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Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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Camp Member to Attend National Encampment

On August 4 - 7, 2005, the *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* will meet for their 124th Annual National Encampment in Nashua, New Hampshire.

Attending this event will be numerous National and Departmental Officers, delegates, many friends, guests, VIPs and family members.

Additionally, in attendance will be the Department of California and Pacific - Jr. Vice Commander Gary Parrott (who is also the current commander of Camp No. 25).

The scheduled activities will begin on Thursday afternoon with registration and table setup (for exhibitors and vendors). Friday's activities begin at 8:00 am with the Joint Allied Orders Memorial Service followed by the Opening Ceremonies. Upon conclusion of which will begin the Business Meeting.

Friday night's main event, starting at 7:30 pm, will be the "Annual Campfire" (a social gathering hosted by the SUVCW - Department of New Hampshire).

Saturday is devoted to a full day Business Session (if necessary). Followed by the Annual Allied Orders Grand Banquet.

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The above is the monument dedicated to *Johana Shine*, a Union Civil War Nurse (located in the cemetery west of the Town of Austin, Nevada, along US-50).

Research Continues on History of Civil War Nurse

The *Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War* - General William Passmore Carlin Camp No. 25, is proud to have the honor of locating and identifying within its territory "the final resting place" of one of the many unsung heroes of the Civil War - US Army Medical Service Nurse *Johana Shine*.

Prior to the Civil War, the military "nursing staff" was predominantly an all male profession (with few exceptions such as - Florence Nightingale, during the Crimean War).

Subsequently, at the start of the Civil War, resistance to women nurses, in both the Union and Confederate Armies, was considerable. However, as the War progressed, the demands of the conflict proved too great to preclude their involvement.

It is estimated that over 3,000 women held official military nursing jobs during the Civil War, with many more in volunteer positions (ie - Catholic Church nuns, the US Sanitary Commission and various relief associations).

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of those women who served as nurses, during the Civil War, have been identified and an even smaller number have had their "final resting places" located and recorded.

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Civil War Nurse - cont.

Camp No. 25 Historian - Dave Davis, has devoted much time and effort researching the background and history of *Johana Shine.*

Military records covering the service records of US Medical Service personnel during the Civil War are scarce.

To date, most of the information about *Johana Shine* has come from local newspaper accounts.

The research continues.....



An 1860s view from *Fort Homestead* looking south toward the Town of Gold Hill, Nevada.

Fort Homestead

Shortly after the start of the Civil War, Nevada Territorial Governor James W. Nye (a staunch Unionist) organized a State Militia. One of the first goals of this newly formed "Home Guard" was to establish means to protect the infrastructure (mail routes, telegraph lines, stage lines, mines, etc.) of Nevada from potential Confederate raiders.

Subsequently, *Fort Homestead* was built to protect the southern access route to the rich mining districts of Gold Hill and Virginia City.

Although it never saw action against "Rebel Forces", it served as a deterrent and symbol of Union solidarity in the West.



Fort Homestead, a Civil War era Union Army military facility established in Northern Nevada (the above historical marker is located along the east shoulder of SR- 342 in the Town of Gold Hill, Nevada).

Highlights of June Meeting

On June 26, 2005, the General William P. Carlin Camp held its third meeting of the year. The gathering was held at Camp No. 25 Headquarters (the home of PCC 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, the Graves Registration Project status report, etc.), a major portion of the meeting was devoted to upcoming activities for this summer.

Camp Historian Dave Davis gave a detailed report on the progress of his research on the local GAR Post's history (refer to article on Page 1 for additional information).

Also discussed was the upcoming trip by Brother Gary to the National Encampment in New Hampshire.

It should be noted that PCC-Brother Paul had originally intended to travel to the National Encampment in August however due to family commitments he would be unable to attend this year's event.

Presiding over the meeting was Camp Commander Gary Parrott, with assistance from Sr. Vice Commander (and Past Camp Commander) Paul Washeleski.

Other members present at the meeting were: Donald Guidici, David Davis, Frank Wood 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 5).

