

The Army keeps rolling along



Union soldier Henry H. Taylor is depicted planting the Union's colors at Fort Hill during the Battle of Vicksburg, a major turning point in the Civil War. Taylor, who later received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions there, settled in Clay County after the war and became the first president of People's National Bank in Clay Center.

Celebrating 250 years of the US Army, Clay Countians fighting in the Civil War

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Clay Center homesteader, banker among first Medal of Honor recipients

By Tim Kaufman
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There are many who are familiar with the photograph taken of the six Marines as they raised the American flag on the stop Mount Suribachi. The invasion of Iwo Jima was a landmark event during the second World War and proved to be very costly. The photograph was a sign of hope that our nation was gaining victory. It permeated the media during that era.

It has continued to be frequently seen on movies and television since then and now there is a large statue representing it in Washington, D.C., as a war memorial to the United States Marine Corps. Hardly anyone know that many similar events took place on American soil as flags were raised on various places in battle. There is one such example that happened in 1863 that would later have an effect on the history of Clay Center.

The Union Army of Tennessee, commanded by Gen. Grant, held the Confederate forces, commanded by Gen. Pemberton, under siege at Vicksburg, Miss. The 45th Illinois Infantry Regiment took part in three charges against the Confederate forces in front of Fort Hill, which was regarded as the key to the fortress.

The first assault took place on May 18. Grant had cut Vicksburg off and the Union forces, confident of victory, were sent on a

ferocious attack of the rebel trenches but the assault was beaten off. On the 22nd, Grant ordered an attack all along the line that fed to a bloody repulse.

For about a month the Army had digging a mine under Fort Hill, now being called "Fort Hell" by the Yankees, and approximately a ton of gun powder was ignited beneath on June 25.

The 45th was the storming party and immediately after the explosion rushed into the crater but met murderous fire by the Confederate force. The defending army had an inner embankment that they could defend from and the 45th experienced great casualties.

During the battle, the color bearer of Company C was able to plant the Union's colors on the Confederate fortifications. The soldiers stayed on top of the embankment all day united the unit was withdrawn.

The Battle for Vicksburg continued until July 4, when Gen. Pemberton, with an army too weak to break out, and sustain a field campaign, surrendered to Grant. The 45th Illinois was given the place of honor at the head of the column as the Union forces marched into the city and theirs was the flag placed over the courthouse.

The color bearer of Company C continued his service with the Union Army throughout the remainder of the Civil War. He then re-

turned to Illinois.

A certain Mr. Henry Taylor came to Clay County in the fall of 1879. He homesteaded in Mulberry Township where he began to acquire and served two terms as county treasurer. He later moved to Clay Center and became very prominent in real estate and the building of the town. When the People's National Bank was founded, he became its first president.

In the early days of Clay Center, it had no cemetery. Burials took place on the north part of Fifth Street. Mr. Taylor bought the place and named it Greenwood Cemetery. He laid out the property in lots for himself and his family and gave the rest to the city.

In 1893, Congress approved the Medal of Honor for the color bearer of Company C, 45th Illinois Regiment and on Sept. 1, it was awarded to Sgt. Henry Taylor.

The Medal of Honor was given very liberally to Civil War veterans and a soldier could receive it for actions as frivolous as reenlisting. Some were even awarded to non-military personnel. A color bearer, usually a sergeant, did not carry a weapon and their casualty rate was very high.

Sgt. Taylor mustered into the 45th on Nov. 20, 1861, and throughout his service would have faced a myriad of opportunities when he could have been killed.

As his health began to fail in later years,



Henry H. Taylor, a Civil War veteran, is buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

Taylor moved to the Kansas City area and later to the Old Soldiers Home in Leavenworth where he passed away on May 3, 1909 at the age of 68. Sgt. Taylor was buried at Greenwood Cemetery on May 5, 1909. Coincidentally, he was born on July 4, 1841 and the siege of Vicksburg ended on July 4, 1863.

Information taken from previous copies of The Clay Center Dispatch and from the 45th Illinois Infantry Regiment history.

