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**Misattribution of Camp Involvement in the Dedication of the Grave of
Samuel Lander Hough, Private, 2nd New Jersey Cavalry, in Derby, England**

The Winter Edition of *The Banner* states, under “Department News,” that Brothers of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 attended the dedication of the grave of Samuel Lander Hough, 2nd New Jersey Cavalry, identified in the article as the last Civil War veteran buried in the United Kingdom. However, No Brother of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 attended this ceremony, nor did any Brother of the Camp submit an article reporting such attendance.

Following international media coverage before the proposed dedication, Brothers of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 were immediately contacted by National Graves Registration Officer Brother Henry Duquette. Brother Duquette expressed serious concern and stated that he hoped the Camp was not involved, as the headstones associated with the ceremony appeared to have been obtained in violation of Veterans Administration regulations. Specifically, these regulations require that (a) graves must not already be marked with existing stones—which this grave is—and (b) U.S. Veterans Administration headstones must be placed directly on the grave, not at a distance, as was done in this case. Brother Duquette emphasized that, had the actions been taken by an SUVCW Camp, the Order’s relationship with the U.S. Veterans Administration could have been severely compromised.

The Camp promptly assured Brother Duquette that Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 had no involvement whatsoever in this event and at no time were we approached or consulted as to the obtaining of the headstone.

Additionally, Brothers of the Camp believe that Samuel Lander Hough may not, in fact, be the last Civil War veteran buried in the United Kingdom. Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 has been actively investigating another veteran whom the Camp believes was still alive in 1946.

The Brothers of Ensign John Davis Camp No. 10 are deeply dismayed that their Camp was publicly associated with a ceremony that may have been conducted contrary to U.S. Veterans Administration regulations. Such an attribution has the potential to cause significant reputational harm in the eyes of both the SUVCW and the U.S. Veterans Administration. This is particularly troubling given the Camp’s longstanding and consistent efforts to uphold the aims and principles of the Order in its work to locate, document, and properly commemorate the graves of Union veterans in the United Kingdom.

A correction of the article will be published in the Spring edition of the Banner. Going forward, any requests for assistance with obtaining stones for Union veterans buried in the UK which do not come directly from Ensign John Davis Camp No, 10 should be referred to them in the first instance.

By Order of the Commander-in-Chief.

Ordered this 14th day of February, 2026.



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Attest:

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