

# CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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## Progress Reported on GAR Monument Restoration Project

General William Passmore Carlin Camp Commander Paul Washeleski recently made a trip to the Karkadoulis Bronze Arts Foundry in Cincinnati, Ohio, to personally check on the progress of the restoration work being done on the Lone Mountain GAR Civil War Monument.

Commander Washeleski learned during his visit that all concrete (which had filled the bottom 3 sections of the statue) had been successfully removed from the interior of the structure and the metal restoration work had begun.

Mercene Karkadoulis (owner of the Foundry) was hopeful that all work could be completed and the monument reassembled in time for a rededication ceremony on Nevada Day (October 31) of this year.

More information about the project will be forthcoming during the October meeting of Camp No. 25.

## Department Members Attend 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* met for their 2004 Annual National Encampment at the Collins Plaza Hotel in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, August 12 - 14, 2004. In attendance, during this business meeting and gala event, were all National and Department Officers, officers and delegates from numerous Camps and many special guests and dignitaries.

Additionally, in attendance were 15 delegates from the SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific. One of which was a member of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 - Gary Parrott (Camp No. 25 Senior Vice Commander and Counselor). It is believed that this is the largest showing by the Department for any previous National Encampment. Outstanding !!

Activities began on Thursday afternoon at the meeting hall with registration (check-in and distribution of delegate packets and credentials) followed by a Campfire at 6:00 PM.

Friday's agenda began at 7:30 AM with registration, vendor table setup, coffee and donuts. A Joint Memorial Service took place at 8:00 AM (participants included members from each of the Allied Orders of the GAR). The opening ceremonies took place at approximately 8:30 AM, followed by a full day of National, Department and committee reports. Following the end of

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Camp Commander Paul Washeleski inspects the progress of the restoration work done on the Lone Mountain GAR Monument during a recent visit to the Karkadoulis Foundry in Ohio.

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## National Encampment - cont.

the business session for the day was a "Special Campfire" event featuring presentations from each Camp and Department (you had to be there to truly appreciate this "tour de farce" !!!).

Saturday's agenda was a continuation of what had not been completed during the previous day (various reports, resolutions, discussion on policy, etc.) followed by the election of officers.



Delegates "in action" during the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment recently held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

After the completion of all business on Saturday, there was free time to prepare for the evening's Allied Orders Grand Banquet. At 6:00 PM the social hour and formal reception began. Many men and women came attired in various period dress and Civil War uniforms. All was very representative of our Civil War ancestors and heritage.

All attendees were treated to a sumptuous banquet. Outgoing Commander-in-Chief Kent Armstrong and newly elected Commander-in-Chief Stephen Michaels did a great job presiding over the festivities. Many toasts and National presentations were conducted during the course of the evening. Our Civil War ancestors would have been proud!

Also, present during this year's Encampment were representatives from all the other Allied Orders of Grand Army of the Republic (Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Women's Relief Corps, Sons of Veterans Reserve and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

At the conclusion of the evening's events, all members were encouraged to attend the 124<sup>th</sup> Annual National Encampment to be held in Nashua, New Hampshire (August 3 - 7, 2005).

It should be noted, this year's encampment was hosted by the SUVCW - Department of Iowa. Department Commander Larry Roach and his staff did an excellent job !!

It was reported that approximately 500 delegates and guests attended the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment that covered 3 days of events, meetings and other activities.

One final note, several members of the Department of California and the Pacific were appointed and/or elected to various National posts.

## Camp Member Appointed National GAR Highway Officer

At the SUVCW - 2004 National Encampment, Gary Parrott (Department of California and the Pacific - GAR Highway Officer and member of General William Passmore Carlin Camp) was appointed to the position of National GAR Highway Officer.

The position requires the collection and maintenance of information about the GAR Highway, inspection of highway signs and markers along the route, liaison between State and Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) officials and the various SUVCW Department GAR Highway Officers.