Civil War veteran served as county clerk, postmaster

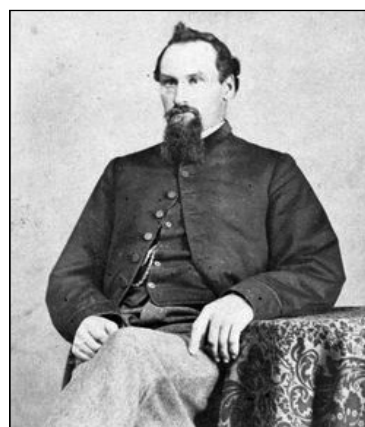
Among those who sought the frontier of Northern Kansas after the close of the late Civil War, came Warren Fletcher, in the fall of 1866, and settled three miles west of the present site of Clay Center on a homestead across the Republican River. He braved the dangers and difficulties of life on the border, maintained his resolution to found a home in this region and is now looked upon with that respect only accorded the early pioneers. His career has been that which his descendants will look upon with pride in after years.

A native of Cornish, N. H., he enlisted Oct. 12, 1861, as a Union soldier in Company G, Second Regiment. New Hampshire Volunteers. This was an Independent Regiment, known as Berdan's Sharp Shooters, and reported for service at Washington, D. C., after being in camp for instruction all winter.

This regiment was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and Fletcher first saw the smoke of battle at Falmouth, Virg. On the first of April following (1862) he set out on the march to Bristol Station and 14 days later met the enemy for the first time at Falmouth. On the 9th of May following he was at Manassas Gap, and later at Harper's Ferry.

The engagements which followed were Rapahannock Station, Aug. 23, 1862; Sulphur Springs, Aug. 25, Gainesville, Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam and the three engagements at Fredericksburg all occurring during that year. Later Mr. Fletcher fought at Chancellorsville in two battles and a skirmish, and was at Gettysburg, Trapping Heights, Auburn, Kelley's Ford, Bramly Station, Locust Grove and Mine Run.

This by no means closed his fighting record, as he was in the later important battles of that campaign. In the report of this regiment furnished later, it was found that it had embraced in numbers 1,182 men, of which 520 were lulled and wounded. They captured more prisoners than their own numbers and it is believed they killed and wounded twice as many as they took prisoners. Fletcher remained with his comrades until July 1865, when he was made a ranking officer and mustered in as Second Lieutenant, finally being given a First Lieutenant's commission. He commanded his company thereafter until the close of the war. He was mustered out at Concord, N. H., July 10, 1865, and after spending a little time among his old friends and associ-



Warren Fletcher

ates, came to Kansas and taking up a homestead claim of 160 acres in Blaine Township, commenced the improvement of his property.

Returning in 1868 to his native place, Fletcher was united in marriage with Miss Cassie Freeman on the 12th of March. The newly wedded pair returned at once to Kansas and lived upon the new farm until 1878. In the meantime its condition was greatly changed. Fletcher being very successful in the cultivation of the soil and effecting the needed improvements. Of late years, it has been largely devoted to live stock. Trees had been planted which are

now two feet in diameter. Convenient and suitable buildings have been erected and the soil has been rendered fertile with the aid of the latest improved machinery.

Fletcher has always been considerably interested in political affairs and has exercised due influence in his community. While on the farm, he was elected to the office of County Clerk in which he has served three years, being at the same time Register of Deeds. In 1877, he was elected by the Republicans of Clay County to represent them in the State Legislature. In 1869, he was elevated to the Probate Judgeship, serving one term. He has been influential in the councils of his party and is at present Secretary of the Republican Central Committee. In August 1868, while Fletcher was serving as County Clerk the Indians of this region became troublesome. Fletcher, organized at that time a Company of volunteers to repel the Indians—and proceeded north to Peach Creek, where the command ascertained that there was no danger, it being simply a movement of the Pottawatomies going westward for their annual hunt. Soon the command was disbanded and returned home. During the absence of Fletcher, Mrs. Huntress packed

the records of the County Clerk and records of the Register of Deeds, in a small leather valise, and hid them in the hollow of a Cottonwood tree. This tree is still standing across Huntress Creek on Court street.

