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First Phase of G.A.R. Civil War Monument Restoration Project Started

Shortly after 10:00 AM on July 19, 2004, contract crews from the Karkadoulis Bronze Art Foundry, Cincinnati, Ohio, arrived at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, to assess the condition of the GAR Civil War Monument and to begin the first phase of its "approved" restoration project.

The GAR Monument was confirmed to be a fine piece of period workmanship. It was originally constructed and dedicated in 1891 as Nevada's tribute to the soldiers, sailors and marines who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War. It is the only one of its kind in Nevada and believed to be the only one of its kind on the west coast of the United States. It is over 17 feet tall and is constructed of "white bronze" (a non-metallic zinc alloy). Constructed in six distinct sections, each section features a symbolic tribute to Union Civil War Veterans.

The top section (the statue of a Union Soldier at "parade rest") was removed without any difficulty. However, once that section had been removed the interior revealed that, at some time in the past, it had been completely filled with concrete !!!! Subsequently, the remaining sections had to be painstakingly "dissected".

Mercene Karkadoulis, the owner of the Karkadoulis Bronze Art Foundry and her daughter Kathy Axiotes, experts in the field of monument restoration, were on site to supervise the disassembling and handling of the 113 years old monument.

Also, present were members from the SUVCW-General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25. Camp Commander Paul Washeleski, Sr. Vice Commander Gary Parrott, Camp Secretary Brian Worcester and Camp Treasures Jeffrey Vaillant, monitored and recorded this historic event.

Fortunately, Mercene and her crew of experts came well prepared. This crew included members from the Connolly Crane Service, Industrial Logistics Services and H & H Productions (all of Carson City, Nevada). Also, providing assistance was the Carson City Department of Parks and Recreation.

By 2:00 PM, all work had been completed and the GAR Civil War Monument (albeit in sections !!) was on its way to Cincinnati, Ohio, for much needed R & R (refurbishing and repairs !!).

This project was authorized by the Carson City Board of Supervisors on April 26, 2004, in response to the efforts of several local historical, hereditary and civil groups (specifically included in that group was the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War).

The cost of this project is estimated at \$82,000 and is estimated to be completed by Veterans Day (November 11, 2004). A rededicated ceremony is planned upon return of the GAR Civil War Monument.

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The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, has been disassembled and transported to a refurbishing facility in Ohio. It is the first time in over 113 years the sentinel atop the monument will not be "on picket duty" at the Civil War Unknown Soldiers section of the cemetery.

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Restoration Project - cont.

The restoration process will include a cleaning process, application of a protective chemical coating, a new stainless steel interior to support the weight of the statue and complete repairs to all cracks, chips and other types of deterioration.

Karkadoulis Bronze Art, Inc., is one of the leading monument restoration companies in the



Crews begin work on the top section of the GAR Civil War Monument in preparation of the first phase of the restoration project.

United States (if not the World !!). The SUVCW has utilized their services many times in the past.

It should be noted, that while this much needed restoration is being performed, it will be the first time in 113 years that the sentinel atop the GAR Monument will not be standing guard over Nevada's largest assemblage of Civil War Veterans !!



Crews carefully secure the disassembled sections of the GAR Civil War Monument for transportation to the Karkadoulis Bronze Art Foundry in Ohio.

Final Muster For Wife of Camp 25 Charter Member

Betty Jane Washeleski, wife of Camp No. 25 Commander Paul Washeleski, passed away on July 13, 2004, in Gardnerville, Nevada, after a long illness. She was 81 years old.

Betty Jane was born, July 13, 1923, in Poughkeepsie, New York, the daughter of Hansel B. and Lucy Phillips Mead.

During World War II, *Betty Jane* served her country by working in a bomb manufacturing plant and as a nurse. She married, Paul on November 6, 1959.

Betty Jane was a longtime resident of Gardnerville, living there for over 24 years. Prior to that she resided in South Lake Tahoe.

