

CARLIN CAMP DISPATCH

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

THE NEXT MEETING

Sunday, February 11, 2007, 1 PM

The next meeting will be held 1 pm, Sunday, February 11, 2007, at the VFW Post 9211 Hall at 255 Burris Lane near its intersection with Baker Lane next to Moana Park. The meeting will probably last an hour. **AT 2 PM, WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC.** All are invited to attend so ask family and friends to come. The Camp Commander will show off his GAR collection and give a poster and slide show on and a talk on the brief history of the GAR in Nevada. It is the day before Lincoln's Birthday, and we will be wishing Old Abe a happy one. He will be 198 years old.

MESSAGE FROM THE CAMP COMMANDER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I know you are use to the newsletter coming out just before an upcoming meeting. I decided to make this newsletter my introduction. I originate from Juliustown, a small hamlet adjacent to Fort Dix, New Jersey, and got my bachelor's degree in geology at Virginia Tech and my master's degree in geology at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). I work as a geologic information specialist for the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology at UNR, which is the state geological survey. I have a strong interest in genealogy and history and have researched some of the mining, Civil War, and GAR history of Nevada. I had at least two 3-great uncles in New Jersey Regiments and two 3-great uncles in Vermont Regiments in the Civil War as well as a great-great grandfather in the 57th Virginia Infantry who was killed at Gettysburg. I joined Carlin Camp 25 a few months after it was formed. I also belong to the Nevada State Genealogical Society.

I was elected your new Camp Commander on November 11, but you know me more from my Camp Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer reports. I have never been in the military, so military "stuff" like marching in step in parades and calculating time such as 1 pm being "1300 hours" sometimes catches me off guard. I have never been in charge of anything like this before, and I will be depending on feedback from the other members. My e-mail is davis3950@sbcglobal.net.

I will be developing my agenda over the next several months, but one thing is very clear. We need more active participation from the membership, and we need to increase our active membership if

we are to survive. We now meet at the VFW Hall at Burris Lane next to the Moana Park in Reno, which is easier to get to than Past Camp Commander Paul Washeleski's house was in Gardnerville. I do know several members live far away, and I would not expect them to make the meetings. However, I would hope those living nearby without job, family, or other conflicts will make a renewed effort to come.

It takes three to make a quorum, but with the loss of one and the moving out of the area of two other very active members in the past two years, three to four will likely be all that I can count on to come if others do not step forward. We have also just had two other members drop out, and we have not heard from another. Do you all want just the 3 or 4 of us running the show?

Farther below is a list of empty camp positions to be filled. Most do not require much effort. Also, participation can come in other ways such as showing the colors and marching in parades or just visiting a cemetery and making a list of Civil War veterans' graves. Don Huffman lives too far away to easily make the meetings, but he has graciously agreed to take over as Graves Registration Officer and do whatever research is necessary to document Civil War veterans' graves and get them into the SUVCW Graves Database. He would be happy to have some help with that.

Finding and researching, even if just doing a cursory visit to, Civil War memorials will be helpful to me. I would like to see someone take the position of Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator. It would help spread word of our existence by way of the Scouting program. I will also be looking into how we might be able to have a presence at things like the Carson City Rendezvous, Civil War reenactments, Carson Valley Days, gun shows, other groups' Memorial Day/Veterans Day/Nevada Day activities, and the like to draw new members. This will require manning booths or at the very least just walking around wearing an SUVCW badge and handing out literature.

See above what we have planned for the next meeting, and I urge you all to come.

FATE OF THE CAMP NEWSLETTER

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

As you all know, Past Camp Commander Gary Parrott put his heart and soul into editing our newsletter. Unfortunately, his computer crashed just before the August 2006 meeting, and then Gary moved to Colorado. These are the reasons for the lack of a newsletter since mid-year. The Carlin Camp Dispatch is our camp's historical record. It contains a synopsis of our meetings as well as articles concerning our camp activities, and Gary always added tidbits involving members and their Civil War ancestors. Copies were sent to the Nevada State Historical Society for posterity. The Carlin Camp 25 has two defunct Nevada predecessors, Custer Camp 1 (1913-1915) and Isaac Crist Camp 28 (1967-1979?). Except for a few newspaper articles and a couple of State Historic Markers, these camps are gone without a detailed trace. It would be sad to see our Camp go the same way.