In 1879, Fletcher, leaving his farm, he moved to Clay Center again and engaged in the real estate and loan business which he has since prosecuted very successfully. There have been born to him and his estimable wife eight children, five of whom are living—Frank L., Harry W., Frederick, Edith and Fanny. They all make their home with their parents. The eldest, Frank, is employed in the First National Bank as an assistant to the cashier.

Fletcher was present at the surrender of Gen. Lee and at the time purchased of a rebel officer an English sword, for \$100 in Confederate money. The officer would have accepted \$15 in United States currency. Fletcher obtained his rebel money by sharing the spoils of a captured wagon train.

In October 1889, Fletcher was appointed Postmaster of Clay Center by President Harrison.

From: Portrait and Biographical Album of Washington, Clay and Riley Counties, Chapman Bros. Chicago 1890

The Army gave Buffalo Bill a Medal of Honor, took it away, then gave it back

The Army's fickleness affected the legendary William "Buffalo Bill" Cody and his Medal of Honor.

By Miguel Ortiz
The Army Times

Soldiers know that the Army giveth and the Army taketh. As frustrating as it can be for modern service members who lose something like an enlistment bonus due to a technicality, the Army's fickleness affected the legendary William "Buffalo Bill" Cody and his Medal of Honor. The man who gave the Wild West its name was awarded the medal for his service during the Indian Campaigns, but was stripped of it after his death before it was restored decades later.

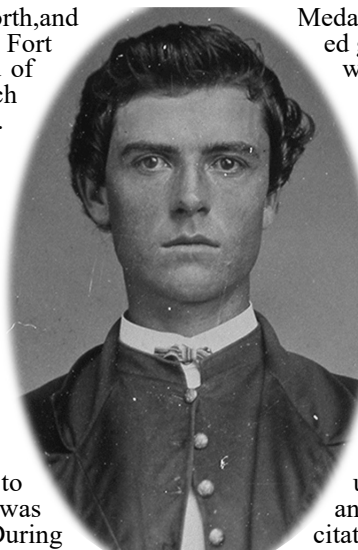
Born in 1846, Cody became a rider for the famous Pony Express at the age of 15. When the Civil War broke out, he tried to enlist in the Union Army but was turned down for being too young. Instead, he helped deliver supplies to Fort Laramie in present-day Wyoming with a freight caravan. In 1863, at the age of 17, Cody enlisted as a teamster with the 7th Kansas Cavalry. He held the rank of private and was discharged two years later.

In 1866, Cody reunited with an old friend, the famous Wild Bill Hickok, in Junction City. Hickok was serving as a civilian scout for the Army at the time and inspired Cody to do the same. Cody enlist-

ed as a scout at Fort Ellsworth, and scouted between there and Fort Fletcher. During this period of scouting, he worked for such notable officers as Capt. George Augustus Armes and Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer. In 1867, Cody was granted a leave of absence to hunt buffalo and supply railroad workers with meat near Clay Center. He reportedly earned exclusive rights to his nickname after besting fellow buffalo hunter Bill Comstock in a hunting competition.

In 1868, Cody returned to the Army as a scout and was posted at Fort Larned. During this time, he displayed exceptional performance as a rider on a lone dispatch. Cody rode a total of 350 miles through hostile territory in 58 hours, including a brief capture and escape. He covered the last 35 miles on foot. For this achievement, General Philip Sheridan assigned Cody as the 5th Cavalry Regiment's Chief of Scouts.

On May 22, 1872, Cody was awarded the



Pvt. William Cody

Medal of Honor for documented gallantry on the battlefield while serving as a scout during the Indian Wars.

The previous month, on April 26, Cody stealthily guided a detachment of soldiers in pursuit of a band of American Indians in Nebraska. During the ensuing engagement, he reportedly rushed out onto an active battlefield and pulled several soldiers to safety, saving their lives. This action was performed while under heavy enemy fire, and Cody's Medal of Honor citation noted "Gallantry in action." Later, his show, Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Congress of Rough Riders of the World, earned Cody international fame and cemented his legacy in American history.