Gary has served as a Department GAR Highway Officer since 2003. Prior to that, he was the GAR Highway Officer for the William B. Keith Camp No. 12 in 2002 (before his transfer to Camp No. 25) and responsible for the creation of *The GAR Highway* booklet.



The SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific, unveiled a very visually interesting and educational display table during the 123<sup>rd</sup> National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The display included photographs, booklets, maps and other facts about the GAR Highway within the Department of California and the Pacific (seen above is Gary Parrott - Dept. GAR Highway Officer).



### A Message From The Editor

Dear Brothers:

I had the occasion to attend the 123<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Encampment of the SUVCW in Iowa.

This was my first time as a delegate to the National Encampment of the SUVCW. I was uncertain as to what to expect (or what to do or what to say ... or not say !?).

I have been to many similar type conventions, in the past (labor unions, heredity societies, home owners associations, etc.). However, this would be my first time to view "up close and personal" the inner workings of the SUVCW at the National level.

I was very pleased about the whole experience. The SUVCW is no worse (or better !!?) than any other organization of the same size.

Those who say differently..... well, I do not think they have gone to other organizations' conventions and seen for themselves how they are run. No large organization run by humans is perfect.....

With this event "under my belt", I encourage all members (if they have the opportunity) to attend a Department or National Encampment. This is your organization - get involved and enjoy (if, for nothing else, the vendors there had all types of souvenir and logo items for sale that you can not get anywhere else !!!).

I also got an opportunity to see what type of newsletters the other Camps were putting out. I think ours is just as good as any of those from larger Camps !!!

F, C & L,

*Gary E. Parrott  
Publisher and Editor*



The above is the Greene County Courthouse in the City of Carrolton, Illinois. Next to the flagpole is a monument to all the soldiers and sailors who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War donated by General William P. Carlin .

## Highlights of the August Camp Meeting

On August 2004, the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 held its fifth 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.),

Dave Davis and Jeffrey Vaillant gave a status report on Graves Registrations and their continuing research on the activities of the GAR in the Reno and Carson City areas.

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

Gary Parrott, reported his experiences during his trip to the National Encampment held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the latest news from that business meeting. Additionally, he related his experiences while at the hometown and final resting place of the Camp's namesake - General William Passmore Carlin (refer to companion article on same page).

Also discussed was the upcoming Camp election of Officers (refer to article on Page 5).

Members present at the August meeting were: Dave Davis, Jeffrey Vaillant, Paul Washeleski, Frank Wood, 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).

## Kearney Park Event a Great Success

Members of the Dept. of Calif. & the Pacific recently attended the Civil War Reenactment in Fresno.

Attendance (by spectators and participants) was reported to be larger that last year's event.

It is believed the SUVCW recruitment booth will generate many new members. Good job !!

## General Carlin's Hometown Visited

While "back East" for the National Encampment, Camp member - Gary Parrott, had an opportunity to visit the hometown and final resting place of the namesake of Camp No. 25 (Brigadier General W. P. Carlin).

The members of the SUVCW - General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 are proud to have the honor of preserving the memory of a true "Officer and a Gentleman" of the United States Army who fought to preserve the Union during the Civil War.

General Carlin was one of the few Union officers who had served in the Nevada Territory prior to the start of the Civil War.



The above is the head stone marking the final resting place of General William Passmore Carlin in Carrolton, Illinois.



# 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](http://www.suvcw.org)

## Upcoming Elections for Camp Officers

As per the Camp By-Laws, the elections for Camp officers for the upcoming new year will soon be here.

The elected positions include: Camp Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary, Treasurer and Camp Counselor.

Additionally, there are several appointed positions (Patriotic Instructor, Chaplin, Guide, Guard, Historian, Graves Registration Officer, etc.) which will become vacant at the end of the 2004 term.

All interested members of the Camp should advise Camp Commander Paul Washeleski for consideration and inclusion on the ballot.

