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NEXT CAMP 25 MEETING

The next Camp meeting will be held at 1300 Hours on Sunday, October 15^h at a new location. Since we are losing the ability to use the VFW on a regular basis, we are going to try out a new location. The October meeting will be help in the community gathering room at the Raley's One Market Place at 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511 (up Mt Rose Hwy about a mile from South Virigina, on the right.) The room is on the far right of the store, just past the deli. We have the room starting at 1300 and until 1600 hours (our 3hour block starts at 1300 hrs.). Raley's has a very nice deli, so plan on getting lunch when you arrive, and we will delay the start of the meeting until 1330. They have a hot deli bar, separate sandwich, salad, and pizza bars, and coffee and pastries. We will try to send out a zoom/conference link/number before the meeting.

<u>ORDERS</u>

CAMP ORDERS

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

DEPARTMENT ORDERS

Department Commander Stephen E. Doyle, PCC has published no new Department Orders since the last issue of the Carlin Camp Dispatch was published. For a complete list of orders, see Department website:

http://www.suvpac.org/rules/ordersindex.html

NATIONAL GENERAL ORDERS

CiC has published a total of four new orders and messages since the last issue of the Carlin Camp

Dispatch was published. For the full text and a complete list of General Orders see the National list of orders.

https://www.suvcw.org/general-orders-of-thecommander-in-chief

Bruce D. Frail, CiC

- General Order 24a Weapons Regulation (Amended, search clause added)
- General Order 28 National Awards and Housekeeping

Peter J. Hritsko Jr, CiC

- General Order 1 Administration (contact information)
- General Order 2 General Order on Membership - Qualifications Ratification

SUVCW UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP EVENTS

- Nevada Day Parade - Carson City, October 28, 2023

- Bower's Mansion seasonal closure October 29, 2023

- Veterans' Day Parade in Reno, November 11, 2023.

Members area asked to consider attending all planned events and to RSVP to the Commander as soon as they know they will attend. It is hard to plan for an event if attendance is unknown. If members need transportation to events contact the Vice Commander.

DEPARATMENT EVENTS

No Department events have been announced for the near term.

NATIONAL EVENTS

18 Nov 2023

The 67th Annual Remembrance Day Parade will be help in Gettysburg, PA. For parade information see: <u>https://suvcw.org/remembrance-day-parade/</u>

ALLIED EVENTS

DUVCW - Johana Shine Tent 96

Johana Shine Tent 96 is the Northern Nevada Tent (Organization) of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and they hold quarterly meetings and publish a very nice newsletter several times a year. Email - johanashineduvcw@gmail.com, website - <u>https://johanashineduvcw.wordpress.com/</u>

Quarterly Meeting (1330 hours)

19 Nov 2023

<u>CAMP 25 NEWS</u>

New Brother Inducted



Cmdr. Davis welcomes Bro. Bernie Hamm

Bernard L. Hamm was inducted into William P. Carlin Camp 25 at the August meeting and provided with a membership badge and certificate of membership by the Commander. Bernie has lived in Reno many years and is a member of several other linage and historical organizations, so when he discovered Camp 25 he jumped in and submitted his application right away. He enters under the service of his 2nd Great Grandfather Alonzo M. Beswick, who served as a corporal in Company B, 102^{nd} Regiment of Illinois Infantry. The 102^{nd} serviced mostly in the Atlanta Campaign, mainly in Sherman's March to the Sea and then back North into the Carolina's. His wife Margaret joined him for the induction. Please welcome him when you see him next. With the reinstatement of three previous members and the induction of Brother Hamm, Camp 25 is at <u>twenty-seven Brothers</u>, the most ever.