In 1917, Congress designated the Medal of Honor as the highest military honor that the nation could bestow. As a result, Cody's medal and 909 others dating back to the Revolutionary War were rescinded.

The War Department ruled that, because Cody and the other recipients were civilians, they were ineligible for the Medal of Honor. The law was enacted just days before Cody's death on January 10, 1917, and his medal was revoked shortly thereafter.

Naturally, Cody's family objected on his behalf. For decades, his relatives wrote to Congress urging that the medal be restored. In 1988, Cody's grandson wrote a letter to Wyoming Senator Alan K. Simpson, who took up the issue. A legal brief was submitted to the Department of Defense arguing that civilian scouts were technically officers. For the purpose of retention, men like Cody were given officers' rank and pay. Moreover, their roles as scouts regularly exposed them to combat and they were treated as highly-valuable personnel by their military commanders.

The appeal was directed to the Army Board for Correction of Military Records for adjudication. After months of deliberation, the Board concurred with the legal brief from Sen. Simpson's office and restored Cody's Medal of Honor in 1989. Additionally, a precedent was set that restored the medals of several other civilian scouts including Native Americans. Cody's Medal of Honor is on display at the Buffalo Bill Museum in Lookout Mountain, Colo.

Army saw Buffalo Bill as way to promote romance of the West

William Cody served as a scout for the Union Army's Seventh Kansas Cavalry during the last years of the Civil War.

In 1867, Cody hunted buffalo for the Kansas Pacific Railroad work crews, earning his moniker "Buffalo Bill" and his reputation as an expert shot. The next year, he was employed by the U.S. Army as a civilian scout and guide for the Fifth Cavalry. His experience and skills as a plainsman made him an invaluable tracker and fighter. On April 26, 1872, Cody became one of only four civilian scouts to be awarded the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor during the Indian Wars for valor in action.

The First 'Media Events'

U.S. Army General Philip Sheridan saw in Cody a combination of charisma and frontier know-how—a natural "public relations windfall" for the Army of the West, which was in need of some good publicity. Under the protection of the Army, visiting dignitaries, such as the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, took lavish hunting expeditions accompanied by Gen. Sheridan and Brevet Maj. Gen.

George Armstrong Custer with Buffalo Bill as their guide. These excursions were full-scale media events, glamorizing both the military and Cody.

During this time, the pulp fiction industry produced inexpensive magazines that romanticized the exploits of the heroes and villains who roamed the plains—including Buffalo Bill, a central figure of many of these inflated truths. In 1872, dime novel writer Ned Buntline persuaded Cody to portray himself on stage. The "show business bug" hit Cody, and he formed his own "combination" troupe the next year. The group also included James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok and Texas Jack Omohundro, authentic western characters who gave some credence to the melodrama.

During the height of the Plains Indians resistance to white settlement, Cody returned to the prairies in summer 1876 to scout for the Fifth Army. On July 17, 1876, just three weeks after Custer and the Seventh Cavalry were defeated at the Battle of Little Big Horn, Cody's regiment intercepted a

band of Cheyenne warriors. When Buffalo Bill, in his stage clothing, killed and scalped a Cheyenne warrior named Yellow Hair (often mistranslated "Yellow Hand"), he reportedly cried out "First scalp for Custer!" Buffalo Bill the frontiersman had proved that Buffalo Bill the character was no mere actor.

Buffalo Bill's Wild West was a huge undertaking. Here the show performs in Germany, ca. 1891. Gift of Thomas Isbell. P.69.1512

The "Great Showman" and Entrepreneur

In 1883, Cody created what would become Buffalo Bill's Wild West, a grand performance that propelled him to fortune and worldwide fame. The Wild West was staged, in one form or another, for 30 years, playing to enthusiastic crowds throughout the United States and Europe. In Europe, Cody was called "Nature's Nobleman" because he was someone who had grown up on the frontier yet represented all of those best aspects of civilization.