The Bylaws mention "newsletter" several times but do not give that responsibility to anyone particularly. It would make sense that The Signals Officer should do that chore, though that position has been vacant this past year. The Signals Officer has largely to do with giving the Commander and Camp Council advice and assistance with communication and technology, maintaining the camp website and being familiar with National's policies on such things. Since the camp website is maintained by the Department, the Signals Officer would just have to monitor what they have on it and work with them when changes need to be made.

As Camp Commander, I will be the ACTING NEWSLETTER EDITOR to ensure the camp record continues. However, note the word "ACTING". I will not have the time to do more than make the newsletter a bare bones summary of our camp minutes and activities and a podium for me to pontificate from. It will not be as pretty as Gary use to make it. It will also be sent by e-mail (e-mail tends to throw the margins off), and only members known not to have e-mail, the Camp archives, and

the Nevada State Historical Society will get paper copies. I am asking for a member to step forward and take over the duty of the Signals Officer and more specifically the newsletter editor to at least make the newsletter more than just a regurgitation of the camp minutes and my soap box. It does not need to be fancy, only accurate and punctual.

NEW CAMP OFFICERS

As of November 11, 2006, the new camp officers are:

Commander: David A. Davis
Secretary-Treasurer: Brian Worcester
Senior Vice Commander: Frank Wood
Junior Vice Commander: Brian Worcester
Chaplain: Don Guidici
Graves Registration Officer: Don Huffman
Historian: David A. Davis
Civil War Memorials Officer: David A. Davis
Patriotic Instructor: Brian Worcester
Camp Council: Don Guidici, Mike Curtis

The following positions are unfilled and are open for volunteers:

Guide
Guard
Counselor
Color Bearer
Signals Officer (Newsletter Editor)
Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator
Camp Council (one more member)

I had been the third Camp Council member, but the by-laws prevent the Commander and Secretary-Treasurer from being on it. If interested in any of the above offices, please contact the Commander at davis3950@sbcglobal.net or the Secretary at: patsworcester@earthlink.net.

CAMP BYLAWS

David A. Davis, Camp Commander

I have scanned the bylaws into a Word document, though I am still finding a few mostly computer induced typos. At some point I will be looking into getting them on the website. Over the next few weeks, I will be reviewing them closely, and possibly proposing some changes. Most changes will be cosmetic in that it looks like some deadlines are not in sync with those for the Department or National, but I need to research them some. I also would like to clear up some other things such as discrepancies in what the camp boundaries are suppose to be and which officer is technically in charge of the newsletter. Changing the bylaws is not to be taken lightly and is a bit of an involved process, but I hate loose ends and discrepancies. If any member wishes to see the present bylaws please contact me immediately, and I can now e-mail them to you.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

March 23-24, 2007

The 121st Annual Encampment of the Department of California and Pacific will take place on Friday and Saturday, March 23-24, 2007 at Elks Lodge No. 322 at 222 Elks Lane, San Luis Obispo, California. If you have any suggestions or would like to help out, please contact Department Senior Vice Commander Jerry R. Sayre at cod26ia@adelphia.net. Members interested in going need to contact the Commander at davis3950@sbcglobal.net or the Secretary at patsworchester@earthlink.net.

MINUTES FOR JUNE, AUGUST, AND NOVEMBER CAMP MEETINGS

NOVEMBER 11, 2006, CAMP MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and the Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25, chartered at Gardnerville Nevada.