Camp Provides Service Year Pins

Camp 25 started a new tradition at the August meeting by providing service year pins and certificates to members in recognition of their years of honorable service to the Camp. Please thank them on their continuing service. The pins are worn on the membership badge. Pins presented (or mailed) to:

Name	Years
Steve Frady *	20
Donald J. Huffman *	20
Francis H. Wood, PCC	20
David A.Davis, PCC	15
Tyrone W. Davis	10
Wayne L. Eder	10
Michael R. Frady	10
* Founding Member	

Virigina City Labor Day Parade



(L-R) Brothers Dickey, Perdue, Stoecklin, Davis, and Ehlers

Five members of William P. Carlin Camp 25 and one guest ventured up to historic Virigina City, on Labor Day to participate in their annual parade. This is the second year in a row that we undertook this adventure and the brothers that participated said that they had such a good time that it should be made an annual event. The locals and out of towners that we spoke with though it was a grand event and of course the children enjoyed the floats, the black powder demonstrations by the civil war re-enactors, and most of all they enjoyed the candy, which we were happy to oblige them with. Afterwards we enjoyed lunch and shared our stories with locals and visitors.



Brother Ehlers and Ms. Haakison

Nevada Veteran's Memorial Plaza Brick

The Nevada Veteran's Memorial Plaza team has confirmed that they have received the bricks from their supplier and the local craftsman that is engraving them is busy working on them. They expect that our brick will be ready to install in possibly October. As soon as we have a date for placement, we will organize a ceremony to gather and honor our Nevada brothers that gave their full measure for our country.

Past Commander Riggs - Riggs Ridge Naming

Please support the effort by sending a written note to the Nevada Board of Geographical Names, c/o Christian Johnson, mail stop 0154, 1664 North Virginia St, Reno NV 89557.

CIVIL WAR NEWS AND VIEWS

160 Years Ago, This Month in Civil War History, 1863

Sept. 5 - Laird Rams detained at Liverpool	Sept. 6 - Confederates evacuate Fort Wagner and Morris Island, SC
Sept. 8 - Confederates repulse attack at Sabine Pass (Fort Griffin), Texas	Sept. 9 - Federal army enters Chattanooga, Tennessee
Sept. 10 - Little Rock, Arkansas captured by Union forces	Sept. 15 - Lincoln suspends writ of habeas corpus
Sept. 18 - Confederates force their way across Chickamauga Creek	Sept. 18 - Skirmish at Bristol in east Tennessee
Sept. 19 - Battle of Chickamauga begins, Georgia	Sept. 20 - Day two of the Battle of Chickamauga, Union troops retreat to Chattanooga, Tennessee Courtesy of
	www.battlefields.org

Political Speech from the Times



Jefferson Davis sitting on his book, "History of the Confederacy," and warming on Charleston burning.

Quote from the Day

"The time for compromise has now passed, and the South is determined to maintain her position, and make all who oppose her smell Southern powder and feel Southern steel."

Jefferson Davis

OUR CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

Private Ira Andrew Huffman 1843-1927

My Civil War Ancestor is Ira Andrew Huffman. He is my great grandfather. His parents moved to Indiana Territory in the mid 1820's from Lincoln County, North Carolina. Both of his grandparents descend Revolutionary from



War veterans, Martin T Huffman, Michael Hoot, and Stephen Rawlings. Their families had been in America since at least 1749.

Ira Andrew Huffman was the only son of Lawson Andrew Huffman and Mary (Rawlings) of Parke County, Indiana. He was born in Liberty Township, Parke County, Indiana on October 19, 1843.

Eighteen-year-old Ira joined Captain Abner Floyd's Company A, 85th Regiment Indiana Volunteer Infantry August 1, 1862, at Annapolis, Indiana. During its first engagement of the Civil War at Thompson's Station, Tennessee, March 5, 1863, Ira was captured as a prisoner of war and forced to march to Libby Prison in Richmond, Virginia. The 85th suffered terribly in dead and wounded. One of the dead at Thompson's Station was Eli York, Ira's Brother-in-law.

Ira Andrew and the prisoners from this battle were marched to Libby Prison in Richmond, VA. The prisoners endured more hardships there, due to poor living conditions and were treated harshly. The prisoners were exchanged and entered battle again in Franklin, Tennessee on April 20, 1864. (The Kansas roll of Civil War Veterans states he was a prisoner for 9 weeks.) On November 15, 1864, Ira and the 85th started with General Sherman's march from Atlanta to the sea and ended with the march down Pennsylvania Avenue after the war was over. He was honorably discharged June 12, 1865 at Washington DC. (He and his wife both received pensions, she after he died.) The 85th Infantry is remembered in a book by Frank Welcher and Larry G. Ligget entitled, *Coburn's Brigade*.

