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1988 LINCOLN TOMB CEREMONY Picture Identification, (left to right): Mrs. Cora G. French, Natl. Pres., Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Eugenia Reese, Natl. Pres., Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Mary Jane Rhodes, Pres., Ill. Dept., representing the Natl. Pres., Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Miss Nina Ninas, Natl. Pres., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861-1865; and the Rev. Richard O. Partington, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

The Lincoln Tomb Ceremony - 1988

Wreathbearers representing more than 50 organizations gathered to pay their respects to the memory of Abraham Lincoln at the 32nd annual ceremony held at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill., on Friday, April 15. That date marked the 123rd anniversary of the Emancipator's death.

Brief addresses were made by the Rev. Richard O. Partington, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and

by William H. Upham, Commander-in-Chief of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. The Griffin High School Band played several appropriate selections during the program. The 114th Ill. Vol. Inf. Regt. was represented by a color guard, a firing squad, a drummer and a bugler. The Collier-Harrison Detachment of the Marine Corps League was also represented by its colors. Capt. John L. Satterlee of the 114th Vol. Inf. served as chaplain.

At the luncheon following the rites,

Professor Paul J. Beaver, curator of the Lincoln Museum at Lincoln College, Lincoln, Ill. spoke on the subject, "Lincoln for the Ages." Springfield attorney Edward G. Pree paid a tribute to the memory of George L. Cashman.

Thomas L. W. Johnson presided at the rites at the Tomb and served as toastmaster at the luncheon. Colonel Robert M. Graham was in charge of local arrangements and was assisted by Marlene Carnduff, Emma Graham and Mary Jane Rhodes.



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1. I wish to thank all who attended the combined Testimonial for Sister Catherine Zapatka, Auxiliary National President, and myself held at the Yankee Drummer on November 5, 1988. A special thanks goes to the Departments of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Many friends from Maine to California, and many states in between, were in attendance, along with family members. There were several National Officers of both organizations present. A most enjoyable evening was had by the approximately 180 people present.

2. "Remembrance Day", November 19, 1988, was a special day. It was the 125th Anniversary of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address. Although the weather was a bit cold and wet, it did not dampen the spirit of the many men and women who participated in the parade and the wreath laying ceremony at the Albert Woolson Monument by the National Officers of the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. and the Department of Pennsylvania Officers of the G.A.R.

After the ceremony we moved into the visitor's center for the program of tributes to the G.A.R. by the National Officers of each organization present.

The 58th Annual Banquet, sponsored by the Past Commanders and Past Presidents Association of Pennsylvania, was held in the evening. As usual, it was an excellent affair that was attended by a very large gathering. After the Banquet the Blue/Grey Ball was held. The women were dressed in their Civil War era dresses.

3. Brothers, let us remember the 180th birthday of our 16th President, Abraham Lincoln the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic! Programs and proper plans should be arranged by the various departments and camps on that day, whenever possible.

4. I regret to report on the death of Past Commander-in-Chief John H. Stark of Pennsylvania (1974-1975) who passed away October 5, 1988. May you rest in Peace, John. Our sincere condolences are extended to his widow,

Irma Stark. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. All charters are to be draped for 30 days.

5. A reminder of a few upcoming events:

- February 12, 1989 . Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D.C.
- April 9, 1989 Appomattox Day
- April 15, 1989 Lincoln Tomb Ceremony, Springfield, IL
- April 27, 1989 Grant's Tomb Ceremony, New York City, NY
- May 29, 1989 Memorial Day at Gettysburg, PA
- May 30, 1989 Traditional Memorial Day — Cathedral of the Pines Memorial Services, Ridge, NH
- June 14, 1989 Flag Day

