to his efficient handling of the finances. His long and deep interest in Lincoln Memorial University led to his appointment as National Patriotic Instructor. Although he hesitated about taking the office on account of lack of familiarity with its duties, he at once set about acquiring all possible information to enable him to perform them efficiently, and, had he lived, his administration of the office would undoubtedly have been an outstanding one.

At his death he was owner and President of the Cincinnati Die Cutting Co., an officer of several other business firms, a member of the Masonic Order and of several Cincinnati clubs and societies.

Funeral services were held on 1 December at the Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati, at which our Order was represented by Past Commander-in-Chief William M. Coffin, a long time friend, who acted as one of the honorary pall bearers and took part in the Scottish Rite service.

The sympathy of our Order is extended to his family. We with them feel a great loss.

**"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."**

2. To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Larkby, Brother Ernest G. Wells, who has done outstanding work as Patriotic Instructor of the Massachusetts Department, is hereby appointed National Patriotic Instructor, and will be respected accordingly.

3. Attention is directed to the statement herewith published with reference to the other allied Orders. This will govern all Departments and Camps in their relations with such other organizations. On all joint committees the chairmanship of right belongs to the representative of our Order, and in all published lists of such organizations the name of our Order should be placed first, unless for reasons of sentiment the name of the Grand Army of the Re-

public is listed, in which case the name of our Order should follow that of the Grand Army.

4. In view of the approaching centennial anniversaries of the events of the Civil War all Camps and Departments are urged to commemorate, in such form as local conditions may make practical, such events. It has been customary for us to commemorate not only Lincoln's birthday (Union Defenders Day), but also Memorial Day, Dedication Day and Appomattox Day, and special attention should be given to these days. The commemoration of Lincoln's birthday was started by the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the founders of which were the Guard of Honor at President Lincoln's funeral. In communities where no Commandery of the Loyal Legion exists, our Camps and other bodies should sponsor proper observance of the day. In cities where a Commandery of the Loyal Legion exists care should be taken that our own observance does not in any way conflict with that of the older organization, and, if invited, our Camps, rather than conduct an independent observance, should cooperate in the Loyal Legion observance, as is done in the District of Columbia and perhaps elsewhere.

5. A member has recently made a gift of \$500.00 to the Permanent Fund of the Order. As other members may desire to perpetuate their own name or that of an ancestor and assure the carrying on of our work in perpetuity, through a gift or bequest, the following form is suggested:

I give and bequeath to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, a corporation created by Act of Congress, the sum of ----- dollars. The donor or testator may designate the purpose for which his gift or the income thereof shall be used. All gifts and bequests become a part of the Permanent Fund unless otherwise specified.

Such bequests and gifts are exempt from Federal estate, gift and Income taxes, and in most if not all cases are exempt from such State taxes.

FREDERIC GILBERT BAUER,  
Commander-in-Chief.

## ATTEST:

ALBERT C. LAMBERT,  
National Secretary-Treasurer.

## CARD OF THANKS

May I express my deep appreciation for all the sympathy extended, at the sudden death of my beloved husband, Thomas M. Horn on Sunday morning, November 20th, 1955.

and Now:

May the joy and peace of spirit, That the lowly shepherds knew;

Be the blessing, true and lasting, That this Christmas brings to you!

Margaret B. Horn  
National Vice President

**ALL COPY FOR THE MARCH-APRIL ISSUE  
MUST BE IN BY FEBRUARY 25**

## PERMANENT FUND

During November our permanent fund was increased by another \$500.00 donation from P. C. in C. Gen. U. S. Grant 3rd.

Attention is again called to the Permanent Honor Roll, which is part of the Permanent Fund. Members are urged to make use of this means of honoring their ancestor and at the same time helping to add to the permanent fund of the Order.

To-Albert C. Lambert, National Secretary-Treasurer,  
P. O. Box 457, Trenton 3, N. J.

Kindly enter the following Civil War record on the  
HONOR ROLL FUND.

Name of Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

Company & Regiment \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed find (\$10.00 or more) donation to the HONOR  
ROLL FUND from

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Donations, legacies, and bequests to this fund are welcome  
and will be preserved.)

The 1st New York Cavalry claim to have been the first to enter the war, the first to lose a man, and the first to lose an officer.



On November 25 P. N. P. Lena Barrett of Santa Ana, California sailed for Japan on the steamer President Wilson. Shown above from left to right are Miss Margerie Warila, Mrs. Lena Barrett and Mrs. Lenore Glass, National President.