Ira had six sisters, all of Liberty Township, Parke County IN. Christiann Huffman married Solomon F. McMasters. Sarah Ann Huffman married John Warren McMasters. Lucinda Huffman married Eli York. Rebecca Huffman married William Hudson. Gilla Huffman married Daniel Williams Finney. Samira Jane Huffman married Henry Clay Harvey.

After the war Ira married Minerva Jane Isbell of Arthur, Pike County, Indiana. They had one child, Mary Lillison, born in 1874. Minerva died a year and a half later and he took up residence in Anthony, Harper County, Kansas. He was married to Lovina Kinnel in Kingman, Kansas, July 18, 1882 and lived there until the Cherokee Strip opened in 1893. He made the Land run and staked a claim. Ira and his wife raised a family of eight children on their homestead at Lahoma, Oklahoma. Of their seven children Effie, Etta, John, and Ellis remained in the area their whole lives. Alva went to Weed, California. Joseph went to Seattle, Washington, and James went to Red Bluff, California. Mary from his first wife went to Long Beach,

California. Ira Andrew Huffman was a farmer his whole life, as were all the Huffman ancestors to that time. Ira died May 24, 1927 at the age of 83. He is buried in Sunnyside Cemetery, southeast of Lahoma, Oklahoma.



By Don Huffman, Great Grandson

<u>RITUALS, CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS,</u> <u>AND HISTORY</u>

GAR

Heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic;

"The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization. No child born into it. No can be proclamation of President, edict of King or Czar can command admission. No university or institution of learning can issue a diploma authorizing its holder to entrance. No act of Parliament or Congress secures recognition. The wealth of a Vanderbilt cannot purchase the position. Its doors



open only on the presentation of a bit of parchment, worn, torn, and begrimed as it may be, which certifies to an honorable discharge from the armies or navies of the Nation during the war against the rebellion, and, unlike any other organization, no new blood can come in. There are no growing ranks from which recruits can be drawn into the Grand Army of the Republic. With the consummation of peace through victory its ranks were closed forever; its lines are steadily growing thinner, and the ceaseless tramp of its columns is with ever lessening tread. The gaps in the picket lines grow wider every day. Details are made for the reserve summoned into the shadowy regions until by and by only a solitary sentinel will stand guard, waiting until the bugle call of the beyond shall muster out the last comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic. (The" solitary sentinel, Albert Woolsom, of Duluth, Minn., passed to his reward August 2, 1956.)"

From the "Final Journal of the Grand Army of the Republic - 1866-1956," US Printing Office, Washington, 1957.

SUVCW

Formal Camp Meetings

During a formal meeting and after the Secretary calls roll the Commander will query of the Brothers and Officers:

Commander: Brothers, upon what principles is our Order founded and what duties do we inculcate?



Camp (in unison): FRATERNITY, CHARITY and LOYALTY.

Commander: Patriotic Instructor, what is the color of your station, and what does it represent?

Patriotic Instructor: Red, denoting Patriotism, Strength and Courage.

Commander: Senior Vice Commander, what is the color of your station, and what does it represent?

Senior Vice Commander: White, denoting Charity and Purity.

Commander: Junior Vice Commander, what is the color of your station, and what does it represent?

Junior Vice Commander: Blue, denoting Fraternity and Faithfulness.

Commander: Guide, what is the emblem of the Commander's station?

Guide: The Flag of our Country, the union of the Red, White and Blue, for the preservation of which we have all pledged our lives.

Commander (Three raps * * *): The Chaplain will invoke the divine blessing.

CAMP 25 TWENTY YEARS PAST - 2003

"I (Washeleski) recently bought a book, "The Memoirs of Brigadier General William Passmore Carlin U.S.A."