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 2004 – 2005

#### GENERAL ORDERS No. 1

Stephen A. Michaels  
Commander-in-Chief

It's both a privilege and an honor to be elected your Commander-in-Chief. My sincerest appreciation to the delegates at the 123rd National Encampment in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for their vote of support. I look forward to an exciting and productive year ... there is much to be done.

I wish to thank the Department of Iowa for its hospitality, during our convention. The Credentials Committee is to be complemented too for its difficult work.

On behalf of the Order, I extend congratulations to the new Presidents of the Allied Orders:

- President Michelle Langley, Auxiliary to the SUVCW
- President Margaret Lauth, Woman's Relief Corps
- President Lynn Bury, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic
- President Orabella "Ozzie" Thompson, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War

I look forward to working with each of you in preserving and perpetuating the memory of the GAR.

A roster of all elected and appointed national officers and committee members for the 2004-2005 administrative year can be found on the National website. Timely reporting continues to be an issue. Please consult the instructions on each reporting form. Late reporting often translates to a loss of benefits to our membership.

My itinerary for 2004-2005 is filling quickly. I will visit as many Department Encampments and other events as are possible. Please send details of same as soon as they are available.

This year's Remembrance Day event will take place in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 20th. All members of the Council of Administration (CoFA) are reminded that we will meet at 8 am on Sunday, November 21st, in the Eisenhower Inn.

The public observance of Memorial Day 2005 will occur on May 30th. In anticipation, I encourage all brothers to contact their Congress, regarding the permanent return of this holiday to May 30th.

We, as an Order, are limited only by our imagination and our size. Membership growth should be a goal that every Camp and Department sets annually. Those brothers who accept the challenge and distinguish themselves by recruiting new members will be recognized appropriately. Our volunteer members are our most valuable asset. Productive, regular meetings and relevant, well-planned activities are the key to recruiting and retention in any volunteer organization. Our Camps and Departments are only able to serve the GAR's memory after first serving our membership. We are each charged with an important responsibility ... honoring the memory of those, who sacrificed so much. I implore all to answer the call.

Together, let us continue to build a living memorial to the Union Soldiers and Sailors of 1861-1865.

Ordered this 22nd day of August, 2004.

By Order of:  
Stephen A. Michaels  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:  
Michael S. Bennett, PDC  
National Secretary

#### GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2

Stephen A. Michaels  
Commander-in-Chief

I regret to inform the membership of the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Richard C. Schlenker on Friday, August 20, 2004. PCinC Schlenker served this Order with distinction as its Commander-in-Chief, from 1982 to 1983, from the Department of Maryland. Afterwards, he served as the Order's Washington D.C. Liaison until 2002, when he was granted emeritus status. He also served as Public Information Officer and Commanding General of the SVR. In 1995, he completed an extensive review of Past National Encampment proceedings and published a collection of notations on each. Many will miss his learned counsel and his thoughtful words.

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**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 those States).

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](http://www.suvcw.org)

**National News** - cont.

I hereby charge all Department Commanders to drape Department Charters in his honor and to require that all Camps do likewise for a period of thirty (30) days from this date. The National Webmaster will drape the National website.

Pursuant to per C & R, Chapter V, Article III, Section 9, all Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge for a period of thirty (30) days from this date.

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Brother Schlenker's family.

Ordered this 22nd day of August, 2004.

By Order of:

Stephen A. Michaels  
Commander-in-Chief

Attest:

Michael S. Bennett, PDC  
National Secretary

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 (Newark, CA)

**Chaplin**

- Ernie Powell (Fallbrook, CA)

**Historian**

- Robert L. Nelson (Santa Cruz, CA)

**Counselor**

- Dave E. Allyn (Lakeside, CA)

**Guard**

- Charles Gardali (Modesto, CA)

**Guide**

- Gregory R. Tracey (Sacramento, CA)

**Color Bearer**

- Glen L. Roosevelt (Anaheim Hills, CA)