## Department News



**MARYLAND**—With deep regret we must announce the passing of Past Department Commander Gurnon R. Scott of James A. Garfield Camp No. 1 of Baltimore, Maryland. His passing on November 23, 1955, at the home of his daughters in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he was living for the past year came as a shock to the Department. While a member of this Department, he held all chair offices and was the Department Commander of Maryland Department from 1936 to 1937. Later he was a member of the Department Council and held an active interest in the Department even with his advanced age, he at the time of his passing was 89 years old. He has been a member in good standing in James A. Garfield Camp No. 1, since February 12, 1883.

**MICHIGAN**—State Camp No. 1, has elected their officers for 1956, and will install them January 20th, 1956, along with Gen. U. S. Grant Camp No. 5, and No. 5's Auxiliary, at 9950 Mack Avenue. They are: Commander, John Dalzell; Sr. Vice-Commander, Harrison Baker; Junior Vice-Commander, Craig Thompson; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles F. Dexter, PDC; Council Members, Edward Countryman, Henry D. Brown, and Charles R. Cowdin, PDC.

Miss Muriel I. Dexter, niece of Charles and Leah Dexter, has been assigned to the Pacific Fleet with the "Waves."

Brother Dexter reports he has brought six new members into Camp No. 1 this year.

**NEW YORK**—Oliver Tilden Camp No. 26 held their annual Dedication Night and Veterans Night ceremonies at Yorkville Temple on November 10. The Camp is still asking the support of all interested parties in its campaign to spare the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive.

Cole Camp of Peekskill mourns the death of P. C. Franklin J. Owen. He was a member over 46 years. A son, Dr. Franklin J. Owen, Jr. of Lafayette Camp No. 140 survives.

At the annual dinner of Lafayette Camp a shooting plaque was presented to the Old Guard of the City of New York. Dept. Com. William F. Bruckel attended Memorial services, Nov. 11, at the Eternal Light in Madison Square and the Monument in Union Square. Wreaths were placed at both ceremonies.

Koltes Camp 171 mourns the death of P. C. Isadore Lange at the age of 91 years. Diven Camp No. 77 of Elmira will hold a joint installation of officers with Auxiliary 49 on January 24 at the Penna. R. R. Y. M. C. A. A picnic supper will precede the installation. P. D. C. Leslie W. More will

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Recently Lafayette Camp No. 140, Department of New York presented a shooting trophy to the Old Guard of the City of New York. This trophy is to be known as The Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Award. Shown above at the presentation ceremony are left to right, Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer, Commander William P. O'Shaughnessy, Commander of Lafayette Camp, and Major George Rosenbloom, Vice-Commandant of the Old Guard of the City of New York.

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install the officers of the Camp. Alfred Burchard was re-elected Commander and Truman A. Vincent, Secretary-Treasurer.

P. C. Wesley Smeaton installed the following officers of Waverly Camp No. 88: Com., Francis Dempsey; S. V. Com., William Corners; J. V. Com., Jack Owen; Sec.-Treas., Walter Thrasher; Chaplain, Harry Lynch; Pat. Inst., Charles Lynch; Guide, William Lane; Color Guard, George Waterman, and Guard, John Dempsey. Wesley Smeaton received a fifty year badge.

The annual dinner of the Abraham Lincoln Association of Rochester will be held Saturday, February 11, at 6 p. m. at the Hotel Seneca. P. D. C. Fred E. Colwell is president.

Howland Camp 127 of Peekskill held its annual election of officers December 10. Hiram P. Hamilton was chosen Commander. A contribution was made

to the Department Fund and approval was given to the Department Veteran's Association.

**MASSACHUSETTS**—Charles Russell Lowell Camp #9, S. U. V. C. W. and their Auxiliary #78, of Roxbury, Massachusetts, held their joint installation of officers for 1955-1956, on November 7th, at No. 3 Boylston Place in Boston.

Past Dept. Commander Charles W. Hooper acted as the installing officer and had Past Dept. Commander Louis Winchell as his installing chaplain. Past camp commander and the present Dept. Patriotic Instructor, acted as the installing guide. His name by the way is Ernest G. Wells. Bro. Ernie recently received notice from our National Commander-in-Chief that he has been chosen a National Aide.

William Randolph Cohen was installed as the Commander to the camp and Past Dept. President to the Auxiliary Pamela S. Elder was installed as the President to the Auxiliary.

Dept. Pres. Flora Bates, was the Installing Officer for the Auxiliary.