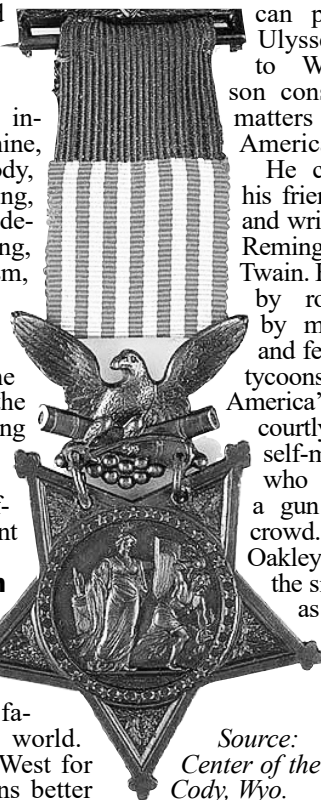
Despite his characterization as a figure from the past, Buffalo Bill

always looked to the future. As a businessman, he invested in projects that he hoped might bring economic growth to the West.

With his earnings, he invested in an Arizona mine, hotels in Sheridan and Cody, Wyoming, stock breeding, ranching, coal and oil development, film making, town building, tourism, and publishing. In 1899, he established his own newspaper, the Cody Enterprise, which is still the main source of news for the town of Cody today. Taking advantage of his celebrity status, Cody was an early advocate of women's suffrage and the fair treatment of American Indians.

Most famous American in the world

By the turn of the 20th century, William F. Cody was arguably the most famous American in the world. No one symbolized the West for Americans and Europeans better



Source: Buffalo Bill Center of the West Museum, Cody, Wyo.

Civil War veterans of Clay County

Athelstane Township

Adair, Arthur, Pvt., Co. L 16 Regiment. N.Y.
Bender, Howard, Pvt., G 138 Penn.
Cotton, Russell, Pvt., F 40 Wisconsin
Dimon, Nathan Jr., Pvt., K 81 N.Y.
Emrich, John, Pvt., I 12 Ohio
Eisele, Jacob, Pvt., A—Penn.
Hill, Robert N., Pvt., E 65 Illinois
Heigle Matthew, Pvt., A 12 Missouri
Hamilton, Samuel B., 2nd Lt., D 38 Illinois
Harris, Jno, W., Pvt., K 5 Michigan
Harris, Jason N., Pvt., 11 Mich
Harris, Jason E., Pvt., L — Kansas
Kennedy, Jason E., Corp. F 1 Penn.
Lacey, H H, —F 101 Ohio
McCosh, Benjamin W., Pvt., I 12 Penn.
Putnam, William H., Pvt., D 127 Illinois
Reagan, Jno J, ensign, US Navy
Randall, Seneca R, Corp., I 100 Illinois
Ruhl, Saml, Pvt., G 41 Penn.
Robeson, Francis W., Pvt., H 34 Iowa
Renner, W H, 1st Sgt., E 7 Ma.
Stienburn, Fedk, Pvt., A—Missouri
Vinzant, W W, Pvt., A 57 Indiana

Blaine Township

Brown, Thos, Pvt., 8 28 Illinois
Boardman S D, Pvt., K 28 Penn.
Bloom, George, Pvt., C 32 Indiana
Beatty J J, Pvt., U S Signal Corps., Penn.
Baker, Ed, Pvt., H 11 Illinois
Chestnut, T J, Pvt., A 18 Indiana
Coffman, J W, Pvt., H 2 Ohio
Dever, Jesse, Pvt., —13 Indiana
Dunn, J B, Pvt., C 168 Penn.
Gilchrist, Thomas J, Pvt., H 75 N.Y.
Hemphill, William, Sgt., C 82 Indiana

Hemphill, J B, Pvt., —22 Ind
Harris, W S, Pvt., A 12 R.I.
Hare, J A, Pvt., C 1 Kentucky
Lewis, W A, Pvt., C 86 Ohio
Lathrop, M, Pvt., K 27 Illinois
McIntyre, C, Pvt., C - District of Columbia
Perkins, G W, Pvt., H 8 Maine
Pinkerton, I H, Pvt., K 11 Kansas
Roberts, W W, Pvt., Ind Bat Indiana
Rich, C H, Pvt., K 13 Wisconsin
Ross, C H, Pvt., H 5 Illinois
Rankin, D K, Pvt., A 78 Penn.
Stewart, T J, Pvt., C Michigan L A
Small, H L, Pvt., M 1 Wis. H A
Sergeant P, Corp. G 58 Penn.
Tomlison, Jos, Pvt., G 33 Wisconsin
Tolles, H L, Pvt., C 66 Illinois
Van Way, Jos, Pvt., B 1 Michigan
White, William, Pvt., H 5 C Illinois