The Latest *SUVCW* National News

The S. U. V. C. W.

The *Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War* (SUVCW) 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 of the SUVCW*, *Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War*, *Woman's Relief Corps* and the *Ladies of the GAR*.

For additional information go to:

www.suvcw.org

The following is the latest information, announcements, Press Releases 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. 13

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

It is my pleasure to appoint Brother Frank P. Fourre, Dept. of Wisconsin, as National Aide, in recognition for recruiting three new brothers into the Order. He's received a strip of National colored ribbon, which he may wear behind his membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue).

Any Brother, who has recruited at least three new members in the 2004-2005 administrative year, will be declared in General Orders as a National Aide and be issued a National ribbon, to be worn behind his membership badge. A Brother who recruits five or more new members during this time, will additionally receive a Certificate of Merit. The National Organization's Major Stevenson Award will be presented to the Brother, who has recruited the greatest number of new Members, Associates and Juniors, nationally, at this year's National Encampment.

All recruiting accomplishments are to be reported through the Department Secretaries.

Ordered this 1st Day of May 2005.

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 14

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present, with the approval of the Council of Administration, the Meritorious Service Award with Gold Star to PDC Todd A. Shillington, Department of New York, for his tireless efforts, maintaining contact and working with legislative, Department of Defense, law enforcement and news media personnel, ensuring that a Civil War cannon was returned to the Kendall, New York, cemetery.

It is apparent that his actions also resulted in several similar memorials, throughout the nation, being investigated for ownership and potential return to their original sites. PDC Shillington's vigilance and perseverance serve as examples to all.

Ordered this 5th Day of May 2005.

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 15

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

It is with deep regret that I report the passing of Brother George Weldon Thomson Clark, Real Son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War and a WWII veteran, on April 6 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He was 90 years old. As a member of Daniel

Nat'l Encampment - cont.

Also attending and participating in this year's National Encampment will be several Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic (the Woman's Relief Corps, the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic).

It is anticipated that this year's National Encampment of the SUVCW will be the "biggest and best" in recent years (as suggested by the number of pre-sales and pre-registrations).

Message From the Editor

Dear Brothers,

It is hard to believe that this year is already half over !! We have already done so much this year and there is still so many more things we must do before it is over.

Currently, I am looking forward to attending this year's National Encampment in New Hampshire. This will be my "sophomore" year as a departmental delegate. I plan to use everything that I learned from last year's event and build upon it during this Encampment, so I am a better delegate and a more informed member of the SUVCW.

As always, I encourage any and all Brothers, if possible, to attend a Departmental or National Encampment. It is during such an event that you can see what the organization is doing and how it operates - on a larger scale.

However, this is in no way meant to diminish what the individual member does at the Camp level (but if you can go - it is a lot of fun and there are a lot of vendors there too !!).

In regard to being a more informed and knowledgeable member of the SUVCW - it should be noted, that we belong to a very select small group of fraternal, lineage and/or hereditary societies that are recognized by the Federal Government (qv - the SUVCW is officially acknowledged to exist by Public Law !!). Specifically, the SUVCW - the organization, its officers, its mission and goals are "codified" under federal law (US Title 36 CFR Section 200.301 - 200.313).

This means we are not just some "club" or "re-enactment group" - we are the *real deal* !!!!

The Federal Government expects us to be around for a long time To continue what our "Founding Fathers" started over 120 years ago - "to remember the Boys in Blue" !!

F, C & L,

Gary E. Parrott

Publisher and Editor

General Orders No. 15 - cont.

Chaplin Camp 3, Bangor, Department of Maine, Br. Clark honored the memory of his father, Edwin T.S. Clark, who served as an Ordinary Seaman aboard the USS Maria A. Wood.

All Camp and Department charters, as well as the National Website, are to be draped in black for a period of thirty (30) days.

All Brothers are respectfully directed to attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badge (pursuant to C&R, Art. III, Sec. 9) for a period of thirty (30) days.

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

Ordered this 11th Day of May 2005.