6. Dates of 1989 Department Encampments, as reported to this office:

- California . . . Pacific March 17th, 18th, 19th, Grover City, California
- Rhode Island April 8th
- Massachusetts April 21st, 22nd
Best Western Heritage House
Hyannis, MA
- Maryland April 29th
Ft. Myer, VA
- Connecticut May 6th, 7th
Holiday Inn, E. Hartford, CT
- New Hampshire May 11th, 12th, 13th
Ramada Inn, Keene, NH
- New Jersey June 1st, 2nd, 3rd
Dutch Mill Inn, Gilbstown, NJ
- Michigan June 3rd
Midway Motor Lodge, Lansing, MI
- Iowa June 10th & 11th
Days Inn, Des Moines, IA
- Indiana June 10th
North Meridan Inn, Indianapolis, IN
- Pennsylvania June 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st — Ginnity Hotel
Williamsport, PA
- Maine June 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th
Howard Johnson, Waterville, ME

I have made my travel plans based on the information that I have received. If the date for your Encampment does not appear in this report or is incorrect, please notify me as soon as possible, so that corrections can be made in a following General Order.

7. Let's not forget our fund raising projects! The National Patriotic Instructor, Peter A. Dixon, is recording contributions to the G.A.R. Fund. Charles W. Corfman has the Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief fund which is used for the promotion and good of the order.

8. Those members who paid the subscription fee for the year 1988 will receive all issues of the Banner during

my year 1988-1989 FREE. The subscription fee will need to be submitted after the next national encampment in 1989.

9. **ALL DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES, PLEASE NOTE! SEND NAMES WITH UP-TO DATE ADDRESSES TO BANNER EDITOR:**

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HE NEEDS CURRENT, CORRECT ADDRESSES TO SEND "THE BANNER" TO EACH MEMBER'S HOME, INSTEAD OF BULK MAILING THEM TO DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OR DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES!**

By order of
Clark W. Mellor
Commander-in-Chief



The Legislative Report

Thomas L. W. Johnson

Highlights from the Annual Report presented at the 1988 National Encampment:

Status of Monday Holiday Legislation — Departments were urged to pass resolutions at their 1989 Encampments in support of the return of Memorial Day to May 30 at both state and federal levels. Individual members were also asked to contact their lawmakers concerning the return of Memorial Day to May 30. Rep. Phil Crane of Ill., a long-time supporter of observing holidays on their traditional dates, was urged to introduce new legislation to repeal the effects of the Uniform Holiday Act when the 101st Congress convenes in January 1989.

Legislation to Preserve Battlefields Approved — On November 1, 1988, President Reagan signed a measure which will protect the integrity of the Antietam National Battlefield Park. The principal sponsor of this long-sought (Continued on Page 3)

(Continued from Page 2) legislation, Rep. Beverly B. Byron (D-Md), said that she hoped that "this bill and the efforts of citizens groups and local elected officials will insure that such monuments will be preserved and protected." The Antietam site lies within her district.

On November 11, 1988, the President signed a tax bill which makes technical corrections in the Tax Reform Act of 1986. Among its provisions is one which authorizes the Federal government to purchase a tract of land next to the Manassas National Battlefield Park in Virginia which developers have wanted to turn into a shopping mall, office park, and housing development. This purchase is expected to cost \$60 million or more. The authority to proceed was attached to the tax bill as a "rider" by Sen. Dale Bumpers (D-Ark) after the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources had approved a similar bill sponsored by Sen. Bumpers. The legislation will also close two heavily traveled commuter roads running through the site and authorize the construction of new roads around the park.

While preservationists and Civil War enthusiasts rejoice over this news, one should keep in mind another concern. In August of 1988, Rep. Anthony C. Beilenson (D-Calif) voted against a House measure that would have authorized purchase by the Federal government of the 542 acres adjoining the Manassas site. In the September 19, 1988, issue of *The New York Times*, the Congressman was quoted as follows:

I think it's an outrage that a developer wants to build a shopping mall next to a battlefield, and I would like to add the 542 acres to the national parks. But I refused to vote for a bill that offers protection to a park in a manner that we've never done before. I don't think we should spend between \$50 million to \$100 million for the acreage, a price we've never paid for any other park land.