Her husband, Paul, was one of the original members of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25. He was instrumental in the formation of the Camp and is currently the Camp Commander.

Betty Jane is survived by her husband (Paul Washeleski), two sons (Merle and Dale Schwartz), a daughter (Sally Gorman) and seven grandchildren (Scot, Terrie and Michael Paul Gorman, Lucas Chad, Gideon Lee, Ben and Crissi Schwartz) and five great grandchildren (Carley Ray Schwartz, Hanna and Sara Rose Rutherford, McKenzie Sue and Alexie Ann Gorman). She was preceded in death by her beloved son - Ricky Ray, in 1995.

Funeral services were held at the Eastside Memorial Park, 1600 Buckeye Road, Minden, Nevada, on July 17, 2004. Reverend Jack Crandall, of the Calvary Chapel Church, Gardnerville, officiated the services.

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A Message From The Editor

Dear Brothers:

As you can see with this issue of the newsletter, the **CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH** continues to expand and improve (I hope for the better !?).

As discussed at the last meeting, I have started a column entitled *Our Civil War Ancestors*. This will feature a Camp member's Civil War ancestor. I had originally intended that Camp Commander Paul Washeleski's ancestor be the first one featured in this column however due to unforeseen events that was not possible. I subsequently substituted the biography of one of my relatives into the column.

All Camp members are encouraged to submit a photograph and biography of their favorite Civil War ancestor for inclusion in a future issue of the *Our Civil War Ancestor* column.. This is all part of *Remembering the Boys in Blue*.

Also, the newsletter has expanded to 8 pages with the addition of the *Our Civil War Ancestor* column and an outer cover page (for greater ease of mailing).

I hope all is agreeable with everyone (as always, I am open to suggestions).

F, C & L,

Gary E. Parrott
Publisher and Editor

Final Muster - continued

Attendance was estimated at approximately 50 friends and family members, which included SUVCW Brothers - Brian Worcester (Camp Secretary), Gary Parrott (Sr. Vive Commander) and Brad Schall, (Dept. Council and PDC).

During the services, Brother Schall spoke a few words in regard to Betty Jane's support of the SUVCW and Camp No. 25.

Highlights of the June Camp Meeting

On June 13, 2004, the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 held its fourth meeting of the year.

The gathering was held at the home of Camp Commander Paul Washeleski, in Gardnerville, Nevada.

Many items of interest were discussed during the course of the afternoon. In addition to the normal business items (the commander's report, the secretary-treasurer's report, various committee reports, etc.), a 22 minute video tape of the General Carlin Camp Guard "in action" was viewed by all members present. This video was taken during the 2004 Memorial Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada.

Afterwards, a copy of the video tape was given to Commander Washeleski for inclusion in the Camp Archives.

The new business agenda included the selection of a new Camp Secretary. Brother Brian Worcester was nominated and accepted the position. Congratulations Brother Brian !!

Also, discussed during the meeting was the status of the first phase of the restoration project for the GAR Civil War Monument at the Lone Mountain Cemetery and the Camp's participation in this event.

It was agreed, members of the Camp should be on-site to record (take photographs, video, etc.), monitor the disassembly and be aware of the possibility that a "time-capsule" may have been placed into the monument during its original construction.

All members were encouraged to attend this historic and "once in a lifetime" event.

In addition, it was discussed

that an "Our Civil War Ancestors" column should be added to the camp's newsletter.

Brother Gary Parrott, the current editor and publisher of the camp newsletter, advised that he would attempt to accommodate this request (refer to *A Message From The Editor* section for additional information).

Members present at the meeting were: Donald Guidici, Jeffrey Vaillant, Paul Washeleski, Gary Parrott and Brian Worcester. All others were excused for valid reasons.

With all business completed the meeting was adjourned after the setting of the date and time for the next Camp meeting (refer to *Upcoming Events* on Page 7).

Camp Represented at D.A.V. Meeting

On June 15, 2004, General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 Senior Vice Commander Gary Parrott attended a meeting of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) in Carson City, Nevada.

