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THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 12 at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Veterans Historic Drive near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park.

DEC. MEETING -- ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A FORMER SLAVE AND THE SON OF HIS FORMER MASTER LIVING IN RENO AT THE SAME TIME

Compiled by David A. Davis, PCC, Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer

The first article below is about Bob Lemmons (with an “s”), a former slave of the father of local rancher Fielding Lemmon (without the “s”). While a short research effort revealed nothing more of Bob, a review of land records, old maps, newspaper articles, census records, and a family tree posted on Ancestry.com (accuracy??) added a few more details to the life of Fielding. Fielding Lemmon was the son of War of 1812 veteran, Jacob Lemmon. Jacob was born in 1789 of Irish parents in what would become Kentucky and died in 1857 in Missouri. The 1850 census shows Jacob Lemmon of Pettis, Polk County, Missouri, owned six unnamed slaves – three males ages 26, 21 (Bob?), and 19 years old and three females ages 44, 23, and 1 years old.

Fielding Lemmon’s vital statistics and early life are given below in his obituary. He bought the Peavine Ranch in 1862 adjacent to the south side of Silver Lake in what was then Peavine Valley – later called Lemmon’s Valley and Lemmon Valley. The Peavine Mining District was started up as a copper mining district at the time adjacent to his ranch. A town of Peavine (not to be confused with later town of Poeville several miles to the south) was laid out on his ranch and a smelter was built. Fortunately, he was far more successful at ranching as the mines and incipient town did not pan out. He raised livestock and crops, acquired several parcels through patenting, was involved in local Democrat politics, and continued to have business interests in Oregon. He is buried in Mountain View Cemetery.

BOB LEMMONS

(Reno Evening Gazette, Wednesday September 12, 1883, vol. XV, no. 141, p. 3, col. 1)

A Life Full of Change and Adventure

Reno has a negro who has both a history and a character. He was a slave, owned by the father of Fielding Lemmon of this county, who lived in Polk county, Missouri. Although a very young and strong looking man, he says he is either 52 or 53 years old – he doesn’t know which. Before the war he married a girl named Cindy Leachman, who had hired her time of her master and was working out. They had one child, a boy. They were in Fort Scott, Kansas, the last he heard of them, and the boy would be 23 or 24 now. Bob was sold South at auction a few years before the war by a new master, Mr. Lemmon having died. He left his wife and baby in Missouri and was taken to Louisiana. The war gave him his freedom, and he came back to

Missouri, but could not find his family, so he came to California and has lived 12 years in Oakland, Bodie, Sonora and Reno. Bob is a fine-looking colored man, six feet tall, with a big square head and a laugh that would make his fortune on stage. He is raising chicken and hogs and is doing well, but is going into the mines at Quincy in the Spring.

Death of Hon. Fielding Lemmon

(Nevada State Journal, Wednesday May 28, 1898, vol. L, no. 45, p. 3, col. 2)

Yesterday afternoon, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. R.S. Osburn, after a brief illness, the well known pioneer, Fielding Lemmon, passed from labor to reward. The deceased was born in Tennessee February 2, 1824, being at the time his death a few months past 74 years of age. With his parents he came to live in Missouri in early life, where he married his wife Matilda Foley, who preceded him to the home beyond a little over three years ago. He crossed the plains in 1851 to Oregon, where he lived for ten years, when he moved to Nevada in 1862, where he resided up to the time of his death.

Very few men in our State are better known than he, having served two terms in the Legislature and taken a very active part in all that pertained to the public welfare. He was eminently adapted to the life of a pioneer, being endowed with an indomitable energy that enabled him readily to grapple with the difficulties incident to a new country and overcome them. As a neighbor he was most kind and always considerate of the poor. He was of a singularly forgiving spirit and this coupled with his genial manner enabled him to retain the many friends he readily made. He was a firm believer in the truths of Divine Revelation, though like many others who have come to this new country, never affiliated with the Church. His illness, which lasted about six weeks, was severe. All that physicians skill and the care of loving friends could do to prolong his life was done, but in vain. For the last few days it was evident that the oil in life's lamp was fast burning low, when at 4:45 yesterday afternoon as the descending sun was sinking toward the Peavine mountains which he loved so well, the last flickering spark of life went out.