Rep. Beilenson suggests that in voting large sums for the purchase of "key" sites to preserve an area in its natural state, the Congress may be unwittingly giving encouragement to a practice that borders on extortion on the part of some unscrupulous developers.

Other Items of Interest — Recently enacted legislation will give Cabinet-level status to the Veterans Administra-

tion beginning in January 1989.

Public Law 100-211, approved in December 1987, authorizes and directs the National Park Service to assist the State of Georgia in relocating a highway which affects the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park.

In June 1988, the Senate passed S. 1690 designed to provide financial assistance for the restoration and reconstruction of Fort Abraham Lincoln located in Fort Lincoln State Park, Mandan, North Dakota. The bill is now in the House Interior Committee.

Success of "English Only" Measures — In the November 1988 general election, voters in Arizona, Colorado and Florida gave their approval to measures which stipulate that English shall be the "official" language in each of those states. Supporters of those propositions want to discourage a two-culture America while opponents see them as an affront to minorities. Seventeen states now have legislation of this type on the books. The measures passed by large majorities in Florida and Colorado, but the issue was closely contested in Arizona.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas L. W. Johnson,
Chairman



Davis Star Camp Honors "French Mary"

Eighty-seven years after her death, Marie Tepe Leonard, commonly known as "French Mary" during the Civil War, was honored by the Davis Star Camp, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on

September 25, 1988 in a Memorial Dedication Service.

Her grave was unmarked, the only indication that her grave was one of a Civil War Veteran was a Grand Army of the Republic flag holder that was provided for and maintained by the Nix-Vogel American Legion Post 935, Baldwin Borough, Pennsylvania.

"French Mary" was born in Brest, France on August 24, 1834. She served as a vivandiere (a female sutler or a woman performing female duties for soldiers) in the Crimean War with both the French and English Armies. She immigrated to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and on April 16, 1861 she enlisted in Company I, 27th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry as a vivandiere, this was four days after the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter, Charleston, South Carolina. She drew soldier's pay and received 25 cents a day extra for hospital and headquarter's services. She performed outstanding services and when Colonel Collis, formed the "Collis Zouaves", the 114th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, she left the 27th and was at the mustering-in of the 114th on August 17, 1862. This regiment was made up of wealthy and prominent Philadelphians, who provided her uniform and pay as a soldier at the rate of pay of \$13 a month plus what she could earn selling sutler supplies. She served in all the campaigns with the regiment, was awarded the "Kearney Cross" medal for valor and gallantry in the Battle of Chancellorsville, where she went among thirsty troops with a canteen of water, her uniform was riddled with bullets. She was under enemy fire 13 times and received 3 wounds.

Mary married Private Richard Leonard and resided in Baldwin for 37 years. She was the proprietor of a toy and candy store on Joseph Street, not far from her grave, and insisted on double payment from the children purchasing candy. After the children surrendered their pennies, it was necessary to give Mary a hug and kiss before Mary surrendered the candy.

At the age of 67, Mary could no longer endure the pain from the wounds she received during the Civil War and she took her own life by drinking "Paris Green", a poison. It is believed that a bullet still remained in her ankle at the time of her death.

The men of the "Collis Zouaves" presented Mary with a pistol which she proudly wore during parades.

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19 November 1988

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125th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address

Remembrance Day, the day on which the Allied Orders honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic, was once again a day of solemn ceremony and happy reunion as the faithful gathered on November 19, 1988 in Gettysburg, Pa.

Following the tradition begun in 1956 when a statue in the likeness of Albert Woolson, the last survivor of the GAR, was commissioned by the Auxiliary to SUVCW and dedicated during the National Encampment, members of the five Orders assembled at Siegler's Grove for the thirty-second time.

The ceremonies, arranged by a committee of the SUVCW in cooperation with the Sons of Veterans Reserve and Camp #112 of Gettysburg, are always held on the Saturday nearest November 19, the day on which the National Cemetery was dedicated in 1863.