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 16

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

It is with great pleasure and pride that I appoint the following Brothers as National Aides, in recognition of their membership recruiting efforts. All will receive a strip of National colored ribbon, which they may wear, pinned behind their membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue). Those who recruited five (5) or more new Brothers into the Order will also be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

- John M. Hart of Lt. Ezra Griffin Camp 8, Department of Pennsylvania, has recruited twenty-six (26) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

- PDC Keith D. Ashley of Brooks - Brooks Grant Camp 7, Department of Ohio, has recruited eight (8) new Brothers.

- Samuel Booth of Townsend Camp 108, Dept. of OH, recruited seven new Brothers.

-Craig W. Keller of Pvt. Valentin Keller Camp 8, and James W. Oiler of Cadot-Blessing Camp 126, both of the Dept. of Ohio, have each recruited five (5) new Brothers.

- Ken L. Freshley of Garfield Camp 142, Dept. of OH, recruited four new Brothers.

Those who've recruited three (3) new Brothers are Larry Brewer of G. M. Dodge Camp 75, Dept. of IA, Gary W. Young of L.G. Armstrong Camp 49, Dept. of WI, and Christopher L. Greene, Esq. of James A. Garfield Camp 142, Dept. of OH.

Ordered this 11th Day of July 2005.

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

General Orders No. 17

Stephen A. Michaels
Commander-in-Chief

It is with great pleasure and pride that I appoint the following Brothers as National Aides, in recognition of their membership recruiting efforts. All will receive a strip of National colored ribbon, which they may wear, pinned behind their membership badge (for 12 months from the date of issue). Those who recruited five (5) or more new Brothers into the Order will also be presented with a Certificate of Recognition.

- C.R. Stephen of J.Q. Wilds Camp 235, Department of Iowa, and PDC Kenneth Spurgeon of Cpl. Patrick Coyne Camp 1, Department of Kansas, have each recruited five (5) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

- PDC Gary L. Gibson of Gen. Benjamin Pritchard Camp 20, Department of Michigan, and PDC Alan L. Russ of Old Abe Camp 16, Department of Kansas, have each recruited four (4) new Brothers into the SUVCW.

Ordered this 31st Day of July 2005.

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

Attest:
Michael S. Bennett, PDC
National Secretary

Upcoming Camp Events

- The next meeting of the General William Passmore Carlin Camp will be on August 28, 2005, at 2:00 PM at Camp No. 25 Headquarters (1305 Wheeler Way, Gardnerville, Nevada. All members, associates, junior members and perspective members are encouraged to attend.

- Plans are being made for a Camp recruitment booth at the Civil War reenactment event at Lampke Park during the last weekend of September. All members are encouraged to participate.

- Plans are being made for members of Camp No. 25 to participate in the Nevada Day Event (October 31, 2005) in Carson City.

- Plans are being made for members of the Camp to participate in the Veterans Day Services at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in Carson City in November 2005. All members are encouraged to participate.

For additional information contact Camp Commander Gary Parrott (760) 934-8013 or PCC/SVC Paul Washeleski (775) 265-2950 or via e-mail: paulww@charter.net

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

SUVCW - Camp No. 21 Announces Special Project

The Sergeant William Pittenger Camp of San Diego, California, has started a very special project to raise money to replace a flagpole that once proudly flew the US Flag for over 100 years.

This historic flagpole was located in the oldest section of San Diego's Mount Hope Cemetery in a section referred to as "GAR Hill" (the Civil War Veteran's section).

It is estimated that the cost to replace the flagpole will be over \$2,400. All donations will aid in this special restoration project.