“As fades the Summer cloud away,
As sinks the gate when storm is o'er,
As gently shuts the gates of day
As dies the wave along the shore”

Such was the close of the life of Fielding Lemmon. He leaves two sons, W.E. and Louis F. Lemmon, together with three daughters, Mrs. J. Bowman, Mrs. R.S. Osburn and Miss Persia Lemmon, to mourn his loss, all of who reside here and were with him when the end came.

BOWER'S MANSION

October 23, 2021

Bower's Mansion closing for the season on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Carlin Camp 25 members Senior Vice Commander/Historian David A. Davis, PCC, and Councilman Robert Stoecklin “guarded” the library and set up several period map displays. Despite being a cool cloudy, damp day, and sans the Civil War Reenactors, the place was busy and a large number of people passed through.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Federal, state, and local recommendations and restrictions on gatherings, events are being rescheduled or cancelled outright. Please check the latest schedule of a particular event.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

December 18, 2021

On December 18, 2021 at 09:00 am, Wreaths Across America will be held at Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery. For more information, visit <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/16600/overview/?relatedId=0> At the General Mitchel Post 69 plot at the Hillside cemetery, Camp 25 will conduct a wreath laying event at noon. The event will include remarks by several speakers, a wreath laying at the Camp 25 monument, a three-volley salute, and the playing of Taps.

LAS VEGAS CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

December 28, 2021

The Las Vegas Civil War Round Table holds its meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Charlie's Lakeside at the corner of Durano and Sahara in Las Vegas at 7 pm. The meeting is open to the public. A presentation or other type of activity on some aspect of the Civil War is conducted, and a raffle for history-related books are held with the money going to the Civil War Trust to help preserve sites associated with the Civil War. The next meetings will be held on December 28, 2021 and tentatively January 27, 2022. For more information, call Kay Moore 702-645-5209 or email at lavenderlady@hotmail.com. Meetings times are also posted at <https://www.meetup.com/LVCWRT>.

2022 JOHANA SHINE TENT 96 MEETINGS

The Johana Shine Tent 96 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War holds quarterly meetings via Zoom on the third Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm. The meetings for 2022 are scheduled for February 20, May 15, August 21, and November 20. For more information contact johanashineduvew@gmail.com.

ANNUAL NORTHERN NEVADA CELTIC CELEBRATION

May 21, 2022

After a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 29th Annual Northern Nevada Celtic Celebration will be held May 21, 2022. It will be held at Bartley Ranch Regional Park in Reno, and in past years has included Civil War reenactors. This would be fitting considering the large numbers of Irishmen who fought on both sides in the Rebellion. For more information, visit <https://www.renoceltic.org> and <https://10times.com/celtic-celebration>.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

August 11-14, 2022

The 2022 National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (141st), the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Daughters of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be hosted by the Department of Michigan on August 11-14, 2022, at the DoubleTree, by Hilton Grand Rapids Airport. Located at 4747 28th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. For more information, visit: <https://www.suvcwmi.org/2022NatEncampment/2022Encampment.php>

SACRAMENTO CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

The Sacramento Civil War Round Table has cancelled all meetings until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Sacramento Civil War Round Table normally holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month. The meetings are open to the public. Dinner and informal discussions start at 6:00 pm, a short business meeting is held starting at 7 pm and a featured talk begins about 7:20 pm and lasts between 45 minutes and an hour. The Sacramento Civil War Round Table also publishes a newsletter called the Battle Cry. See the website at <http://www.sacramentocwrt.com> for more information and the newsletter.

ELK GROVE CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE

All meetings of the Elk Grove Civil War Round Table have been cancelled until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Elk Grove Civil War Round Table normally holds its meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at Denny's Restaurant at 8707 Elk Grove Road in Elk Grove south of Sacramento. The meeting is open to the public. A no host dinner starts at 5:30 pm, and Grand Review-Guest Speakers-Program starts at 6:45 pm. See the website at <http://www.elkgrovecwrt.org> for when meetings may restart.