On occasion, when the 19th falls on Saturday, our program coincides with that of the Lincoln Fellowship of Penn-

sylvania which always is held on the 19th. Such was the case this year and a full day of activity occurred, especially since it was the 125th Anniversary of the dedication of the cemetery and the re-enactment of that event.

The Annual SVR led parade stepped off at 11:00 A.M. and was joined at center city by President Lincoln (James Getty of Camp 112 and well known Lincoln impersonator) and the entourage of troops and dignitaries which had just met him at the railroad station. The procession then continued to the National Cemetery for appropriate ceremonies.

The principal speaker for the cemetery program, which began at noon, was Chief Justice Rehnquist. In addition to Lincoln's address other Pennsylvania State officials made remarks. Music was provided by the U.S. Marine Band.

At the conclusion of the National Cemetery program the parade proceeded to Siegler's Grove where the troops representing the North and South mustered along with the crowd already assembled at the Woolson

Monument. National and State heads of the Five Allied Orders presented floral tributes, prayer was offered, honor salute was fired by cannon and Taps was sounded, all of this, including the parade of 3000 Civil War Troops, was conducted in the rain, sometimes light, at others rather heavy.

Following the weather shortened outdoor ceremony, all were invited in to the Cyclorama Auditorium where tradition continued with patriotic opening; remarks of welcome by the hosts; coral numbers rendered by the Arion Gesangverein from Baltimore, whose predecessors sang on the original cemetery program in 1863; a surprise visit from President Lincoln; then an inspirational talk about the GAR and finally words of greeting from the national heads present.

This long, tiresome day was topped off with the 58th Annual Dedication Day Banquet held at the Holiday Inn, which truly was a family reunion.

As always when we assemble for a national event, various committees met as did the National Council of Administration.

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33rd Annual Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Springfield, Illinois Saturday, April 15, 1989

A memorial ceremony to mark the 124th anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's death will be conducted at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, April 15, at the Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill. We are pleased to announce that the Lincoln Plaza — formerly the State House Inn — will be our headquarters hotel and the site of the luncheon that will immediately follow the rites at the Tomb. A shuttle bus will provide transportation between the Tomb and the hotel.

As a Department or Camp Commander or as a Department or Unit Auxiliary President or as an individual member of our Order, you are urged to participate in this commemoration. Individual invitations are not routinely sent to Departments or Camps and their Auxiliaries. If your organization wishes to take part, please indicate by letter that (1) you will present a wreath and that (2) you wish to make a specific number of luncheon reservations. It is imperative that the number of luncheon reservations desired be specified. To assure a proper listing of your organization and the name of your wreath-bearer in the printed program, send your letter giving full details not later than Saturday, March 25 to:

Mr. Robert M. Graham, Co-chairman
Lincoln Tomb Ceremony Committee
1320 North Osborne Avenue
Springfield, Illinois 62702

Wreaths may be sent to the Lincoln Tomb for delivery not later than 9:00 A.M., Saturday, April 15, 1989. Please instruct your florist to deliver your wreath c/o The Lincoln Tomb, Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Ill.

WANTED !!!

Old Copies of
Programs
of the

Sons of Veterans Club
of Philadelphia
for the years of:

'45, '46, '48, '54, '55, '56, '59, '60, '61, '64, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, and 1983. Would like older copies if available. Send To: Frank Miller Heacock I, at 200 Washington Street, Suite 614, Wilmington, DE 19801-2354

Testimonial

Auburn, Mass. was the site of another gathering of the faithful as members of the Allied Orders met at the Yankee Drummer Motor Inn to honor Commander-in-Chief Clark Mellor and Auxiliary National President Catherine Zapatka.

More than 180 brothers, sisters, family and friends came from far and wide on November 5 in the true spirit of brotherhood which is evident whenever we meet for a national event.

Travelers from as far away as California, Nevada, Ohio and Virginia began arriving a day early as many a happy reunion occurred and by Saturday afternoon, as those from nearby states arrived, the air was full of happy excitement.