**Graves Registration Officer**

- Bob Lowe, PDC (El Cajon, CA)

**Civil War Memorials Officer**

- Kirby Morgan (Coarsegold, CA)

**Signals Officer**

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

**Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer**

- Gary E. Parrott (Mammoth Lakes, CA)

**Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator**

- Al Peterson, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)

**Department Newsletter (*The California Column*) Editor**

- Daniel R. Earl (Gilroy, CA)

**2005 Department Encampment**

The SUVCW - Department of California and the Pacific will hold its 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Department Encampment on March 11-12, 2005, at the Elks Lodge No. 322, in San Luis Obispo, California. Further details will be announced in future issues of the newsletter. All members and associates are encouraged to attend this event (business meeting, social event and memorial service).



## General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25

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

## Civil War Letter



The above is a copy of an original Civil War letter written in 1863 (from the private collection of the Editor)

# Another Civil War Moment

*Aaron A. Clark* enlisted as a private on 14 August 1862, at the age of 22, in Company G, 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Volunteer Infantry Regiment. This unit would be attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 2<sup>nd</sup> Corps of the Army of the Potomac. As a member of that Army, Aaron would participate in several major battles (Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg).

On 3 July 1863, during the *Battle of Gettysburg*, Aaron was killed in action. His final resting place is in the Evergreen Cemetery, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

The below is a transcript of one of the last letters he would send to his parents:

Falmouth  
February 12 & 1863

Dear Parents,

*It is with pleasure that I seat myself in my hut for the purpose of writing you a few lines. I have not received any letter from you for some time but think it most likely you have written and I am waiting anxiously to hear from you.*

*I have received a little over \$40 pay. I had a good many things to buy which took off a part of it. It is very muddy here. I could not get around with shoes without wet and muddy feet the whole time. I have bought me a pair of boots of which in Connecticut would have cost not over \$3 or \$3.50. I had to pay \$8 for them here. Everything else is very high. \$1 here is no better than a quarter is at home.*

*I am happy to say we get the best rations now we have had. We get fresh beef, some potatoes, pork, beans, rice and soft bread. The bread is not Mother's bread but is preferable to hard crackers.*

*I think it is likely we shall move before a great while. Part of the Corps has already left, no doubt we shall soon follow. There is various reports as to where we shall be sent. Some say we are going to Tennessee, others say North Carolina and some are certain we are going to Fortress Monroe and there that we shall go to Washington.*

*My box has not arrived but I think and hope it will soon, for I know it has cost too much to be lost.*

*We have had a Captain appointed for our Company, Mr. Fisk of Madison. He was Second Lieutenant of the Ginfar Company when the regiment left Connecticut. He is a minister and formerly preached in Madison.*

*Please write immediately and give me all the news. Write me if you are going to have plenty of hay. Give my love to all and accept a large share yourself.*

Yours with love,  
Aaron A. Clark  
Co. G 14 Reg. C.V &  
Washington, DC

The above letter contained several Civil War references, some of which were:

- the 14<sup>th</sup> Connecticut Infantry Regiment had been stationed near Falmouth, Virginia, during the Winter of 1863;
- the "new" Captain of Company G was *Samuel Wheelock Fisk* (he had been a Lieutenant in Company I and K prior to his promotion to Captain) who had been a minister of the Congregational Church, Madison, Connecticut, prior to the Civil War (he was later killed in action during the *Battle of the Wilderness*); and,
- the anticipated movement of his Company and the *Army of the Potomac* prior to the *Battle of Chancellorsville*.



# Our Civil War Ancestors

## Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25 will be on October 16, 2004 at 1:00 PM, at 1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All Camp members, associates and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

- Tentative plans are being made for members of the Camp to participate in the Nevada Day event in Carson City, Nevada, on October 31, 2004. Further details will be announced.

- Members of the Camp have been cordially invited to attend the Nevada Hereditary Society Luncheon on November 13, 2004 at Thunder Canyon Country Club in Washoe Valley, Nevada. Further details will be announced.