NATIONAL WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS, LOGAN'S BRIGADE, AND GRANT'S GUARDS

The National Woman's Relief Corps (WRC) served as the official ladies auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, and still exists as one of the five allied orders. The WRC has started an adult Men's Associate to the National Woman's Relief Corps called the Logan's Brigade and a Cadet Corps to the Logan's Brigade called the Grant's Guard for young men between 8 and 16 years old. The application fee is \$15, and the

annual dues are \$35. For background information and the on-line application, see <https://logansbrigade.org>. Senior Vice Commander/Camp Historian David A. Davis, PCC, is a member.

MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2021

Minutes of the camp meeting
Saturday, August 15, 2021, at 1300 Hours,
VFW Hall, 255 Veterans Historic Way, Reno, NV
And Via teleconference from homes
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Department of California and Pacific

I). Opening

- A). The meeting was called to order by Commander Dietrich at 1303 hours.
- B). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by SVC David Davis.
- C). Invocation was led by SVC David Davis.
- D). PRESENT: Kurt Dietrich, David Hess, Roger Linscott, David Davis, Donn Dalton, Frank Wood, Rob Stoecklin, Jay Dickey, Randall Lorenz(online), GUEST: Cody Ellers., Charlotte Dietrich, Emmet Dietrich and Wyatt Dietrich.

II). Camp Commander's Report-- Camp Commander Kurt Dietrich

- A). Commander Dietrich read the text of General Order #2—Passing of real daughter Francis Wilson.
- B). Commander Dietrich asked Brother Dickey to introduce his guest, Cody Ellers. Cody then introduced himself by telling us about his CW ancestor and his service during the war. Cody is in the process of submitting an application for membership.

III). Secretary's Report—Secretary David Hess.

The Minutes of the August meeting were previously reported to all members of Camp 25 via the Camp newsletter. Secretary Hess asked if there were any additions or corrections. **Being none, it was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Dickey) to approve the Minutes of the August meeting as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously.**

IV). Treasurer's Report—Treasurer David Hess.

- 1). Brother Hess presented the Financial Statement for Camp 25 for the period ended September 30. Hess asked if there were any questions/additions/corrections. **It was MOVED (Linscott) and SECONDED (Dickey) to accept the Financial Statement for the period ending September 30, 2021, as submitted. The motion PASSED unanimously. [See EXHIBIT 1]**

V). Senior Vice Commander's Report—Brother David Davis

See New Business.

VI). Historian's & Memorials Report—Brother David Davis.

The Historian's Report was handed out to members and is attached to these Minutes. [See EXHIBIT 2].

VII). Junior Vice Commander's Report—Brother Frank Wood

Nothing to report.

VIII). Patriotic Instructor's Report—Brother Tyrone Davis.

Nothing to report.

IX). Grave Registration Officer Report—Brother Donald Huffman

The following is the test of an email sent to Brother David Davis on Oct.7:

I guess I have lots of lists but several show names that are possibly in the GAR Plot. Most that are there have been verified by you, me or someone else but want to pass on a few names that are verifiably not there.

Jackson Biggs Find A Grave 113501357 In Lovelock, Nevada

John Nelson Watson Find A Grave 61025490 Chico, Butte, CA

John J Nicholson Find A Grave 20434597 Crystal Peak Cemetery

John McFarland Elder Jr. Find A Grave 136989378, Mtn. View Cemetery

Floyd Porter Has the same dates of birth and death as F. P. Which appears to belong to Frank Perkins first husband of Mrs. (Jennie) Alphonse Evans

James Beebe has a wooden marker put up recently over in Hillside can't find any information on him

There were too many misspellings, transposing first initials, Ordering Markers from Newspaper lists (1967), and then there was Rickards. So I think that any assembled list for a new marker should be accurate as possible. Once we get list to place on a marker, I would like to go over it one more time to check for Military service and name accuracy. If Military service cannot be proven, I am not comfortable placing the name on a monument to avoid things like William Badger. I don't have access to the list from 1967 that the veterans put together to order all those markers, but some have the wrong service, names, or nothing but US Soldier. I think the Guy that ordered the markers was named McCarthy from the Veterans of foreign wars.

