SUVCW Carlin Camp 25

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SUVCW General Wm. P. Carlin Camp 25, Camp Report

Commander John A. Riggs

Brothers,

Today is the birthday of our great president Abraham Lincoln. He led us through the Civil War to re-unite our great country and saved our ancestors from themselves. Yes, themselves in that fathers and brothers fought against each other 150 years ago with the intent to both save the American Republic and to tear it apart.

He summed this up in his short speech that was torn apart by the media of the day. They ridiculed him and his words but when they finally analyzed these phrases they were thunderstruck by the depth of meaning and the healing they brought to the people that from that day forward were not Northerners or Southerners, but forever now Americans in one great nation. It was not anymore these United States, but <u>THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA</u>.

The Gettysburg Address! So short yet so moving that it began the healing process of this great nation.

THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS:



One Version –

"Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate, we can not consecrate, we can not hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gettysburg Address#cite note-Borrit-8

^ a b Boritt, Gabor. The Gettysburg Gospel: The Lincoln Speech That Nobody Knows., Appendix B p. 290: "This is the only copy that...Lincoln dignified with a title: 'Address delivered at the dedication of the cemetery at Gettysburg.', a rare full signature, and the date: 'November 19, 1863.' ..This final draft, generally considered the standard text, remained in the Bliss family until 1949."

Irish ballad Faded Coat of Blue

A contemporary Irish ballad, *Faded Coat of Blue*, captured the melancholy mood of the North in that winter of discontent:

My brave lad sleeps in his faded coat of blue, In a lonely grave unknown, lies the heart that beat so true. He sank faint and hungry among the famished brave, And they laid him sad and lonely within his nameless grave.

http://www.civilwar.nps.gov/cwss/manassas/military/fredericksburg.htm



Virgil Walter Earp's history starts in NV in 1902 with Wyatt, was as a Deputy Sheriff in Goldfield, Esmeralda County, NV 1905. In April, 1905 Virgil contracted pneumonia and died on October 18 or 19, 1905. (He was a former US Marshal): Edited version. From the National Archives, Washington, DC: **CLAIMANT'S AFFIDAVIT**

State of California, County of San Bernardino

On this 2nd day of July A. D. 1891, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths Virgil W. Earp aged 46 years, late Pvt, Co. C, 83rd Reg't. of Ill's Inft. Vols., applicant for original pension Jun. 27th, Pension No. 954.186 a resident of Colton County of San

Bernardino, State of Cal whose Post office address is San Bernardino (?), San Bernardino Cal and well known to me to be reputable and entitled to credit, and who, being duly

sworn, declared in relation to aforesaid case as follows; That he claims pension under the NEW LAW on the following disabilities:

FIRST: Gun Shot Wound in right leg (indecipherable) at or near Tombstone State of Arizona Ter. on or about 26th of Oct. year of 1881 under the following circumstances; Fight with Stage Robbers.

SECOND: Shot in left arm contracted at or near Tombstone Arizona Ter. on or about 28th December year of 1881 under the following circumstances: Shot by Stage Robbers.

THIRD: Shot in Back at or near Tombstone State of Arizona on or about 28th of December year of 1881 under the following circumstances: Shot by Stage Robbers.

FOURTH: Neuralgia of Stomach contracted at or near Colton State of California on or about 1888-89 year of. . . Under the following circumstances: Caused by wounds in back.

That he rendered military service as follows: All the service I rendered was in Co. C 83rd Illinois Infantry. That the date of his final discharge from the service was on the 4th day of July 1865. That he has rendered no military or naval service otherwise than as above set forth.

Virgil W. Earp

Signature of Affiant.

When the Civil War began, then 18 year old Virgil join the 83rd Illinois Infantry from July 26, 1862 to June 24, 1865 and then was a professional western lawman. When Virgil's long lost daughter, Nellie Jane Earp (January 7, 1862–June 17, 1930) found out where her dad was buried, she moved his remains from Nevada to the family plot in River View Cemetery, Portland, Multnomah, OR, USA.

Two of Virgil's brothers were also Union soldiers: James and Newton (half-brother) Earp.

The 4th page is the Ad we will have in CA & Pacific Encampment brochure in March in CA. Thank Sr. Vice Commander David Davis.

Commander John A. Riggs, Camp 25, SUVCW

IN MEMORY OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC POSTS, THEIR AUXILIARIES, AND ALL THEIR MEMBERS THAT HAVE COME AND GONE IN NEVADA

GAR

Custer Post No. 5; Carson City
Phil Kearney Post Nos. 8, 10, 23; Virginia City
Stanton Post Nos. 10, 29; Carson City
Baker Post No. 11; Pioche
McPherson Post No. 12; Reno
Colonel Baker Post No. 13; Cherry Creek
Carson City Post No. 17
Camp McDermitt Post No. 19
Lyon Post No. 25; Eureka
Lander Post No. 27; Austin
Upton Post No. 29; Eureka
Nye Post No. 43; Candelaria
General O. M. Mitchel Post No. 69; Reno
McDermitt Post No. 87; Winnemucca
Donelson Post No. 94; Taylor

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George A. Custer Camp No. 1; Reno Isaac Crist Camp No. 28; Reno

WRC

Custer Corps No. 15; Carson City General O. M. Mitchel Corps No. 27; Reno McDermitt Corps No. 58; Winnemucca Phil Kearney Corps No. 85; Virginia City Gettysburg Corps No. 112; Tonopah

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Johana Shine Tent No. 82; Reno

GAR CEMETERY PLOTS

Custer Post No. 5; Lone Mountain Cemetery General O. M. Mitchel Post No. 69; Hillside Cemetery McDermitt Post No. 87; Pioneer Cemetery



"Nevada's Tribute To Union Soldiers and Sailors, March 19, 1891" Lone Mtn. Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada

AND BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE ENCAMPMENT

GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25 RENO, NEVADA

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David A. Davis, SVC/Historian/Memorials Officer/Signals Officer
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