Time-1315 Hrs. Meeting held at the VFW Post 9211, 255 Burris Lane, Reno, Nevada

1. Call to Order and Opening of the Bible.
2. Opening prayer by the Senior Vice Commander, Brother Gary.
3. All Brothers recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
4. Roll Call: Gary Parrott, Frank Wood, David A. Davis and Brian Worcester.
5. Introduction of guests: Laurie Parrott and Tyrone Davis.
6. Commanders Report: Senior Vice Commander related his move from California to Grand Junction Colorado. And the fact that Commander Washeski will remain a member of the Camp.
7. Secretary/Treasurers Report: Minutes of last meeting accepted as written; U.S. Bank balance as of Oct. 31, 2006 is \$467.92. A check for \$250.00 was sent to the City of Reno for the Camp Plaque to be installed at a date to be determined at or near the General Jesse Reno statue at Court Street and South Virginia.
8. Graves Registration Officer Report: Brother Gary related that the new database is not quite operational at this time.
9. Camp Historian's Report: Brother David submitted his report (attachment) on the Fourth Ward School Exhibit; Historical Camp Histories; Nevada Day Parade and Mountain View Cemetery.
10. GAR Highway Report: Brother Gary related all the signs along US-6 in Nevada are in good condition.
11. New Business: Brother Gary outlined General Order No. 4. This Order is a Proclamation by President George W. Bush urging all Americans to observe Nov. 5 through Nov. 11, 2006 as National Veterans Awareness Week.
12. Old Business: None.
13. Election of Camp Officers and Swearing In by the Senior Vice Commander: Brother David A. Davis is the Camp Commander, Brother Frank Wood is the Senior Vice Commander, and Brother Brian I. Worcester is the Junior Vice Commander and Secretary/Treasurer.
14. Next meeting set for Feb.11, 2007 at the VFW Hall at 255 Burris Lane at 1300 hrs. where Lincoln's Birthday will be celebrated. Meeting concluded at 1350 hrs.

Submitted in F, C and L, Brother Brian Worcester

AUGUST 27, 2006, CAMP MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25, chartered at Garnerville, Nevada.

Meeting held at the VFW Hall located at 255 Burris Lane, Reno, Nevada

1. The Camp Chaplain, Brother Donald offered an opening prayer.
2. All brothers recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
3. Roll Call: Present were brothers Gary Parrott, Frank Wood, Donald Guidici, David A. Davis and Brian Worcester.
4. Commanders Report: In lieu of Commander Washeleski; Brother Brian related that the Commander has bought a home in Branson, Missouri, but will remain a member of our Camp. He also will periodically be able to attend Camp meetings. He will notify the Camp with his new address et al as soon as possible.
5. Senior Vice Commanders report: Brother Gary reported he attended the National Encampment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. There were approximately twelve brothers from our Department and two hundred and fifty total over August 11-13, 2006. Brothers also toured the Battlefield and the Gettysburg/Harrisburg area as well as the Civil War Museum.
6. Camp Secretary/Treasurers Report: Minutes of previous meeting approved. U.S. Bank, Camp balance \$713.42.
7. Graves Registration Officer: Brother Gary related that a new Graves Registration Data Base will be on line before next years National Encampment which will be held in St. Louis, Missouri.
8. Camp Historian's Report: Brother David read his report (see attachment), the Fourth Ward School, Historical Camp Histories and Miscellaneous subjects and personal acquisitions.
9. New Business: Upcoming events (Labor Day, Nevada Day, (Brother David will ascertain our involvement with a Civil War re-enactor group) and Veterans Day. Senior Vice Commander Brother Gary is moving Sep. 12. 2006 to Grand Junction Colorado but will return for the next Camp meeting. At the next Camp meeting we will elect new Camp Officers so ALL brothers please plan to attend.
10. Old Business: Camp History Booklet is almost complete and will be presented at the next meeting. Brother David has placed a Camp exhibit at the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City. The Camp voted approval to spend \$250.00 toward the General Jesse Reno Statue in downtown Reno. The Sec/Treasurer will ensure the Camp name is placed on the statue's base.
11. Next Camp Meeting was set for November 11, 2006 at the VFW hall. It should be noted as the is Veteran's Day we may also participate in various services to be announced.
12. The Camp Chaplain offered a moment of silence/closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 1435 Hrs.