White, James A, W Virg, militia
Wiley, W W, Pvt., K 63 Indiana
Walker, M W, Pvt., H 12 Missouri militia
Wingrove, A, Pvt., M 3 W. Virg.
Cavalry
Walker, S R, Pvt., D 43 Mo.

Bloom Township

Anderson, J H, Pvt., K 122 Illinois
Cooper, H C, Pvt., M 7 Ohio
Crooks, J W, Pvt., D 6 Penn.
Cox, W A, Pvt., C 18 Missouri
Cooper, E F, Pvt., D 22 Ohio
Dodds, J C, Pvt., G 172 Ohio
Derringer, Otto, Pvt., A 18 Illinois
German, Jacob, Pvt., E 37 Ohio
Gaston, Willamm, Pvt., K 144 Illinois
Gaston, Robert, Pvt., K 144 Illinois
Geist, J H, 1 Sgt., F 33 Ohio
Hileman, S S, Pvt., D 11 Penn.
Heusted, W V, Capt., B 9 Michigan
Jones, M A, Pvt., A 6 Missouri
Kincaid T W, Sgt., G 186 Ohio
Lundry, Eli, Pvt., G 22 N.Y.
Miller, Davis, Pvt., B 127 Penn.
McAttee, J H, Pvt., B 6 Missouri
McElroy, William B, Pvt., H 185 Ohio
Parsons, G B, Corp., A 15 Kansas
Rasmussen, M, Seaman, G B 54 Illinois, US Navy
Randle, A, Pvt., B 114 Ohio
Rodgers, Wilson, Pvt., F 80 Illinois
Rodgers, A, Pvt., E 1 Oregon
Sebold, Charles, Pvt., B 8 Kansas
Stoneback, Jacob H, Pvt., I 124 Penn.
Schwab, John, Pvt., A 66 Missouri Militia
Tebbe, William, Pvt., L 6 Missouri
Tippen, T K, Sgt., F 1 Neb.
Worland, G L, Pvt., B 9 N.Y.
White, A C, Sgt., B 3 Missouri
Wells, John, Pvt., I 28 Iowa

Chapman Township

Atkinson, Isaac, Pvt., G 62 Illinois
Bellis, David, Pvt., B 60 Indiana
Cleveland, William, Pvt., B 6 Michigan
Emerich, G W, Lt., A 1 Ala.
Flynn, Michael, Pvt., A 24 N.Y.
Face, Phillip, Pvt., I 56 Penn. Militia
Ferguson, G, Pvt., H 16 Iowa
Green, Francis W, Pvt., I 1 Indiana
Goodhue, James, Pvt., 6 51 Ohio
Hanne, Jesse, Pvt., C 200 Penn.
Hoffman, Nicholas, Pvt., D 58 Illinois
Johnson, Merritt C, Pvt., A 92 Illinois
McCune, H B, Pvt., — 149 Penn.
Miller, Lewis F, Pvt., A 36 Illinois
Miller, Joel J, Pvt., F 103 Illinois
McDaniel, L, Fifer H 25 Iowa
McGauley, W W (Co. and Regt unknown)
Price, M H, G.M., K 9 Kansas

Reinel, Micholas, Pvt., E 9 Wisconsin
Reed, Edward, Pvt., H 62 Ohio
Shears, John, Pvt., D 58 Illinois
Sweeny, William, Pvt., C 110 Penn.
Stroud, James, Pvt., E Illinois
Swartswood, Samuel, Pvt., A 118 Penn.
Sripp, William Jr., Pvt., E 110 N.Y.
Vanfleet, Hiram, Corp. D 13 Missouri
Wetzel, Nick, Pvt., L 1 Iowa