The DAV had invited a representative from Camp No. 25 to attend this meeting in an effort to establish a working relationship with both "veteran's groups".

At the gathering, Brother Gary, set-up the Camp's display board, distributed a variety of handout materials and gave a brief history of the SUVCW and Camp No. 25, and answered questions from the assembled members of the DAV.

Also, present at the meeting was Carson City Mayor Ray Massayko. Brother Gary took the opportunity to speak with the mayor for several minutes and thanked him for his support of the GAR Civil War Monument Restoration Project.

The evening ended with an invitation for members of the SUVCW to attend future meetings.

The Latest *SUVCW* National News

The S. U. V. C. W.

The *Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War* was formed in 1881 as the potential successor to the *Grand Army of the Republic* (GAR). Its purpose was to ensure the continuance of the mission and goals started by the GAR. It was originally called: *The Sons of Union Veterans*. The name was changed in 1925 to further identify its heritage.

Prior to the disbanding of the GAR (when the last surviving members died), the SUVCW was officially designated the legal heir to the GAR on August 20, 1954.

Currently, the SUVCW is composed of 26 Departments (each contain Camps located within one of more states in a geographical region), 5 Camp-at-Large organizations (for the states of AZ, GA, NC, OR and WA) and a National Membership-at-Large organization (for those states which do not have Camp or Department status). Total membership is approximately 6,000 Brothers in good standing.

In addition, the SUVCW is associated with several Allied Orders. These include: *Sons of Veterans Reserve*, the *Auxiliary to the SUVCW*, *Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War*, *Women's Relief Corps* and the *Ladies of the GAR*.

For additional information go to:

www.suvcw.org

Another Civil War Widow Found in Arkansas

Soon after the announcement of the death of the *Last Civil War Widow*, Alberta Martin, came the revelation that another Civil War Widow was alive !!

Maudie Cecelia Hopkins, 89 years old, of Lexa, Arkansas, was the third wife of William M. Cantrell. He was a private in Company A, 7th Virginia Infantry (French's Battalion) – CSA, during the Civil War.

Maudie and William were married February 2, 1934, in Lone Rock, Arkansas. She was 19 and he was 86 years old !! The marriage lasted for 3 years. William died February 26, 1937.

Maudie would marry 3 more time. He last husband died in 1997. She continues to live alone

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The following is the latest information and General Orders from the National Organization of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

GENERAL ORDERS SERIES 2003 – 2004

GENERAL ORDERS No. 21

Kent L. Armstrong,
Commander-in-Chief

The National World War II Memorial was dedicated in Washington, D.C. on May 29th and it was an honor to be present and sign over 50 certificates for presentation to SUVCW Brothers across the country, in recognition of their service during WWII. I hope that space can be provided in a future issue of *The BANNER*, to share a roster of these Brothers with reference to the units they were assigned to. Two of these gentlemen are veterans of the "D-Day" assault on Normandy, the 60th anniversary being observed this year.

Congratulations have been sent to Jeffrey Albanese of Goshen, NY and Benjamin Stow of Thornton, PA, recipients of the SUVCW's two annual \$1,000 scholarships toward college tuition & books. I commend the members of our National Scholarship Committee, who had the difficult task of making these selections from 89 worthy candidates who applied.

All Brothers are encouraged to observe Flag Day, June 14, 2004 marks the 25th "Annual Pause for the Pledge of Allegiance" (7:00 p.m. EDT). A tentative schedule for our 123rd National Encampment has been posted to the SUVCW Web site and should appear in this issue of *The BANNER*.

The National Council of Administration (CoA) will conduct its annual Pre-Encampment meeting, starting at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 12, in the "Iowa City Room" at the Collins Plaza Hotel, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

My respect and BEST wishes for successful and productive Encampments/ Conventions goes out to all of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. It has been a pleasure to serve in the interests of "F., C., and L.," with: National President Danielle Michaels, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (ASUVCW); National President Lynne Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic (LGAR); National President Donna Vaughn, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861-1865 (DUVCW); and National President Margaret Lauth, Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic (WRC).
Ordered this 10th day of June, 2004.