By the time happy hour came around the joyous sounds were at a fevered pitch.

The planning committee of Massachusetts and Connecticut brothers and sisters, chaired by PCinC William Haskell and driven by the hustle of PNP Minnie Madeiros, saw to all the needs of those attending and ensured a good time for all. A large contingent of family members of the honorees looked on as a representative of the Governor of Massachusetts presented official citations to the Commander-in-Chief and National President. Lighthearted speeches and entertainment under control of MC Haskell made for an enjoyable evening to be long remembered by the many present and past officers and members who met to honor two well loved people.

RECORD PRESERVATION

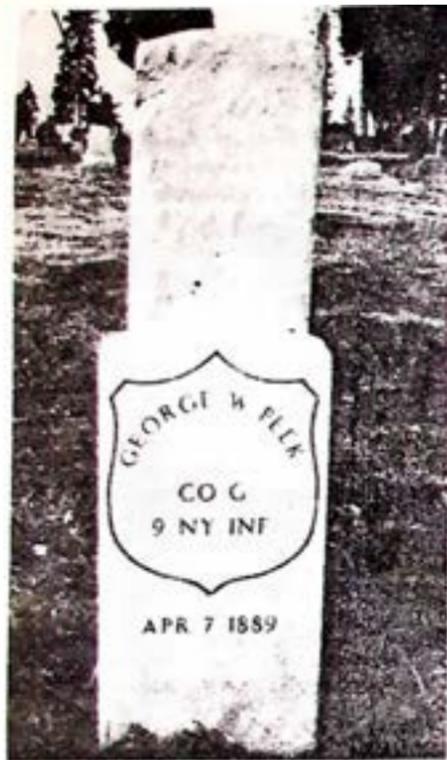
Ernest Snider, Past Camp Commander, Lincoln Camp #6, Rochester, NY has arranged with the Mormon Records Center at Salt Lake City, Utah to have valuable local records photo copied for permanent preservation.

Records copied include: Camp 6 records; Rochester GAR Post Records; Monroe County rural cemetery records of veteran burials and Rochester newspaper death notices of veterans.

These items are on three reels of micro-film and will be placed in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

Brother Snider was awarded a Certificate of Merit for his work by the National Organization.

This is a fine example of the work being done to preserve our heritage.



From The National Graves Registration Officer:

The old and the new. Quite a difference, isn't there? This picture shows just one of many eighty year old illegible gravestones of Civil War Veterans I have replaced during the past three months.

When I see old gravestones like these, there is nothing to identify it except a Government marker.

I have to survey the area and check with the cemetery office in the book of burial to find out the name.

From there, I go to the Colorado State Archives and check the Grave Registration of Veterans. It gives me the name, rank, state he served from, location of grave, enlistment and discharge date, and birth and death date.

Then I check this information against the cemetery records to be sure they agree with the State Archive Records. This takes many days, but it is worth the effort to have new gravestones at the Civil War Veterans gravesites.



SUVCW Life Members

Life Membership can be an individual purchase, a gift or bestowed honor. Payment may be in full or 1/3 down with the balance paid within 3 years. The fee is invested in our Permanent Fund and established as follows:

Under age 60.....	\$150.00
Age 60-69.....	\$125.00
Age 70 & Over.....	\$100.00

The Life membership goes into effect only after full fee has been paid. Each year interest is paid to the Camp Treasurer in lieu of the life members dues.

200 Charles Corfman	11/21/87
201 James C. Senner	11/21/87
202 Charles W. Geelan	1/1/88
203 L. G. Lefler D.P.M.	1/1/88
204 Geoffrey E. McCool	1/1/88
205 Philip W. Bernstorf	1/1/88
206 Rev. Thomas Nelson Rightmyer	2/1/88
207 Kenneth R. Farris	2/1/88
208 Rev. Richard O. Partington	2/13/88
209 Geoffrey R. Fulton	2/13/88
210 William R. Hager	2/13/88
211 David N. Reed	4/15/88
212 Dean E. Parker	4/15/88
213 James E. Hilton	4/15/88
214 Gary L. Gibson	4/15/88
215 Herbert Rawson Gage	4/15/88
216 Albert J. Goodwin, Jr.	4/15/88
217 George W. Long	6/19/88
218 James Dee Heiple	6/20/88
219 Jeremy Hans Heiple	6/10/88
220 Jonathan James Heiple	6/20/88
221 Stephen Amandus Arter	6/20/88
222 Norman O. Rowley	8/1/88