In Chapter One, Pages 26 and 27, "The entire regiment, for the first time in the eight years to which I had belonged to it, was concentrated at Fort Bridger in August or September of 1858, and we took up march for California, to which department the regiment was ordered after the settlement of the Mormon troubles. Marching via Soda Springs to Humboldt River we made our regular state of twenty miles a daysometimes more if necessary to find a good campground. Crossing Humboldt Desert and ascending Carson River to Carson City we reached the first white settlement. Our route took us through Carson Valley to Genoa and a few miles above that village, where we encamped.

The regiment crossed the Sierra Nevada Mountains to a depth of two feet but they marched on to Placerville, the Russian River, and Round Valley California. Then to Fort Bragg for the rest of the year."

Just think Brothers, when we selected our Camp name we had no idea that William Passmore Carlin marched through the Carson Valley, perhapes (sic) where our Camp Headquarters is located.

" From Commander Washeleski's "Commanders Corner" September 2003

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Lecture Series – History Talks

Chambersburg Civil War Seminars & Tours has been hosting Civil War Tours for more than 30 years. Virtual lectures are held monthly on the 15th (normally) at 7 PM EST for \$6 a session. The Virtual Zoom Series focuses on leaders and leadership in the Civil War. For info, schedule, and to RSVP see https://www.civilwarseminars.org/lectures

Sunday, October 15 - <u>Washington and the Battle of</u> <u>Germantown</u>, a new book by Gary Ecelbarger

The GAR Civil War Museum & Archive Zoom Programs

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum regularly presents Zoom programs on various topic associated with the GAR and the Civil War. For a virtual seat email <u>garmuslib1866@gmail.com</u> https://garmuslib.org/future-events

Sunday, October 8, 2023 at 1300 hours, <u>The Life</u>, <u>Career</u>, and <u>Assassination of Octavious Catto</u>.

Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 1300 hours, <u>Researching</u> <u>Grand Army of The Republic Civil War Veterans.</u>

Battle Born Patriots Chapter, Sons of American Revolution

Saturday, 11 November 2023, 1100 Hrs.

Veterans Day Parade

Tuesday, 14 November 2023, 1800 Hrs.

The Battle Born Patriots Chapter of Sons of American Revolution now meets the second Tuesday of odd months (January, March, etc.) at Skipolini's Restaurant at 1800 Hrs. For more information see their website at www.sar-nevada.com/Northern/north.html

Nevada Society of Mayflower Descendants

67th Annual Compact Meeting and Thanksgiving Luncheon

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 11:30 a.m. Tamarack Casino, Reno, Nevada.

MINUTES OF THE CAMP MEETING

GENERAL WILLIAM PASSMORE CARLIN CAMP 25 DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

13 August 2023

- I. Opening
- A. The meeting was called to order at 1306 hours.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Invocation Chaplain Donn Dalton.

D. Roll Call. Members present: David Davis, Donn Dalton, Jay Dickey, David Hess, David Perdue, Frank Wood, Cody Ehlers, Randall. Nobody joined by Zoom.

Guests: Jennie Davis, Bernie Hamm and Maggie Hamm.

II. Commander's Report—David Davis.

A. Introduction of guests. Commander Davis introduced Jennie Davis, Bernie Hamm and Maggie Hamm.

B. I attended the July 4 ringing of the Liberty Bell in Carson City, which was very well attended.

As an aside, in July 1915, the real Liberty Bell was shipped across country to the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in San Francisco. See map. Despite passioned pleas, it got diverted at Salt Lake City to the Pacific Northwest before coming down the coast to San Francisco. That November, it returned on a shorter, cheaper southern route around Nevada again by way of Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas. The whole round trip cost Philadelphia \$75,000 (\$2.3 million today). (See exhibit 4.)

- III. Secretary's Report—David Hess.
- A. The Minutes were published in the newsletter.
- IV. Treasurer's Report—David Hess. [see Financial Statements attached as Exhibit1] (Note: Exhibit 1 is not published in the Newsletter)

V. Senior Vice Commander's Report—David Perdue.

[see SVC Report attached as Exhibit 2]

VI. Historian, Memorials, and GAR Highway Officer's Report—David Davis. [see the report attached as Exhibit 3]

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

Nothing to report.