By Order of:
Kent L. Armstrong
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:
Edward Krieser, PC in C
National Secretary

New Camps Receive Charter

The SUVCW – National Organization is pleased to announce the formation of the following new Camps:

- Private Elias Moon Camp-at-Large 2, located at Snellville, GA (March 3, 2004);
- Thomas E. Bowman Camp 12, located at Durango, CO (March 29, 2004);
- Cadot - Blessing Camp 126, located at Gallipolis, OH (April 21, 2004);
- Jeremiah Smith Camp 1, located at Oklahoma City, OK (April 28, 2004); and,
- Sergeant Norman F. Bates Camp 64, located at Grinnell, IA (May 25, 2004)

2004 Annual Encampment

To be held by the Department of Iowa, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug.13-15, 2004

- 123rd Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
- 118th Annual Encampment of the Auxiliary of the SUVCW
- 118th Annual Encampment of the Ladies of the GAR

* for additional information refer to the latest issue of *The Banner* or on-line at www.suvcw.org *

Department of Calif. & Pacific

The *Department of California and the Pacific - Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* (SUVCW) was organized in February 1886. Its territory includes the states of California, Nevada and Hawaii.

To date, the Department is composed of 14 Camps. The oldest of which is the General Phil Sheridan Camp No. 4 (San Jose, California). It was formed on December 4, 1897.

The Department held its Annual Encampments concurrently with the *GAR - Department of California and Nevada* between 1886 and 1949 (while there were still Union Veterans living in California).

From 1950 to the present, the Department has held its Annual Encampment with one or more of the Allied Orders of the SUVCW.

*For additional information go to
Web Page at: www.suvcw.org

GAR Posts in State of Nevada

The *Grand Army of the Republic* (GAR) was very active in the State of Nevada from the 1880s to 1937 (when the last member of a Nevada GAR Post died).

Nevada was a staunch supporter of the United States of America during the Civil War and subsequently, there were GAR Posts in, almost, every county after the war.

The following is a list of GAR Posts in Nevada and their locations:

- **General Custer Post No. 5** (Carson City)
- **Gen. Phil Kearney Post 8** (Virginia City)
- **Stanton Post No. 10** (Carson City)
- **Baker Post No. 11** (Pioche City)
- **McPherson Post No. 12** (Reno)
- **Colonel Baker Post No.** (Cherry Creek)
- **Carson City Post No. 17** (Carson City)
- **Camp McDermitt Post No. 19** (Humboldt)
- **Lander Post No. 27** (Austin)
- **Lyon Post No. 25** (Eureka)
- **Upton Post No. 29** (Eureka)
- **Nye Post No. 43** (Candelaria)
- **Gen. O.M. Mitchell Post No. 69** (Reno)
- **McDermitt Post No. 87** (Winnemucca)
- **Donelson Post No. 94** (Taylor)

The following is the latest information from the SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific:

Department Officers 2004 - 2005**Commander**

- *Linn P. Hoadley* (Los Angeles, CA)

Senior Vice-Commander

- *Tad D. Campbell* (Gilroy, CA)

Junior Vice-Commander

- *Jerry R. Sayre* (Fallbrook, CA)

Secretary-Treasurer (Term expires 2007)

- *Daniel R. Earl* (Gilroy, CA)

Department Council

- *D. Brad Schall*, PDC (Lincoln, CA),
Chairman (Term expires 2006)

- *Alan E. Peterson*, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)
Member (Term expires 2006)

- *Rudy Velasco* (Cathedral City, CA)
Member (Term expires 2005)