Auxiliary National Chief-of-Staff Appeal

Wish upon a star in 1989. Your wish may come true! This is a great year after all, Clark is Commander and Catherine is President! I'm wishing for \$2,000 for the National fund. Anyone who wants to make it come true, please send any amount to the Chief-of-Staff fund:

% Karon Moll
2017 Delaware
Des Moines, Iowa 50317

Dear Brothers,

I have been gone from my home for over thirty days while doing research work and attending the National Convention.

I have a telephone answering machine to help me get all my messages you may wish to leave for me. My telephone number is (303) 744-1164.

I will answer all letters and phone calls.

Yours F.C.L.,
Charles E. Sharrack
National Graves Registration Officer

Central Region Conference

The Central Region Conference was held in Milwaukee, Wis., on October 8 and 9, with delegates from five Departments in attendance. Included were the Dept. Commanders of Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin and the Dept. Auxiliary Presidents from Illinois and Wisconsin. Presiding at the business sessions was Ross T. Dunlop who resides in Minnesota but is a member of the Wisconsin Department.

The theme this year, "My Favorite Civil War Personality" proved to be a good one as it elicited participation from a broad group of attendees which caused the discussion to be carried over into the Sunday morning session. Tom Johnson was the discussion leader.

At the banquet on Saturday evening, Professor Phil Zweifel of the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha County, gave a most enlightening account of the association between Mark Twain and Ulysses S. Grant.

Officers elected for 1988-89 are as follows:

Commander . . . Mary Jane Rhodes, IL
Sr. Vice Cdr. . . . Charles Carnduff, IL
Jr. Vice Cdr. . . . Jo an Wheeler, IA
Secretary . . . Robert M. Graham, IL
Treasurer . . . Ellinore K. Johnson, WI
Patr. Instr. James Lyons, MI
Chaplain Michael Rhodes, IL
Guide David Reed, IN

Among the resolutions approved was one to support the return of the observance of Memorial Day to May 30. The Conference accepted invitations to meet in Iowa in 1989 and in Indiana in 1990. Special thanks for the local arrangements and for hosting this year's Conference are due Auxiliary #4 of Milwaukee, Wis., and in particular, Rhoda Lemanski and Ellinore K. Johnson.



Indiana: The Orlando A. Somers Camp No. 1, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its October meeting at the home of member Craig Dunn. A potluck dinner was enjoyed by the 30 members and guests who attended. Collectors and dealers exhibited Civil War artifacts and photographs. Attending as special guests were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Listenberger of Noblesville, Mr. and Mrs. Mick Kissick of Albany, and Mr. and Mrs. George Williston of Kokomo. The meeting was chaired by Allen Moore, Commander.

Following the talk, a tour of the home was enjoyed by all. Exhibited in four rooms of the spacious home were Civil War uniforms, weapons, photographs, and documents, displayed by five members and two guests.

At the September meeting of the Somers Camp #1, Dept. Commander Alan Loomis was the special guest. The program was presented by Wayne Frakes, who spoke on Civil War spies.

The Ben Harrison Camp No. 356, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War held its September meeting at the World War Memorial in Indianapolis. James Trulock, a member, presented a scholarly narrated slide presentation on the life of General Joshua Chamberlain of Maine. Trulock and his wife have done extensive research on the life of Chamberlain and are presently authoring a definitive biography of the famous general.

Brother David N. Reed and his wife Clara represented Indiana at the October 8 meeting of the Central Region Conference in Milwaukee.