VIII. Graves Registration Officer's Report.

A. GRO Don Huffman: Unionville Remains recap: Don contacted the Army. The request went to Program Manager Sarah N. Parsons, of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory. She then sent the request to Physical Science Technician Lisa Abreu with a CC to Assistant Director Michael Hill. On March 7, Lisa contacted Don asking if anyone had contacted him yet.

I contacted Lisa on July 18 and received the following reply:

Good morning, Commander Davis!

I'm sorry this has been more challenging than it should be. For your understanding, USACIL is DOD's criminal investigative leg. The only reason I've been tracking is because of my past experience with DPAA, which at time doesn't appear to mean much. I've reached back to DPAA's management and communications to no avail. At next resort, it might be best to vector directly to AFDIL. As you might know, DOD's accounting mission currently goes back as far as WWII; I can't speak to whether or not DPAA or AFDIL can assist in this case, but someone should at least be responsive and provide direction. Having left the system one year ago, I don't have a solid line to AFDIL, but one of our DNA colleagues here might.

Sarah – this has unfortunately gone by the wayside. Do you know anyone in DNA who might be able to assist? If not, I'll figure something else out. Thank you! Lisa

IX. ROTC Report—Kurt Dietrich.

Nothing to report.

X. Other Officers' Reports.

No Reports.

XI. Old Business

A. Commandeer Davis mentioned in the past about having a large white tent-like structure, John Riggs had us purchase for Camp use at events. We also have a fly, but no poles to put it up with – though that could be easily corrected. It would need several volunteers to assemble, disassemble, and man should interest be shown. It was suggested we have a dry run on assembly and disassembly.

B. Thoughts on upcoming activities. Especially with parades, as when times and deadlines get closer, I will be wanting a headcount as I don't want to be the only one participating:

1. Bower's Mansion seasonal closure. David Davis and Cody Ehlers are willing to participate.

2. Nevada Day. Potential attendees include: David Davis, Jay Dickey, David Perdue and Cody Ehlers. David Perdue offered his truck and trailer.

3. Veterans' Day. David Perdue said he would participate.

4. Really old business on back burner – included here so as not to be forgotten.

a. Unionville Remains – see GRO report.

b. James Reid MOH.

c. Kane/Keenan MOH.

XII. New Business.

A. New member installation. Having found to meet the requirements of membership and being of upstanding moral character, the Camp welcomed our newest member Bernard "Bernie" Hamm. Brother Hamm was duly sworn in by Chaplain Dalton and Commander Davis and presented with his Certificate of Membership.

B. Brother Dickey announced the upcoming AHP (American Heritage Partners) presentation on the Salem Witch Trials. Brother Dickey urged all members to attend.

C. SVC David Perdue presented membership service pins. [See SVC report].

XIII. Good of the Order.

A. Next meeting. TBD (added later - Brother Perdue has arrange for a room on 15 Oct. at 1300 hrs at Raley's One Market Place on 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno NV 89511)

XIV. Closing and Adjournment.

A. Prayer – Chaplain Donn Dalton

Respectfully submitted,

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

Exhibit 2 – Officer Reports

Senior Vice Commander Report

1. The brick we purchase for the Nevada Veterans Memorial Plaza (NVMP) is not yet ready for placement. The NVMP has received their shipment bricks from the East Coast supplier and a craftsman is now working on engraving them. When ours is read for placement, likely in September, they will notify us and we can participate in the placement. I will continue to follow-up with them and will organize the Camp attendance at the placement. I will also determine if we will be allowed to fire a salute to the fall veterans honored at the NVMP.

2. Brother Hess has received the service years pins for brothers reaching a milestone year and we will be presenting them with a certificate today. It is suggested that pins for brothers absent from today's meeting be mailed to them using treasury funds. I also suggest that as soon as the SUVCW Quartermaster is again accepting orders, that the Camp order pins out of the treasury for brothers reaching milestone service dates through the end of 2024; D. David - 20, T. Davis - 15, D, Hess – 10, R. Linscott - 10.

3. I have a printed membership certificates for new Brother Hamm, and Brothers Lorenz and R. Dalton which did not receive one in the past. If any other Brother, that didn't receive a certificate, wishes one let me know.