Patriotic Instructor

- Charlie Mabie

Chaplin

- Ernie Powell

Historian

- Robert L. Nelson

Counselor

- Dave Allyn

Guide

- Gregory R. Tracey

Color Bearer

- Glen L. Roosevelt

Graves Registration Officer

- Bob Lowe, PDC

Civil War Memorials Officer

- Kirby Morgan

Signals Officer

- Tad D. Campbell, PCC

Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer

- Gary E. Parrott

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

- Al Peterson, PDC

Department Newsletter (*The California Column*) Editor

- Daniel R. Earl

New Camps Organized

The SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific is pleased to announce the formation of the following new Camps:

- **Grant Camp No. 9** (Central California)

- **Patchin Camp No. 26** (Northern California)

The above Camps are in the final stages of the organizational process and are expected to receive their charters within the next year. We will keep you advised of their status in future issues of this newsletter.

Another Civil War Moment

General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 Northern NV

Organized in December 2002, the first official Camp meeting was held on March 1, 2003, in Gardnerville, Nevada, and, subsequently, was officially chartered by the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War - Department of California and the Pacific* on August 23, 2003.

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* is a tax exempt organization pursuant to the provisions of Section 501 c (4), Internal Revenue Code (IRS) and all donations are fully tax deductible as permitted by the US Internal Revenue Service (Section 170, Internal Revenue Code).

The current officers and staff of the *General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) - Department of California and the Pacific* are:

- Commander** - Paul F. Washeleski
- Sr. Vice Commander** - Gary Parrott
- Jr. Vice Cmdr** - Frank Wood, Jr.
- Secretary** - Brian Worcester
- Treasurer** - Jeffrey Vaillant
- Camp Council:** Donald Huffman
Donald Guidici
Steven Frady
- Patriotic Instructor** - Brian Worcester
- Camp Chaplain** - Donald Huffman
- Camp Guide** - Curtis A. Thomas
- Camp Counselor** - Gary Parrott
- Camp Guard** - Curtis A. Thomas
- Camp Historian** - David A. Davis
- Graves Reg. Officer** - Gary Parrott
- Civil War Mem. Ofc.** - David Davis
- Eagle Scout Cert. Co.** - Brian Worcester
- Color Bearer** - Jerry Griffith
- Signals Officer** - Donald Huffman

Another Widow Found - cont.

and resists all attempts by friends and family members to relocate to a rest home.

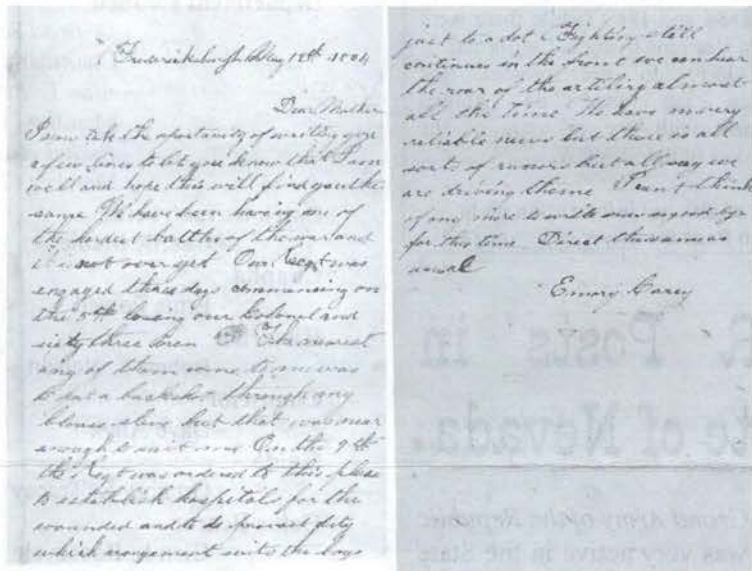
The last widow of a Union Veteran of the Civil War, Gertrude Janeway, died in January 2003.

Although, all the Union Civil War Veterans and their widows are now gone, there are a few *Real Sons and Daughters* left.

Let us not forget them !!

Emory Carey enlisted as a private on August 1, 1861, at the age of 21, in Company I, 57th New York Infantry Regiment. As a member of that unit, he participated in several major battles (Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, the Wilderness and Spotsylvania).