On October 15, Indiana Department Commander Alan R. Loomis presided at the Indiana Veterans' Home visitation day and memorial service.

Iowa & Auxiliary #8: On Saturday, December 17, 1988, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Iowa, Grenville M. Dodge Camp #75, and Department Auxiliary and Auxiliary #8 will deliver Christmas baskets to four needy families. Two of the families were referred by local social service agencies.

One family consisted of a disabled 28 year old woman who recently became the sole supporter for her four-

month-old niece, when the baby's mother passed away. Her premises had also been recently vandalized.

The other family consisted of a disabled widow of a World War II Veteran and her 16 year old disabled son.

The third family was brought to our attention by an Auxiliary member. It consists of a family of 6 whose father had been unemployed for approximately 8 months.

The fourth family was a disabled member of our own organization.

A special thanks goes to all members who contributed food & clothing items, money and time to this project. An extra special thank you goes to the South Gate Assembly #161 of the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Des Moines, Iowa, for the \$150 in baby food and stuffed toys contributed to the first family.

Iowa Auxiliary: Grenville M. Dodge, Auxiliary #8 to Camp #75 of Des Moines, Iowa, met at the Royal Fork Buffet for lunch on December 12, 1988. Thirty-two members and guests were present.

Guests included Iowa Department commander, Roger Wheeler, Sr.; newly elected Commander of Camp #75, James Lee; Past Department Commander; E. Ray Niffenegger; and other members of Camp #75. Department President of Ladies of the G.A.R., Martha Howe, was in attendance. There were also two members of Auxiliary #16 present.

Auxiliary #8 Past President, Beulah McMains received her long-delayed past President's pin. She is also Past Department President of Ladies of G.A.R.

A business meeting followed the lunch. Election of officers was held. Mrs. Mary Houchin, Ankeny, Iowa, was elected President for 1989.

Maryland: Lincoln-Cushing Camp and Auxiliary met at the Washington Navy Yard Officers Club for luncheon on December 3, 1988. Newly elected officers installed by PCinC Schlenker were: Commander — John H. Madert, III; Sr. Vice Cdr. — Col. Donald L. Price; Jr. Vice Cdr. — Lee D. Stone; Sec.-Treas. — Peter A. Dixon.

New Auxiliary Officers installed by PNP Schlenker were: President — Elizabeth H. Phillips; Vice Pres. — Sherry Schlenker; Pat. Instr. — Gale Y. Morris; Sec.-Treas. — Dorris W.

Schlenker; Chaplain — Elizabeth Hammer.

The Camp endorsed Br. Lowell V. Hammer for Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief and will present him for endorsement by the Maryland Department at the Encampment to be held on April 29, 1989 at Ft. Myer, Virginia.

New members obligated at the altar were brothers Thomas J. Bond, John H. Madert, Jr., Fletcher F. Vondersmith and Sister Wilma Bond.

War Medals were presented to Brothers Marshall Boarman, James S. Clements and Donald L. Price.

The Camp and Auxiliary are experiencing continued growth and meet at least quarterly.

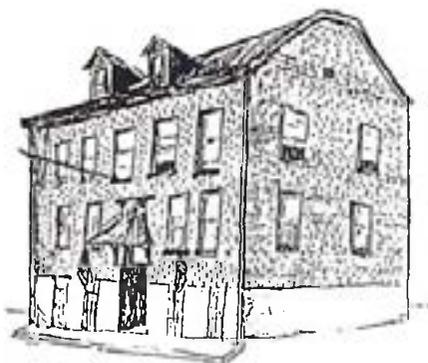
Maryland Auxiliary: The Department was saddened to learn of the passing of PDP Ada Gladys Grove of Reno Auxiliary in Hagerstown. She served the order faithfully for many, many years.