Submitted in F, C and L, Brother Brian I. Worcester

JUNE 25, 2006, CAMP MEETING MINUTES

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of California and Pacific, General William Passmore Carlin, Camp-25, chartered at Gardnerville, Nevada.

Meeting held at the VFW Hall located at 255 Burris Lane, Reno, Nevada

1. The Camp Chaplain, Brother Donald offered an opening prayer.
2. All brothers recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.
3. Roll Call: Present were brothers Gary Parrott, Frank Wood, Donald Guidici, David A. Davis and Brian Worcester.

4. Commanders Report: Acting Camp Commander Gary Parrott related that Commander Washeleski is presently living in Missouri and wants to remain a member of our Camp.
5. Senior Vice Commanders Report: Brother Gary related the Camp members attendance and participation at the following events: Memorial Services at Hillside Cemetery in Reno, Nevada, on May 30, 2006. General Jesse Reno statue dedication, Reno, Nevada, on May 30, 2006. Memorial Service at Lone Mountain Cemetery, Carson City, Nevada, on May 30, 2006.
6. Camp Secretary/Treasurers Report: Brother Brian read the Minutes from the previous Camp meeting which was then approved by Brothers present. In addition, the U.S. Bank statement, ending balance May 31, 2006 of \$827.22 was reviewed.
7. Graves Registration Officer: Brother Gary, no report submitted.
8. Camp Historians and Memorials Report: Brother David submitted a report (attachment) of recent activities. Topics included, Fourth Ward School Lincoln Exhibit, Camp Histories, Memorial Day, 2006, Confederate Memorial Day, Donelson Vs. Donaldson and miscellaneous information.
9. GAR Highway Report: Brother Gary spoke regarding signage issues in certain States.
10. New Business: Brother discussed the following topics; upcoming events (4th of July, Labor Day, Nevada Day); status of Camp Commander Washeleski; New Camp member, Bruce Durgin of Sparks, Nevada, and a possible donation to the General Jesse Reno statue fund. Note: This required a vote as the donation would include a plaque near the statue with our Camp identified on the plaque. The matter passed with a unanimous vote.
11. Old Business: Brothers discussed the following topics: status of the Camp History booklet. It was also noted that this month's Camp meeting was the third anniversary of the Camp Charter. Also discussed was the Fourth Ward School Project as certain Camp Brothers volunteered as docents for the exhibit.
12. Camp Meeting: Camp Council selected August 27, 2006 at 1300 Hrs. Location: VFW Hall, 255 Burris Lane, Reno, Nevada.
13. Brother Donald offered a closing moment of silence.
14. Meeting adjourned: 1530 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted in F, C and L, Brother Brian Worcester

HISTORY AND CIVIL WAR MEMORIALS REPORTS FOR JUNE, AUGUST, AND NOVEMBER CAMP MEETINGS

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT November 11, 2006

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

FOURTH WARD SCHOOL LINCOLN EXHIBIT

The Abraham Lincoln display entitled, "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation," which is a national traveling exhibition that focuses on Lincoln's quest to restore a Union divided by Civil War, was on display at the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City through October 31. In lieu of our camp display, I had put together a display of the history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nevada and was allowed to set it up by the Lincoln display. My display included pictures of GAR memorabilia and photographs and a table of GAR posts and related organizations in

Nevada. Director Barbara Mackay sent me an e-mail thanking us for the display. The display is still at the Fourth Ward School, which is closed for the season. I will try to meet Barbara when she is there next week to get the display back.

HISTORICAL CAMP HISTORIES

My compilation of the histories of the Custer Camp 1 and Isaac Crist Camp 28 is on hold until after the first of the year, which is when I should start having time again to work on them. I had placed an ad in the "Big Nickel," "Sparks Tribune," and "Comstock Chronicles." to see if anyone might still be around after 25+ years who was in the Isaac Crist Camp in an attempt to find out what happened to that camp and possibly to find its records. Unfortunately, no one ever answered the ad.