Emory was one of the few Union soldiers taken POW during the Battle of Gettysburg (on July 2, 1863). Later, he was paroled by the Confederates on October 9, 1863 and after a short furlough he re-enlisted and returned to his unit on January 4, 1864. He was later transferred to Company K, 61st New York Infantry Regiment (on December 20, 1864) when the 57th was reorganized in December 1864. He remained in this unit until it was mustered out at the end of the war (on July 14, 1865).



The below is a transcript of the above letter he sent to his mother (from the private collection of the Editor).

Fredericksburg, May 12th, 1864

Dear Mother,
I now take the opportunity of writing you a few lines to let you know that I am well and hope this will find you the same. We have been having one of the hardest battles of the war and it is not over yet. Our Regt. was engaged three days commencing on the 5th losing our Colonel and sixty three men. The nearest any of them came to me was to put a buckshot through my blouse sleeve but that was near enough to suit me. On the 9th the Regt. was ordered to this place to establish hospitals for the wounded and to do provost duty, which arraignment suits the boys just to a dot. Fighting still continues in the front, we can hear the roar of the artillery almost all the time. We have no very reliable news but there is all sorts of rumors but all say we are driving them. I can't think of any more to write now so good bye for this time. Direct the same as usual.

Emory Carey

This letter contains several Civil War references, some of which were:

- his participation in the *Battle of the Wilderness* (May 5-7, 1864);
- *Lieutenant Colonel Alford B. Chapman*, 57th New York Infantry Regiment was KIA (on May 5, 1864) during the Battle of the Wilderness; and,
- the impending *Battle of Spotsylvania Court House* (May 12-21, 1864).

Our Civil War Ancestors

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 will be on August 21, 2004 at 1:00 PM, at 1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All Camp members, associates and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

- Plans are being made for members of the SUVCW General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 to participate in the Veteran's Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, on November 11, 2004. Further details will be announced.

For additional information contact Commander Paul Washeleski (775) 265-2950 or via e-mail: paulww@charter.net.

*For additional information go to Web Page at: www.suvcw.org



Pvt. Charles H. Bigelow - USA

The above photograph is of *Charles Hawkes Bigelow* in uniform, taken after the end of the Civil War. He was a great-great-great granduncle of SUVCW - General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 member and Senior Vice Commander - Gary Parrott. *Charles* was a member of the 10th, 37th and 20th Massachusetts Infantry Regiments during the Civil War. After the war he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (William L. Baker - Post No. 86 - Northampton, Massachusetts) as noted by his hat badge. The insignia (a Corps Badge) above his G.A.R. membership badge indicated he was a member of the Army of the Potomac - VI Corps (the above photograph is from the private collection of Gary Parrott).

Charles Hawkes Bigelow (a great-great-great granduncle of Camp No. 25 Senior Vice Commander Gary Parrott) was one of the first of his family to heed the call to "Preserve the Union".

Near the start of the Civil War, on 15 May 1861, Massachusetts Governor Andrew proclaimed the need for volunteers to form six regiments in answer to President Abraham Lincoln's call to raise an army of 500,000 troops to defend the Nation against the Rebels.

Subsequently, on 21 June 1861, *Charles* enlisted as a private in Company C, 10th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment, at the age of 36. This unit would eventually be attached to the VI Corps (1st Brigade - 3rd Division) for most of the war.

*Major Battles: *Fair Oaks*, Virginia (31 May 1862), *Savage Station*, Virginia (29 June 1862), *Malvern Hill*, Virginia (1 July 1862), *Fredericksburg*, Virginia (4 July 1862), *Gettysburg*, Pennsylvania (July 2 - 3, 1863), *The Wilderness*, Virginia (May 4-6, 1864), *Spotsylvania Court House* (May 8-19, 1864), *North Anna River*, Virginia (27 May, 1864) and *Cold Harbor*, Virginia (June 2-8, 1864).