For more information go to:

<http://home.earthlink.net/~suvcw/pittenger21.html>

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

Department Officers 2005 - 2006**Commander**

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

Junior Vice-Commander

- *Gary E. Parrott* (Mammoth Lakes, CA)

Department Council

- *D. Brad Schall*, PDC (Lincoln, CA)

Chairman (term expires 2006)

- *Glen L. Roosevelt* (Anaheim Hills, CA)

Member (term expires 2007)

Patriotic Instructor

- *William Tisch* (Santee, CA)

Historian

- *Robert L. Nelson* (Santa Cruz, CA)

Guide

- *Paul Washeleski* (Gardnerville, NV)

Color Bearer

- *Charlie Mabie* (Newark, CA)

Civil War Memorials Officer

- *Kirby R. Morgan* (Coarsegold, CA)

Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer

- *Gary E. Parrott* (Mammoth Lakes, CA)

Department Newsletter (*The California Column*) Editor

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

Senior Vice-Commander

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

Secretary-Treasurer (term expires 2007)

- *J. Thomas Smith* (Elk Grove, CA)

Alan E. Peterson, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)

Member (term expires 2005)

Chaplin

- *Ernest L. Powell* (Fallbrook, CA)

Counselor

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

Guard

- *John P. Patchin* (Los Molinos, CA)

Graves Registration Officer

- *Bob Lowe*, PDC (El Cajon, CA)

Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator

- *Al Peterson*, PDC (Las Vegas, NV)

Signals Officer

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

Department Orders Series 2005 – 2006**Department Orders No. 3**

Tad D. Campbell
Department Commander

By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Dept. of California and Pacific, by the Dept. Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: The following Brothers are appointed to the Dept. Publicity and Promotion Committee: Jerry R. Sayre (Chairman), Robert J. Kadlec PCC, and Daniel R. Earl.

Section 2: The following Brothers are appointed to the Department Encampments Committee: Jerry R. Sayre (Chairman) and Alan E. Peterson PDC.

Section 3: The following Brothers are appointed to the Dept. Civil War Memorials Committee: Kirby R. Morgan (Chairman), Floyd Farrar, and Paul E. Lavrischeff.

Section 4: The following Brothers are appointed to the Department Legislation Committee: Daniel R. Earl (Chairman) and Joseph C. Marti.

Section 5: The following Brothers are appointed to the Dept. Bylaws Committee: Daniel Earl (Chairman), James Brazelton, Daniel Bunnell PDC, Gary Parrott, Alan E. Peterson, PDC, Glen L. Roosevelt, Jerry R. Sayre, and D. Brad Schall, PDC.

Section 6: The following Brothers are appointed to the Department History Committee: Robert Nelson PCC (Chairman), Fred Bohmfalk PCC, Daniel Bunnell PDC, James Churchyard, David Davis, Patrick Lennon, Bob Lowe PDC, Kirby R. Morgan, and Sebastian Nelson.

Section 7: The following Brothers are appointed to the Dept. Communications and Technology Committee: Tad D. Campbell PCC (Chairman) and Wayne Thalls.

Section 8: In accordance with the Department Bylaws, the Department Commander shall be an ex officio member of each of the above Committees.

Ordered this 12th day of April 2005.

By Order of:
Tad D. Campbell
Department Commander
Department of California and Pacific

Attest:
J. Thomas Smith
Department Secretary-Treasurer
Department of California and Pacific

Another Civil War Moment

General William P. Carlin Camp No. 25 Northern Nevada

Organized in December 2002 and officially chartered by the SUVCW – Department of California and the Pacific on August 23, 2003.

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

The current officers & staff of Camp No. 25:

Commander – Gary Parrott
Sr. Vice Comdr – Paul Washeleski
Jr. Vice Comdr – Frank Wood, Jr.
Secretary – Brian Worcester
Treasurer – Brian Worcester
Camp Council: Michael Curtis
David Davis
Donald Guidici
Patriotic Instructor – Brian Worcester
Chaplain – Donald Guidici
Guide – Curtis A. Thomas
Guard – Curtis A. Thomas
Historian – David A. Davis
Counselor – Gary Parrott
Graves Registration Officer – Gary Parrott
Civil War Memorials Officer – David Davis
Color Bearer – Jerry Griffith
Signals Officer – Donald Huffman

Civil War Letters



The above is a copy of an original Civil War letter written by a Union soldier in 1861 (from the private collection of the Editor).