NEVADA DAY PARADE

Our camp was allowed to march in the Nevada Day parade with the Comstock Civil War Re-enactors. Frank Wood, Brian Worcester and I showed up with the flags. With a couple of boys in Civil War garb from the Re-enactors, we comprised a color guard. Fortunately, the weather was nice and the wind mostly still. The Re-enactors stopped several times and had skirmishes, and won first place in the Historical Division.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY

I recently went by the office of the Mountain View Cemetery in Reno to see if anyone had compiled a list of Civil War veterans. They were not aware of such a list.

I walked around the cemetery and came upon the grave of Dr. H. H. Hogan, MD, born Sept. 9, 1833, in Albury, VT, died Mar. 17, 1902, and his wife Helena E., born Nov. 2, 1848 in New Orleans, LA, died July 3, 1928. I will research him a little more, but his full name was Henry Hardy Hogan, and he served a year in Co. G of the 142nd New York Infantry in the Civil War. He was also a member of the O. M. Mitchell Post 69 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Reno, which took care of his funeral services. He was very well respected, and his obituary said the funeral procession included 59 carriages.

MISCELLANEOUS

I recently acquired a GAR sword through E-bay. It is a little tarnished and the handle tape is a little unraveled, but otherwise, it is good shape and came with the scabbard.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

August 27, 2006

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

FOURTH WARD SCHOOL LINCOLN EXHIBIT

The Abraham Lincoln display entitled, "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation," which is a national traveling exhibition that focuses on Lincoln's quest to restore a Union divided by Civil War, is now on display at the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City. The website <http://www.fourthwardschool.org/twiki/bin/view/General/LincolnExhibit> is about the exhibit. They are always looking for docents.

I put together a display of the history of the Grand Army of the Republic in Nevada and was allowed to set it up by the Lincoln display. My display includes pictures of GAR memorabilia and photographs and a table of GAR posts and related organizations in Nevada. Since our Camp display was unavailable at the time, I put together a display about our camp, and also put it up there. I was a

docent for a few hours one Sunday afternoon. I also sent a notice to Lee Cross of the local Sons of Confederate Veterans in case they might be interested having a display giving their side of the story.

HISTORICAL CAMP HISTORIES

My compilation of the histories of the Custer Camp 1 and Isaac Crist Camp 28 has been progressing slowly. I placed an ad in the "Big Nickel," "Sparks Tribune," and "Comstock Chronicles." to see if anyone might still be around after 25+ years who was in the Isaac Crist Camp in an attempt to find out what happened to that camp and possibly to find its records. However, no one has answered to date.

I spoke to Ronald C. Lienau, who was the Isaac Crist Camp Commander in 1975. They met twice a month in the American Legion Hall, and their meetings coincided with those for the Johanna Shine Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Their camp disbanded when interest fell off. He did express interest in attending one of our camp meetings, and I gave him contact information.

MISCELLANEOUS

I recently acquired two artifacts of the Lincoln Centennial of 1909. One is a book entitled, "Centennial Birthday of Abraham Lincoln, 1809-1909," published by the Grand Army of the Republic. It contains a few pictures, General Orders of the GAR and documents concerning Lincoln and Lincoln's Birthday from various states. I also acquired a 3-inch diameter bronze medallion containing Lincoln's image which was struck for the GAR for the Lincoln Centennial. Will the SUVCW be doing something to celebrate Lincoln's bicentennial in 2009?

I recently acquired the "Proceedings of the Sixty-Ninth Annual Encampment, Department of California and Nevada, Grand Army of the Republic," the meeting of which was held in Santa Barbara, California, May 10-16, 1936. It contains a 1930-1931 list of posts. The O. M. Mitchell Post 69 is listed but not the Custer Post 5. The 1936 list contains neither post as all members of those posts were gone by then.