On 20 June 1864, he was transferred to Company G, 37th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (when that unit was reduced in numbers during the battles of *Spotsylvania*, *North Anna River* and *Cold Harbor*). This unit was also attached to the VI Corps (3rd Brigade - 1st Division).

*Major Battles: *Fort Stevens*, DC (12 July 1864), *Snicker's Gap*, VA (July 20-22, 1864), *Charlestown*, WV, (August 21, 1864), *Winchester*, VA (September 19, 1864), *Hatcher's Run* (February 5-7, 1865), *Petersburg*, VA (March 25 to April 2, 1865), and *Sailor's Creek*, VA (April 6, 1865).

On 19 June 1865, he was again transferred, this time to Company C, 20th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment (after that unit had been decimated during the battles of *Deep Bottom* and *Ream's Station*), where he remained until after the end of the war. He was mustered out of service on 16 July 1865 in Washington, DC.

Charles Hawkes Bigelow was born in Deerfield, Massachusetts, on 4 October 1824. He was the oldest son of *Horatio N.* and *Phoebe (Cook) Bigelow*. He had seven brothers and sisters, one of which was *Eleanora Bigelow* (a great-great-great grandmother of Gary Parrott).

In 1845 Charles married (Ann Maria Wise) and moved to the Town of Northampton, Massachusetts. There he was a successful painter and raised 2 children (James and Ella).

In June 1861, just after the start of the Civil War, *Charles*, along with many friends and neighbors, enlisted (for what was to be a period of only 6 months !) and was first assigned to the 10th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

After the war, *Charles* returned home and resumed the life of a family man and commercial painter. In 1889, he applied for and received an Invalid Pension for his Civil War Military service.

Sometime around 1895 *Charles* passed away as his wife applied for and was granted a Widow's Pension. Unfortunately, to date, the location of his final resting place is not known.

*Note: although, *Charles* was only a great-great-great granduncle of Gary Parrott, what makes him very *special* is, to date, he is the only Civil War ancestor that he has a photograph of !!

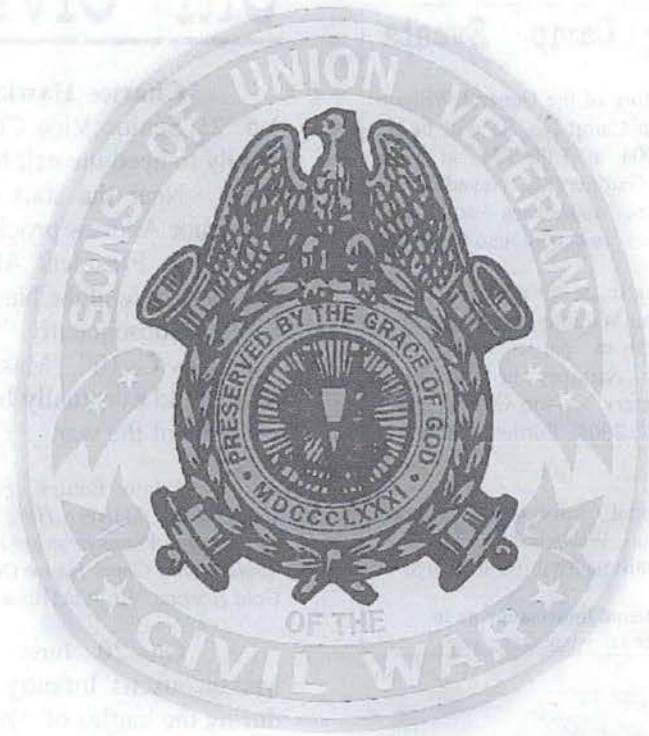
Membership Information

Membership in the national society of the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* is open to all male descendants (direct or collateral), 14 years and older who:

- are a relative of a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service;
- who was regularly mustered and honorably served in, was honorably discharged from, or died in the service of the United States of America or in a State regiment called to active service between April 12, 1861 and April 9, 1865.

* For further membership information go to the SUVCW Web Page at:

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