David J. Perdue Senior Vice Commander & Signals Officer Exhibit 3

HISTORY AND MEMORIALS REPORT

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August 13, 2023

David A. Davis, General William Passmore Carlin Camp 25 Camp

Commander/Historian/Civil War Memorials Officer.

RIGGS RIDGE

On May 31, Camp Commander/Historian David A. Davis attended the meeting of the Nevada Board on Geographic Names at UNR and proposed the naming of the ridge just east of the Carson River and east of the State prison complexes and Prison Hill as Riggs Ridge in honor of deceased Past Camp Commander John Riggs. The Board voted to move the proposal to the next step, whereby it will the researched by the Board as well as to be continued researched by Commander Davis. I had put in a binder all the information on John I could find from various sources. Christine Johnson, the Board's executive secretary and our Point of Contact, presently has the binder and is copying some of the information.

KIA IN NEVADA

GRO Don Huffman and I looked into the soldiers who were actually killed in action during the Civil War era and the months afterwards before the Regular Army returned. I thought a small monument or boulder with their names might be appropriate, but just a thought. "Months afterwards" is probably more accurate if Lee's surrender on April 9, 1865, is considered the end of the Civil War. The names include:

Private Isacc W. Godfrey, Co. D., 1st NV Cav., died May 20, 1865, Table Mtn., Elko Co., NV

Private James Monroe, Co. D., 1st NV Cav., died May 20, 1865, Table Mtn., Elko Co., NV

Private Augustus S. Hereford, Co. I., 2nd CA Cav., died Jul. 26, 1865, Paradise Valley, Humboldt Co., NV

Lt. Col. Charles McDermitt, Co. M., 2nd CA Cav., died Aug. 7, 1865, near Camp McDermitt, Humboldt Co., NV

Private David W. O'Connell, Co. B., 2nd CA Cav., died Nov. 17, 1865, Pine Forest, Humboldt Co., NV

Private Charles Austin, Co. B., 2nd CA Cav., died Feb. 15, 1866, Rock Canyon, Humboldt(?) Co., NV

Interestingly, Private O'Connell may be buried at the Smoke Creek Station in Nevada near the State line. Don found references to a Camp Smoke Creek which was located at the old Smoke Creek Station. It contains a burial plot that may contain the grave of four soldiers:

Pvt. John Smith; Co. C, 2nd California Cavalry, d. Jan. 18, 1863, shot by Lt. Williams at Deep Hole

Pvt. Gustavus W. Plass; Co. C, 2nd California Cavalry, d. Nov. 9, 1863, typhoid at Smoke Creek

Sgt. William McCoy; Co. D, 1st Nevada Cavalry, d. Jul. 3, 1864, unknown causes

Pvt. David O'Connell; Co. B, 2nd California Cavalry, d. Nov. 17, 1865, Killed by Indians at Pine Forest.

Following the history would take some doing. Co. C, 1st Nevada Cavalry was stationed there in late 1863; Co. A, 1st Nevada Infantry was stationed there July through October 1864; and Co. D, 2nd California Cavalry was stationed there July 1865 through April 1866. Co. B, 2nd California Cavalry was mainly stationed at Dun Gen June 1865 through April 1866. They made an incursion into the Black Rock Mountains in the Pine Forest District in November 1865 where O'Connell was killed. It does not say where he was buried. Detachments of other Nevada and California units were probably stationed there or passed through. Deep Hole was a station located about 20 miles east-northeast of Smoke Creek and a Nevada Cavalry detachment was stationed there in April 1865. 2nd Lt. Henry W. Williams of Co. C, stationed at Smoke Creek, shot Smith at Deep Hole and then deserted his command because of it. He was dishonorably discharged Jan. 27, 9 days after the shooting.

The smoke Creek Ranch 7.5' quad has the ruins and a grave marked. The public land survey location is T31N, R18E, Sec. 16, SW/4 of the NW/4. The Lassen County Historical Society located the graves in 1964 and placed a large wooden cross there in June 1868. The site is on property owned by Jackrabbit Properties.