During the installation an American Flag for Ships use was presented by Bro. Vernard L. Gordon, to Bro. Carder A. Perkins in behalf of his unit of Sea Explorers, who are sponsored by St. Mark's Post, V.F.W. and is known as Ship #58.

Among the invited guests were Albert E. Beaton, Commander to Suffolk County, American Legion, who also was the speaker of the evening and gave a dandy talk on our heritage and told and extended an invitation to the group to participate in the program on Nov. 11, Veteran's Day.

Also present as a representative of the Dept. Commander V. F. W. was Thomas J. Farley, and John Felming a past National Officer to the Coast Guard League and officers from the various allied orders of the Grand Army Family.

Plymouth County Association, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has included in its schedule of diversified activities, a staff of past state commanders and leaders, for the purpose of installation of camps, which functions also for class initiations of members into the organization.

The group is attired in a modified uniform of the Civil War soldier and is under the direction of Everett M. Atwood, Abington, Past Vice Commander of the State Department. Immediate Past State Comdr. Charles W. Hooper, Bridgewater, alternates the installing officers post with Atwood. On occasion, either performs whole ceremony, single handed. This staff not only is assisting most of camps in the Plymouth County area but has already taken assignments for Winthrop Camp, Chelsea of North Metropolitan Assoc. and Willie Grout Camp of Worcester.

A number were among those who composed a picked team, when the National Encampment was in Boston. Earl W. Harrington, Rockland, a Past Presi-

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dent of the Association, takes the Commander's part for initiatory degrees. Others who participate include: Assoc. Pres. Harold M. Drown, Stoughton; State Comdr. Millard F. Brown, New Bedford; Past State Comdrs. William W. Haskell, Brockton, and Allen B. Howland, Elmwood; Pers. Aide Alfred E. Freeman, Whitman; Thomas Maloney, Past Pres.; Howland Nash and George F. Sampson, Musicians. Also, Frank Raymond of Plymouth, Ernest Hines, Abington; "Charlie" Carter, Rockland, and Charles L. Burnham, Commander of Gen. Geo. E. Meade Camp, Abington.

**ILLINOIS**—Joint installation of officers of Gen. Custer Camp #1 and our Auxiliary #30 on Dec. 12th at GAR Memorial Hall, Chicago. Dept. Comm. Chas. Bournstine of our Camp installed Jas. Blackman, Commander; and Geo. W. Lovering as Secy.-Treas. (10th year). A feature was the presentation of the 50 year badge to Bro. Geo. Pense, and War Medals to Bro. Fred Browier, War I, and Chas. Brady, War II. Bro. Dr. Stillians will receive his 50 year badge later, as he was absent. Bro. Blackman and Bro. Lovering are Past Dept. Commanders. We held our 25th Ann. Dept. Mid-Winter Encampment on Dec. 3rd. with our Dept. Auxiliary.

**COLORADO AND WYOMING**—On Oct. 11 the Auxiliary displayed their work before the inspecting officer, Sister Lee of Colorado Spring. On Nov. 8th, the Camp and Auxiliary held a joint program in honor of Veteran's night.

**MAINE**—The new officers for T. W. Hyde Camp No. 46, Bath, are as follows: Com. Donald Preble; Sr. Vice Com. Malcolm Witham, Jr. Vive Com. Harry Wamer, Secy. George Melyard, and Treas. Vernon W. Miller.



Pictured left to right, Department Commander George Satterthwaite, Commander-in-Chief Frederic G. Bauer, and Rev. Joseph MacCarroll, National Chaplain of the American Legion at the mid-winter meeting of the New Jersey Department held in Trenton on November 20th. Rev. MacCarroll, who is a former Department Chaplain of the New Jersey Department S. U. V. C. W. featured a Dedication Day program.

**WISCONSIN**—The mid-year meeting of the Wisconsin Department was held in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall at Madison on Nov. 6, 1955. Bro. Dewey Mead of Minnesota was present and his comments were helpful and greatly appreciated. Most of the discussion centered around plans and means of increasing membership and extending the influence of the order. The annual encampment will be held in Madison in June, 1956.

**PENNSYLVANIA**—Ellis Camp No. 9, Germantown, Philadelphia, expressed its appreciation upon the appointment of their Camp Commander, Frank F. Dern, to the Office of Department Chaplain by Department Commander William C. Jones, at their regular meeting on Friday evening, September 16th, 1955. Brother Frank Dern has been very active in the affairs of the Camp for many years and first served as Camp Commander in 1924.