Amasa T. Smith was one of the thousands of loyal Americans that responded to the call from President Abraham Lincoln in July of 1861 to raise an army of 400,000 volunteers to defend the Union against the Rebel threat.

Subsequently, on July 11, 1861, *Amasa* offered his services to his country and was commissioned as a first lieutenant in Company K, 3rd Vermont Infantry Regiment (at the age of 19 !!). He soon distinguished himself and was promoted to captain on January 15, 1863, however, on February 13, 1863, he was forced to resign his commission due to medical reasons and return home. On June 7, 1863, he passed away (at the age of 21 !!). His final resting place is at the East Calais Cemetery, Town of Calais, Vermont.

The following letter was sent by *Lt. Amasa Smith* to one of his cousins (Clarendon W. Tucker) back home in December 1861.

Camp Griffin, Fairfax County
Virginia, Dec 31st, 1861

Cousin Clarendon,

You must forgive me for not answering your kind letter before. There is not much news to write. We had a chase after the Rebels the other day. Probably you heard of it. It was the Battle of Dranesville. We did not reach the field in time to take part in the battle. The bridge at Difficult Creek was burned. Our camp, we had moved into the pine woods. The second growth pines keep the wind off. We are having an easier time now than we used to. Now we have to go on picket once in five days. Once we had to go every third day. There is no snow here now. The days are warm but the nights are cold enough to freeze a fellow to death. Are you having a good school this winter? Do you and Amasa go? I wish I was there to go with you. Yesterday, I saw Joel. He is as fat as a pig and as tough as a bear. How is Grandfather this winter? Does he enjoy good health? Tell him that I weigh one hundred and ninety pounds. Never was so well in my life. Tell Angenette I am going to write to her soon. You and Amasa and Nett must all write and don't wait as long as I did. I hear that Alonso Sumners has got to be fater. If that is so, you may think that the country will never want for soldiers. You are large enough to enlist but I guess you had better stay at home.

It is getting late so I must close my letter. Give my love to all inquiring friends.

From your cousin
A. T. Smith

To: C. W. Tucker
East Calais, Vermont

The above letter contains several Civil War references, which include the following:

- *Camp Griffin* (located on Johnson's Hill near Lewinsville, Virginia) was the Boot Camp for the renowned "Vermont Brigade" (which was made up of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Vermont Infantry Regiments) from October 10, 1861 to March 10, 1862;
- the *Battle of Dranesville* (December 20, 1861) was the first Union victory south of the Potomac River and was an important morale booster for the North;
- the *bridge* (the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad trestle) over *Difficult Run Creek* had been burned during the outset of the *Battle of Dranesville*, and;
- *Alonzo Sumner* (another cousin and neighbor) had recently enlisted in the Union Army (in Company H, 7th Vermont Infantry Regiment).

Our Civil War Ancestors

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



The above is an envelope (front and back) of a letter written and sent by Sgt. Major John R. Worcester to his mother (Judith Worcester) in February 1865. Note the "patriotic cover" of the 97th Regiment New York Volunteers - Colonel C. Wheelock. The inscription on the back cover - "received from John a piece of flag of army at the Battle of Hatcher's Run" and "Holly leaves from near the battle ground at Hatcher's Run" (from the Worcester Family collection).

John Robinson Worcester (a Civil War ancestor of Camp No. 25 member - Brian Worcester) heeded the call from President Lincoln "to preserve the Union" and enlisted in the 97th Infantry Regiment New York Volunteers.

The 97th NYV was also known as the "Conkling Rifles" and for the majority of the War, it was attached to the 2nd Division of the Army of the Potomac. Over the course of the War, this unit would participate in some of the fiercest fighting, the bloodiest battles and longest campaigns of this American conflict !!

John soon distinguished himself and was promoted to corporal on November 1, 1864. On January 21, 1865, he was promoted to sergeant. As a sergeant during the Battle of Hatcher's Run, he again distinguished himself and was, again, promoted this time to Sergeant Major (the highest ranking non-commissioned officer in a regiment !!).