X). Other Officers Reports—Nothing to report.

XI). New Business--All.

A). Nevada Day Parade. We need to get a permit application in due in a couple weeks. Fee is \$85. David Davis will make the application and will request to be close to a re-enacting group. David Davis and Rob Stoecklin indicated interest in participating.

B). Bowers Mansion will close on October 23rd. David Davis is requesting brothers to join him. From 9a.m. to 4p.m.

C). Wreaths Across America. We have credit for wreaths for GAR and more. It was suggested that we time the event for noon so that it does not conflict with Fernley. Will we do wreaths for 20 unmarked graves of Civil War Veterans at Hillside Cemetery. Donn Dalton will get in touch with American Legion to determine if they are interested. We will need 12 boxes (@ 9/box) according to Brother Rob Stoecklin. Brother Roger Linscott will help.

D). Brother Jay Dickey mentioned American Heritage Partners (AHP) purpose and activities. He mentioned the possibility of creating a website that could be joined by other heritage societies.

MOTION: LINSOTT/HESS- propose for Camp 25 to support the concept of creating a website in partnership with AHP. PASSED.

E). Officers for 2022 to be elected at December meeting. Kurt says he will not be running for Commander. Randall Lorenz said he would think about it. We may also need a Patriotic Instructor. Kurt will send out a notice of officer positions. He also indicted that he would still serve as the ROTC awards person. Hess will be Secretary/Treasurer, Linscott and Stoecklin and Donn Dalton will serve as Counselors.

XII). Old Business.

A). Pavers for unmarked graves. Hess suggested we table that discussion until the fence is built around the cemetery so we can better choose where to place the markers. There was some discussion of the price.

B). CHARTERS OF FREEDOM installation at Sparks Marina appears now to be under construction. We have an outstanding \$500 pledge that we will need to send soon. Hess will contact them for a status update.

XIII. Closing Prayer.

The closing prayer was offered by David Davis.

XIV). The meeting was adjourned at 1400 hours. The date of the next meeting was set for Sunday, December 12 at 1300 hours at the VFW Hall. ADJOURN: 2:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

David Fredric Hess, Secretary/Treasurer
General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25
Dept. of California and Pacific
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Note: The Treasurer's report (Exhibit 1) was not included here because of account numbers. The History and Memorials Report (Exhibit 2) is printed next.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

October 10, 2021

David A. Davis, PCC, Gen. William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

SOME OF THE REPORTS OF LEE'S SURRENDER IN NEVADA

Note: While General Lee surrendered to General Grant on April 9, the telegraph wires into western Nevada were down that day.

BOOMING OF THE CANNON!

Gold Hill Daily News, vol. 3, no. 463, p. 2, cols. 2, April 10, 1865

After our Extra was issued this morning the steam whistles of a hundred mills in and around Virginia started a simultaneous steam solo, the church and fire bells soon joined in the chorus, blacksmiths brought their anvils in requisition, citizens their guns and pistols, and all united in a grand salute. The shouting of the overjoyed populace, mixed with the continual roaring of guns, was expressive of the sublime happiness everybody experienced. The music of the steam was soon taken up by all the mills in Gold Hill, and for a short time, amid the booming of the cannon on Fort Homestead, Gold Hill was truly jubilant over the bully news. At Silver City and Dayton national salutes have also been fired, and the people are decidedly jolly and happy (For more on Fort Homestead, see www.suvpac.org/camp25/docs/Fort%20Homestead.pdf).

Terms of Surrender

Gold Hill Daily News, vol. 3, no. 463, p. 2, col. 3, April 10, 1865

April 9, 1865. – General: I received your note this morning on the picket line, whither I had come to meet you and ascertain definitely what terms were embraced in your proposition of yesterday with reference to the surrender of this army. I now request an interview in accordance with the offer contained in your letter of yesterday for that purpose.

Very respectfully, your o'bt serv't.

(Signed) R.E. Lee, General.

To Lieut. Gen. U.S. Grant, commanding U.S. Armies.