**INDIANA**—Indiana Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War dedicated a memorial marker and flagpole recently in Maple Grove Cemetery, Richmond.

The meeting marked the patriotic group's victory over city officials who had wanted to remove the graves of Civil War dead to build a new school.

The tiny cemetery, dating back to 1854, now contains the graves of 48 Civil War veterans.

David S. Hoover of Richmond, former Oklahoma Congressman, deplored the fact "it is necessary at times for patriotic and civic groups to combine to prevent the destruction of cemeteries."

Argus Ogborn, past state commander of the Sons' organization, presided at the dedication.

Indianapolis officials included Cecil McConahay, junior vice commander, and Arthur M. Bowman, secretary-treasurer. Some 300 representatives of veterans groups attended the meeting.

Thomas M. Horn, 70, former state commander and active in local, state and national affairs of the organization, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in his home, 620 South Twenty-Ninth Street.

He was state commander in 1945 and 1946 and just two weeks before was appointed state chairman of the national organization of the Grand Army Highway, Road 6. The appointment was made by the national chairman.

Mr. Horn also was commander of the Joseph E. Reynolds Camp 251 for five years, and at the time of his death had been secretary-treasurer of the camp for nine years. He was a state delegate to the national meetings on many occasions. He also had been general chairman of the observance of Memorial Day by patriotic organizations for 15 years.

## AUXILIARY NOTES

**PENNSYLVANIA**—Johnstown Auxiliary No. 16 to Speer Orr Camp No. 14, Sons of Union Veterans held a very successful reception and banquet for Department President Sister Olive Mowrey, Department Secretary Mrs. Rosella Baker, Department Aide Mrs. Edith Ostheim, and Department Counselor Gilbert Brown on Saturday evening, October 22, 1955 in Hender Hotel Dining Room at which time 87 members and friends attended.

Colonel Leroy Stoudt of Reading acted as toastmaster in his always pleasing way, he presided to handle the situation in a very commendable way, and all present enjoyed a fine evening.

There were members and past department officers present from all over the state including past department commanders Jack Yocum and Howard Dissinger, past department presidents, Kit Snyder, Helen Springer, Sister Stoudt, and many others.

At the head table were Leroy Stoudt, Department Commander William C. Jones, Department President Margaret Urban of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Minnie Reisinger, Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans; Mrs. Ruth Suskie, Vice President of the local Amvets Auxiliary; Margaret Cromer, Department Chaplain; and the four local department officers, Mowrey, Baker, Ostheim and Brown.

Sister Dolly Berkebile of Auxiliary 16, presided at the piano for group singing of G. A. R. songs and rendered several piano solos. All visiting officers and past officers were called on and responded with some fine addresses.

The local officers received many fine gifts from those present for which they offer their many thanks.

The banquet was one of those old time affairs with everything on the table and you could help yourself to all you wanted to eat and everybody enjoyed a fine evening.

Department President Olive Mowrey and her aide Edith Ostheim attended the reception to the Department Commander William C. Jones in Pittsburgh on Saturday evening, November 12, at which time 76 persons were present.

An inspection of Auxiliary No. 9, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held recently in the Chester Young Women's Christian Association.

Mrs. Clara Gallagher, past national president, was the inspection officer.

Also present were Mrs. Jennie Palmer, vice president; Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner, past president; Mrs. Helen Hall, secretary; Mrs. Molly Doud, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Koch, guide; Mrs. Maude Faulkner, assistant guide; Mrs. Grace Pike, guard, and Frank Hall, advisor.

**DELAWARE**—Appomattox Auxiliary #2 to Camp #2 of Wilmington, Delaware, had their inspection on

November 9. Brother Gentieu was the Inspector and rendered an excellent report.

The Auxiliary held a miscellaneous shower for Sister Jane Tatman, who received many beautiful gifts. Her marriage to Brother James Riggs of Pasadena, California took place on December 23. Sincere congratulations and best wishes were extended to the happy couple. . . The Past Presidents Club held a dinner meeting on November 17 in the Y.M.C.A. Building and Sister Tatman was again presented with a beautiful gift. The December 14 meeting was held in the regular hall, with election of officers. This was followed by the Annual Christmas Party. Sister Margaret Hahn was in charge. The Auxiliary collected toys and books which were distributed to various Children's Homes and the Kutner School for Retarded Children. The members of the Auxiliary are happy to have Sister Jessie Estlow with them again.