John and his regiment were present at Appomattox Court House for the surrender of the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia by General Robert E. Lee (he reportedly sent home a piece of the tree under which General Lee surrendered !!) For the next several weeks the 97th performed provost duty in and around Washington DC.

At the end of the War, **John**, mustered out with the remaining soldiers of the 97th Regiment New York Volunteers in Washington DC (on May 29, 1865) after a long and distinguished tour of duty.

*Major battles or actions: *Weldon Railroad*, Virginia (September 19, 1864), *Bellfield*, Virginia (December 10, 1864), *Hickford*, Virginia (December 10 & 15, 1864), *Hatcher's Run*, Virginia (February 5 - 7 and 25, 1865), *Wilmington*, North Carolina (February 26, 1865), *White Oak Ridge*, Virginia (March 30, 1865), *Gravelly Run*, Virginia (March 31, 1865), *Five Forks*, Virginia (April 1, 1865) and *Petersburg*, Virginia (April 2, 1865).

John Robinson Worcester was born September 30, 1831, in Pennsylvania, the son of David and Judith (Williams) Worcester. He was one of seven children. On July 25, 1846, his father died and the family moved to the Town of Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky. There he was a law student and upon graduation from law school moved to New York.

In 1859 he got married (to Mary Jane Sheldon) in New York City, where he pursued a dual career of farmer and lawyer !! Unfortunately, tragedy soon struck when his wife of one year passed away on September 7, 1860.

Shortly after the start of the Civil War, **John**, joined the Union Army. Ironically, his brother Louis Worcester (who was living in Louisiana at the start of the war) enlisted in the Confederate Army (he was a Second Lieutenant in Company B, 7th Louisiana Infantry Regiment). It is not known if they every encountered one another during the War !?

After the War, **John** returned home and married long time friend, Mary Hallam Greene, on March 10, 1866, in Brooklyn, New York. Sometime prior to 1873 they moved to Covington, Kentucky, where he again practiced law. Over the years, they would have three children (Maude, Roy and Bertrand Worcester).

Sometime prior to 1880, **John** and the family moved to Walker County, Texas, where he resumed the vocation of farmer.

On June 5, 1884, **John R. Worcester** (at the age of 52) passed away in Walker County, Texas. He was survived by his wife and three children. It should be noted that his wife never remarried and lived to be over 97 years old !!

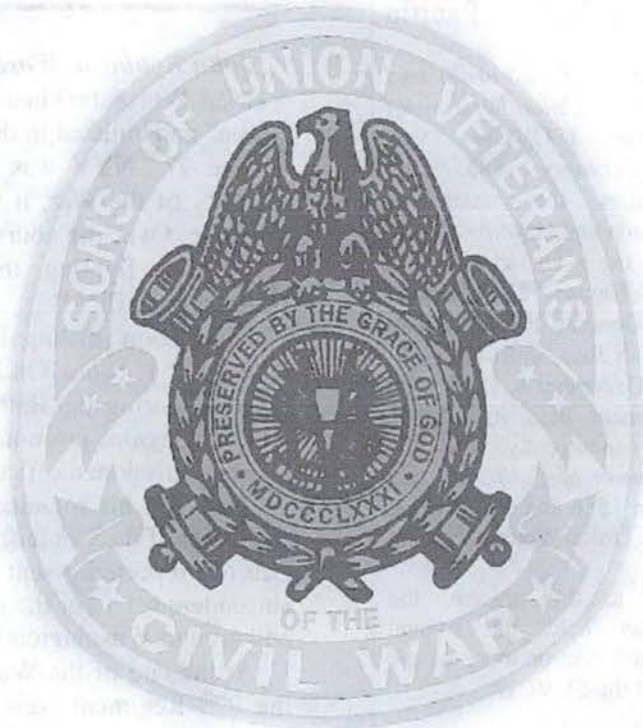
Membership Information

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 that:

- are a relative of a soldier, sailor, marine or member of the Revenue Cutter Service;
- the above relative 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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