- Plans are being made for members of 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](mailto:paulww@charter.net).

\*For additional information go to Web Page at: [www.suvcw.org](http://www.suvcw.org)



## Corp. Archibald Pierson - USA

The above is a photograph of the headstone of Archibald Pierson (the Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member and Treasurer - Jeffrey Vaillant). He was a Corporal in Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry Regiment from 1862 to 1865. He and two of his brothers joined the Union Army soon after the start of the War. He is buried at the Carlisle Cemetery, Warren County, (the above photograph is from the private collection of Jeffrey Vaillant).

**Archibald Pierson** (the Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Jeffrey Vaillant) was one of three brothers who responded to President Abraham Lincoln's call - "*To Preserve The Union*".

*Archibald* enlisted as a private in Company B, 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry Regiment on 29 August 1862 at the age of 37. Shortly after joining this company, the entire regiment (attached to General Grant's Army) was sent to Iuka, Mississippi, to reinforce the Federal troops there under General Buell. It was there that Archibald would participate in his first major battle (*The Battle of Iuka*).

With little time to recuperate, *Archibald's* unit (with the rest of Gen. Grant's Army) moved to Corinth, Mississippi, where it would be involved in its second major battle with the Confederates in less than one month.

During this time *Archibald* had distinguished himself and was subsequently promoted to Corporal on 16 November 1862 (it should be noted, he had been in active service less than six months at the time he received this promotion !!).

Before the end of hostilities, *Archibald* would see and participate in some of the fiercest fighting, the bloodiest battles and longest campaigns of the Civil War.

\*Major Battles: *Battle of Iuka*, Mississippi (Sept 18-19, 1862), *Battle of Corinth*, Mississippi (October 3-4, 1862), *Port Gibson* (May 1, 1863), *Raymond*, Mississippi (May 12, 1863), *Battle of Champion's Hill*, Mississippi (May 16, 1863), *Big Black River Bridge*, Mississippi (May 17, 1863), *Siege of Vicksburg*, Mississippi (May 18 - July 4, 1863), *Chattanooga*, Tennessee (November 23-25, 1863), *Siege of Savannah*, Georgia (December 10-21, 1864), *Salkehatchie Swamps*, South Carolina (February 3-5, 1865), *Battle of Bentonville*, North Carolina (March 20-21, 1865) and *Bennett's House*, North Carolina (April 26, 1865).

On 28 May 1865, *Archibald* (along with the personnel from several other Companies of the 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Volunteer Infantry) was mustered out of service in Washington, DC. The remainder of the regiment was mustered out on 15 August 1865.

*Archibald Pierson* was born in Boone, Kentucky, on 8 September 1824. He was one of seven children born to Robert and Nancy (Render) Pierson.

On 25 September 1845, he married (Mary "Polly" Adkins) in Shelby County, Indiana, and over the years they had 10 children. Sometime prior to 1850 they moved to Iowa.

Shortly after the start of the Civil War, *Archibald*, along with two of his brothers (Ephraim and Granville) enlisted in the Union Army (Archibald and Ephraim in the 10<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry and Granville in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Iowa Infantry).

After the war, *Archibald* returned home and resumed the life of a family man and carpenter. On 1 December 1888, he applied for and received an Invalid Pension for his Civil War Military service.

On 16 January 1873, *Archibald's* wife of 27 years (Mary) passed away. She was interned at the Carlisle Cemetery in Warren County, Iowa.

*Archibald* remarried several years later (on 7 September 1875) to Sarah Catherine Armstrong and they subsequently moved to Pottawattamie, Iowa. This marriage would last for over 25 years, during which time they would have five children.

On 31 March 1906, *Archibald Pierson* passed away at the age of 81. His second wife, Sarah, survived him (and would collect a widow's pension for 22 more years !!). His final resting place is at the Carlisle Cemetery in Warren County, Iowa.



## 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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