HEADQUARTERS, April 9, 1865. – Gen. R.E. Lee, commanding C.S.A.: Your note of this day is but this moment, 11:50 A.M., received in consequence of my having passed from the Richmond and Lynchburg road to the Farmville and Lynchburg road. I am at this writing, four miles west of Walter's Church, and will push forward to the front for the purpose of meeting you. Notice sent to me on this road, where you wish the interview to take place, will meet me.

Very respectfully, your o'bt serv't.

(Signed) U.S. Grant, General, Lieut. Gen.

APPOMATTOX, C.H., April 9. – Gen. R.R. Lee, commanding C.S.A.: In accordance with the substance of my letter of the 8th instance, I propose to receive the surrender of the army of Northern Virginia, on the following terms, to wit: Rolls of all the officers and men to be in duplicate, one copy to be given to an officer designated by me, and the other to be retained by such officer or officers as you may designate, the officers to give their individual parole not to take arms against the Government of the United States, until properly exchanged, and each company or regiment commander sign a like parole for the men of their commands, the arms, artillery, and public property to be packed and stacked, and turned over to the officers appointed by me to receive them – this will not embrace the side arms of the officers nor the private horses or baggage; this done, each officer and man will be allowed to return to their homes, not to be disturbed by United States authorities so long as they observe their parole and the laws in force where they may reside. Very respectfully signed,

U.S. Grant, General, Lieut.-General

Headquarters Army Northern Virginia, April 9th – Lieut-Gen. Grant, commanding U.S.A. – General: -- I have received your letter of this date containing the terms of surrender of the army of Northern Virginia as proposed by you, as they are substantially the same as those expressed in your letter of the 8th, inst., they are accepted. I will proceed to designate the proper officers to carry the stipulations into effect.

Very respectfully, your o'bt serv't.
R.E. Lee, General.

THE NEWS

Gold Hill Daily News, vol. 4, no. 467, p. 2, cols. 1, April 14, 1865

The cry is “still it comes,” and it comes pretty thick. General Lee’s surrender was a pretty rough affair on the gigantic, stupendous, unconquerable, last-ditch Confederacy, as it would seem from the figures. General Lee himself, three Lieutenant-Generals, sixty-one Brigadier-Generals, and between 20,000 and 22,000 men. Among the Generals surrendered are Longstreet, Ewell, Moseby, and Bushrod Johnson. Among the Commissioners named to carry out the terms of surrender, were Pemberton, who surrendered Vicksburg, and Henry A. Wise, who immortalized himself by capturing and hanging old John Brown. We respect, in a certain sense, several of the Generals named; but the egregious braggart and infernal coward, Henry A. Wise, ought to be excepted from any Amnesty Act, and allowed to walk, free and unfettered, the balance of his life, branded as an outlaw, a coward and a felon. Damn him, and damn the man that would not damn him – the dirty dog.

Forrest and Roddy, who have been more troublesome to us than many of greater pretensions, are now in our hands, and their career is ended.

General Lee is in New York.

Lynchburg, “the last ditch,” surrendered the day before yesterday.

General Lee will probably pass the remnant of his days in European exile. With all the man’s faults, we pity him in his prospective life-long misery, the fruit of his, no doubt sincere, but misguided judgment. Let the veil of oblivion fall upon his errors.

RECENT CAMP ORDERS

No new Camp Orders were issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. For a complete list, see the Camp website: <http://www.suvpac.org/camp25/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT DEPARTMENT ORDERS

No recent Department Orders have been issued since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted. For a complete list, see the Department website: <http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html>.

RECENT GENERAL ORDERS

One new General Order has been announced since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was posted.

General Order No. 2 notes the death of Real Daughter Florence (Pool) Wilson of Bolivar, Missouri, aged 98, on 31 August 2021. She was born to Charles Parker Pool and Clara Bell Straw on October 4, 1922 and married the late Harry O. Wilson. Her father, Private Charles Pool, enlisted in Company D of the 6th WV Infantry and served from August 20, 1861 to August 27, 1864. All Brothers are to attach a black mourning ribbon for 30 days to their membership badges.