I recently acquired the 1978 book by Mildred C. Baruch and Ellen J. Beckman entitled: "Civil War Monuments. A List of Union Monuments, Markers and Memorials of the American Civil War, 1861-1865." It was published by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They only mention Fort Churchill and Fort Ruby for Nevada. They do note Lincoln monuments in six foreign countries including one in Bangkok, Thailand.

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

June 25, 2006

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

The following is a summary of recent activities:

FOURTH WARD SCHOOL LINCOLN EXHIBIT

I have been in contact with Barbara Mackay, the Director of the Fourth Ward School in Virginia City, about the upcoming Abraham Lincoln display entitled, "Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln's Journey to Emancipation," which is a national traveling exhibition that focuses on Lincoln's quest to restore a Union divided by Civil War. It opens at the Fourth Ward School Museum on June 30 for four months. In the past, we suggested having some version of our camp display in the vicinity of the exhibit and having it manned from time to time. Barbara said they would be setting up the display this coming Tuesday, and she would let us know how much, if any, extra space there might be for our display. She is also looking for docents to man the exhibit. I said I could probably donate a few hours on most weekends, and Brian Worcester e-mailed to say he could donate some time. Their website <http://www.fourthwardschool.org/twiki/bin/view/General/LincolnExhibit> describes the exhibit.

HISTORICAL CAMP HISTORIES

My compilation of the histories of the Custer Camp 1 and Isaac Crist Camp 28 has been progressing slowly. I found newspaper articles showing that Reno had Veterans' Day parades in 1969 and 1970, and the Isaac Crist Camp, SUVCW, and Johanna Shine Tent, DUVCW, marched in both. No Veterans' Day parades are referred to after that time.

I recently placed an ad to see if anyone might still be around after 25+ years who was in the Isaac Crist Camp in an attempt to find out what happened to that camp and possibly to find its records. For \$48, the ad will appear in the "Big Nickel," "Sparks Tribune," and "Comstock Chronicles." I placed the ad in early May, and kept waiting to see it in the papers. It never showed, and I contacted the "Sparks Tribune." Through a miscommunication, it had not been printed. The person involved apologized profusely and will run the ad for 3 weeks instead of just the two I paid for.

I just found out yesterday, Ronald C. Lienau, Isaac Crist Camp Commander in 1975, may still be alive. His number was never listed in the telephone book, but he was consistently listed in the Polk's City Directory for Reno from 1967 through 2005 (the latest). I will try sending a letter soon.

I also found out the Isaac Crist the camp was named for was enlisted in the Indiana Volunteers at age 17. The SUVCW database does not show an Isaac Crist, but a William D. Crist is listed with the 17th Indiana Infantry. I have not had time yet to pursue this farther. Isaac Crist's daughter Eva M. married John N. McCarthy, and they lived in Reno. He was a former Isaac Crist Camp Commander, and she was four times the President of the Johanna Shine Tent. John apparently died around 1980, and Eva around 1983.

MEMORIAL DAY, 2006

On Memorial Day (May 29), Frank Wood and I attended the short service held by the American Legion and VFW at the O. M. Mitchell Post 69 GAR Cemetery at 9 am. Frank was with the VFW, and I was allowed to represent the SUVCW with the others standing under the flag. The American Legion takes care of the GAR cemetery, and a month before, the Eagle Scouts had cleaned the cemetery up.

Commander Gary Parrott and I attended the dedication of the statue of General Jesse Reno in Powning Park at 2 pm. General Reno is who the city of Reno was named after when it was laid out by the Central Pacific Railroad in 1868. The statue is a life size bronze sculpted in the Czech Republic. Donation are still needed to finish paying for the work (\$37,000 total), and a donation of \$250 will get the donator's name on a bronze plaque on the stone base below the statue. Powning Park has been designated a military park and all of the various war memorials around Reno will eventually be moved there. The World War I plaque (the plaque's original concrete base had a GAR emblem) discussed in some of my previous reports has already been relocated to Powning Park.