Wisconsin: The Department of Wisconsin realized an objective conceived more than 25 years ago when it welcomed the Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing Camp No. 4 into the fold recently. Headquartered at West Bend, the new Camp is commanded by Col. Ernst A. von Frankenberg, long active in the Sons of Veterans Reserve. He is actively assisted by Capt. Ron Aronis who is the Camp secretary. Several of the Camp members are affiliated with "Cushing's Battery," a Reserve unit which fires and demonstrates authentic field pieces from the Civil War period owned by Col. von Frankenberg.

The Camp took its name from Lt. Alonzo H. Cushing, one of the Cushing brothers of Civil War fame, who were originally from Delafield, Wis. Lt. Cushing was killed at the Battle of Gettysburg at the age of 22 in an artillery duel with Confederate forces.

The late George A. Powers, PDC and Col. von Frankenberg began the spade-work for a Camp in the West Bend area in the early 1960s. But interest fluctuated over the years until early 1987 when plans began to jell. The Department of Wisconsin is proud of the persistent efforts of Col. von Frankenberg and others in bringing Camp No. 4 into being in 1988.





Ruan House

The museum is housed in a building erected by Dr. John Ruan, son of a plantation owner from the West Indies. Educated in medical school in Edinburgh, Scotland, he opened his practice in the town of Frankford in 1793 and subsequently built this Georgian mansion in 1796 to provide a home for his family from which he practiced medicine. Dr. Ruan was a prominent member of the community, serving as a member of the first board of managers of the Frankford and Bristol Turnpike Road Company; a trustee of the Frankford Academy; and Chief Burgess of Frankford in 1806. A street in Frankford is named for Dr. Ruan in recognition of his importance to the community.

The Ruan House has been home to several other prominent Frankford citizens. Samuel Pickering, physician, friend of President John Adams, lived in the Ruan house from 1824 until his death in 1842. A third resident of the house was Mr. Samuel Brooke, an industrialist with a large machine shop on Frankford Avenue above Adams Avenue.

History of the G.A.R. Museum

The G.A.R. (Grand Army of the Republic) was the fraternal organization founded after the Civil War for all Union veterans, army, navy and marines. It provided a forum for social and political activities and a focus for historical debate and reminiscences of their service in the Rebellion.

The G.A.R. Museum and Library was originally owned and operated by members of the Grand Army of the Republic and located on North Twelfth Street. As their members dwindled, they became concerned about their collection of Civil War artifacts and how they could be cared for and preserved for future generations.

In 1926 they formed a corporation, registered it in Harrisburg, and stipulated that the membership was to consist of male descendants of Civil War Veterans. This group then continued to run the museum on 12th Street until 1962 when a search for another facility resulted in the purchase of a building at 4278 Griscom Street in the Frankford section of the city.

For some years, the collection was not on display to the general public. In 1982 a change in the Articles of Incorporation opened membership to both male and female descendants of Civil War Veterans as well as interested persons without lineal descendency. Volunteers formed work parties and made repairs, painted, hung pictures and set up displays.

Work was begun on recataloging the artifacts and pictures, and the Library was partially cataloged. This work is

continuing as volunteers are available to do the work.

Collections

The museum has an extraordinary collection of artifacts and personal memorabilia assembled by the participants of the Civil War. Included are relics from battles; a bloodstained piece of the pillow slip on which lay the head of the dying President Lincoln; a pair of wooden soled Confederate shoes found on the Gettysburg battlefield; Bibles; photos; etc.

Over 1200 books in the library provide a wealth of information on the events and participants of the Civil War and the history of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Membership

Membership in the Friends of the G.A.R. Museum is \$15.00 per year and applications may be obtained by contacting the Museum.

Non-Profit Organization

The Museum is a non-profit organization and all donations are tax-deductible. Artifacts and memorabilia donated to the Museum will become a permanent part of our collection and will be displayed appropriately. Funding of the Museum is solely through annual dues of its members, gifts, and memorials.

Directions

From I-95 exit at Bridge St., West to Frankford Avenue, then left passing 8 traffic lights to Church Street, turn right to Griscom, then left. Ruan House is at end of block on the right. Parking behind Museum or at Church on corner of Church and Griscom.

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