**ILLINOIS**—The Department of Illinois Sons and Auxiliary held their 25th Mid-Winter Encampment on Saturday, December 3, at the Oak Park Arms Hotel. There was a fine attendance of both Sons and Auxiliary and both meetings were very constructive. The speaker at the Banquet was the

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The above communication shows what other organizations think of our publication. Let us strive to increase our circulation so that the "Banner" will reach more people and thus show what our organization is doing.

Department News (Continued)

United States Marshal of the District who gave a most instructive talk on the duties of a United States Marshal, starting with the first marshal up to the present time.

**INDIANA**—The Department of Indiana and Lafayette Auxiliary #35 held a reception on October 30, honoring the National Vice President, Sister Margaret Horn and the Department Officers. Mrs. Horn also has another responsible office, having been elected Junior Vice-President of the Central Region, at the last meeting held in Detroit, Michigan, Oct. 15 and 16.

Mrs. Horn is doing a marvelous job of collecting the names of all Civil War Veterans who fell in Indiana and who rest now in forgotten graves. She has already filled three volumes of the names of the Civil War dead from Indiana and is now working on the fourth.

We have all been saddened by the news that Sister Horn's beloved husband Thomas, passed away suddenly due to a heart attach. Sister Horn, please accept the sincere sympathy of the entire organization.

**MASSACHUSETTS**—The Officers of Gen. George G. Meade Aux. #67 were installed in the Grand Army Hall. P. D. P. Blanche Foster Crocker was the Installing Officer. Sister Maud Colburn is the new President of the Auxiliary. Gifts were presented to the Installing Officer and her corps of officers, by the new Auxiliary President, Sister Colburn.

In honor of the 92nd Anniversary of the delivery of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Commander Charles Burnham of Camp 67 recited the Address in a very capable manner. Guests included Commander Ralph Fowler of the Oldtown Post V. F. W.; Mrs. Vera Gay, President V. F. W. Auxiliary; Bertha Hobart, President, Plymouth Association Auxiliaries; Rev. Merrill C. Ward of Abington; and P. N.

P. C. Harold Drown, President, Plymouth County Association Sons of Union Veterans.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary #30 of Plymouth newly installed officers filled the chairs at a meeting of members of Auxiliary 28, Collingswood Camp, S. U. V. Mrs. Ida Bates, President, presided at the business meeting.

Note change of address: Mrs. Pamela S. Elder, 9 St. James Street, Roxbury, Massachusetts.

**IOWA**—Thirty-six members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and auxiliary met for a dinner Tuesday evening in Memorial Hall, Fort Dodge, and an inspection of the auxiliary.

Present from Des Moines for the event were Miss Amy Noll, state inspector for the auxiliary; Mrs. Nora Hinchlife, department president, and Mrs. Grace Peterson, department secretary.

Mrs. Ethel Snodgrass presented gifts to the guests. Also honored at the dinner were Homer Young, national chief of council; Sam Gynn, department commander; L. B. Jones, unit commander; Charles Walker, department council, and George Clark, department chaplain.

**NEW YORK**—A dinner and reception was held recently at Albany for our Department President Mrs. Lillian Messer and Department Commander William F. Bruckel. The affair was given by Auxiliary 30 of Albany.

The Department of New York is saddened by the death of Sister Grace McClellan, a member of the Department Council. She was a charter member and past president of George B. McClellan Auxiliary No. 71 of Yonkers. She also held the office of Department Treasurer.

Auxiliary No. 49 of Elmira entertained the Department President, Mrs. Lillian Messer of Albany. A brief meeting was held and inspection took place.

Auxiliary No. 72 of Ovid held their annual election of officers and Christmas party. Mrs. Beatrice Terry was elected president.

**RESERVATION INFORMATION FOR  
HARRISBURG ENCAMPMENT**

The 75th National Encampment SUVCW will be held in Harrisburg, Penna., September 9-13, 1956.

Hotel reservations should be made directly to The Penn Harris Hotel, Convention Department, Harrisburg, Pa.

Rates are as follows:

Rooms with Bath

Single Bedroom (1 person)     5.50     6.00     6.50     7.00     8.00

Double Bedroom (2 persons)     8.00     8.50     9.00     9.50     10.50

Twin Bedroom     10.00     11.00     12.00     13.00     14.00     15.00

Parlor Suites     26.00 to 35.00

Rooms with Private Lavatory     5.00

When making reservations, please be sure to state date and time of arrival.