After the dedication, Commander Gary Parrott and I placed a wreath with an Honor Roll List and picture of some of the Custer Post 5 members at the monument in the Custer Post 5 GAR Cemetery at Lone Mountain in Carson City. We held a short service though we and our families were the only ones there. Two weeks later, I stopped by there. The remains of our wreath minus the Honor Roll and picture were still there. Also, plastic flowers had been laid on our wreath. The wreath was \$91.30.

CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL DAY

I represented our camp at the Confederate Memorial Day Service held at the Masonic Chapel at the Mountain View Cemetery in Reno on April 22. The service was put on by the Lt. Dixon—CSS Hunley Camp No. 2016 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. During the services, roses were placed on a Confederate flag by those who had Confederate ancestors. My great-great grandfather Private William Hill was with Co. K of the Virginia 57th. He was killed at Gettysburg, and my son Tyrone and I placed a rose. After the service, the roses were taken to the three presently known graves of Confederate veterans; two at Mountain View and one at the Knights of Pythias. One grave is that of

Nevada Governor John Sparks, who was the only Confederate veteran to become governor of a Union state. The grave at the Knights of Pythias cemetery was inaccessible, so Lee Cross gave me the remaining roses to put on the graves of in the adjacent O. M. Mitchell Post 69 GAR Cemetery. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was thanked in the Hunley Camp newsletter.

DONELSON VS DONALDSON

Through E-bay, I acquired a calling card that was for George Williams. He had been in Co. I, Ohio 195th Infantry, and was a member of the GAR post in Taylor, Nevada. Taylor was a mining town in White Pine County whose post office lasted from 1883 to 1893. The post came into existence in 1885 and was last noted in the newspaper in 1889, so this card is probably rarer than most. The post is officially noted as the Donelson Post No. 94. However, two newspaper accounts of the post's formation in December 1885 and the calling card call it the DONALDSON Post No. 94. The newspaper account of Memorial Day 1886 refer to it as the DONELSON Post No. 94, and all later accounts including meeting notices repeat Donelson as the post name. A brief internet search comes up with a number of sites about the battle at the Confederate Fort Donelson in Tennessee, but one site notes a book on the Civil War experiences of a Captain Francis Donaldson and another has letters from a Corporal J. C. Donaldson.

MISCELLANEOUS

I got a second calling card through E-bay that was for William F. Byrne. He was with Co. K, Massachusetts 48th Infantry and Co. A, Massachusetts 4th Cavalry. He was also a member of the Custer Post No. 5 of Carson City, Nevada.

I had read that the in its heyday, the GAR often reviewed history books so that the "correct" version of the Civil War was printed. Through Abebooks, I acquired, "The Popular History of the Civil War in America," by Captain George G. Herbert. It was published in 1885 by F. M. Lupton in New York. Under the title is noted: "A Complete Narrative of Events, Military, Naval, Political and Congressional, that Occurred during the War for the Union, with Full Information as the Causes which Brought on the Rebellion. To Which is Appended a Sketch of the Grand Army of the Republic. Also, a Collection of Anecdotes of the Rebellion." The GAR section covers 31 pages, and the anecdotes cover 108 pages. The book is 552 pages long. In the list of Departments in the GAR section, Nevada got slighted. The Department of California and Nevada is listed only as the Department of California, and no separate tally of the number of posts is given for Nevada.

I recently came across a reference to a 1978 book by Mildred C. Baruch and Ellen J. Beckman entitled: "Civil War Monuments. A List of Union Monuments, Markers and Memorials of the American Civil War, 1861-1865." I have it on order through Abebooks.

The Nevada Historical Society just came into possession of three programs to the 1913 Department encampment in Reno, and I had copies made. They also came into possession of an 1886 register of the Department of California. I had the information copied for the Nevada posts which included: Custer Post No. 5 (Carson City), Phil. Kearney Post No. 10 (Virginia City), General O. M. Mitchell Post No. 69 (Reno), and McDermitt Post No. 87 (Winnemucca).