Clay Center Township

Allison, John, Pvt., I 148 Illinois
Brooks, Aaron T, Pvt., I 3 N.Y. Light Artillery
Brown, Daniel H, Ord Sgt., E 44 Illinois
Bolton, Leonard S, Pvt., H 3 Vermont
Berger, George, Ord Sgt., B 36 Illinois
Barber, William F, Pvt., E 21 Conn.
Bewley, William W, Pvt., D 12 Kansas
Chapman, Alex W, Pvt., D 63 Illinois
Drake, Ara B, Pvt., F 105 Ohio
Disbrow, Charles, Sgt., A 21 Illinois
Eads, John, Corp., A 116 Illinois
Frel, Jacob, Pvt., D 4 Iowa
Hesser, C W, Pvt., A 35 Iowa
Higgins, Lyons G, Pvt., 12 Illinois
Hill, Amos, Pvt., F 12 Iowa
Heusner, Aaron, Corp., I 23 Missouri
Householder, J W, Pvt., I 52 Ohio
Ingersoll, Theodore, Pvt., E 8 Kansas
Kay, John, Sgt., E 78 Penn.
McLaughlin, Charles, Pvt., D 19 Regiment, U S A
Miller, Richard K, Pvt., A 96 Illinois
Nemich, Henry, Pvt., 178 Ohio
Osborn, John, Pvt., D 1 Kentucky
Patterson, Reuben L, Pvt., K 14 W. Virg.
Ryan, Thomas G, Corp., L 11 Kansas
Reed, William T, Pvt., D 49 Indiana
Scott, Joshua S, Pvt., G 18 Penn.
Sanders, Henry, Corp. I 9 Kansas
Schelnkoenig, Frank, Pvt., I 4 N.Y. Heavy Artillery
Sanders Thas, Pvt., L 11 Kansas
Starr, N A, Pvt., C 21 Conn.
Spear, Epraim A, Pvt., M 2 Missouri
Trotter, Robert A, Pvt., B 22 Iowa
Vernor, James H, Pvt., A 64 Ohio
Wilson, Eugene C, 1st Lt., E 9 Illinois

Clay Center City

Allen, Newton, Pvt., F Michigan
Alexander, C H, p m Sgt., 7 Ohio
Bishoff, Fred, Pvt., D 16 Illinois
Breymann, George G, Pvt., L 15 Kansas

Breymann, William, Master Sgt., 1 Kansas Indian Service
Bradley, A N, Pvt., L 2 Missouri
Bixler, Fred, Pvt., A 41 Missouri
Brightweiser, L, Pvt., — 6 Maryland
Cook, Jno C, Pvt., I 35 Ohio
Carr Roland T., Pvt., M 28 Indiana Artillery
Carson, W J, Pvt., D 45 Illinois
Clifford, John, Pvt., K 9 Illinois
Deiter, Nicholas, Pvt., L 1st US Cavalry
Dudley, W B, Pvt., B 2 Ohio
Day, Wade J, Corp. D 22 Penn.
Durrin, J H, Pvt., E 8 Iowa
Dunable, William, Pvt., E 9 Illinois
Engstrom, Peter, Pvt., I 148 Illinois
Flood, Ira A, Capt E 98 Illinois
Fletcher, W H, 1st Lt., G 2nd USSS
Frazell, J A D, hospital steward, 12 Kansas
Fenton, H R, Pvt., H 2 Ohio
Fenton, C W, wagoner H 2 Ohio
Gollober, Nathan, Pvt., 1 Arizona Ty (USA)
Gill, E, Sgt., 15 Kansas
Henry, James A, Pvt., G 9 Illinois
Hall, J B, Pvt., I 88 Illinois
Hall, John (Colored) Pvt., A 1 Kansas
Jones, R W, Pvt., — 6 Mass.
Jenkins, R W, Capt., H 2 Colorado
Jenkins, H, Pvt., B 124 Illinois
Kress, John, Pvt., G 11 Kansas
Leonard, C S, Pvt., K 331 Mass.
Loofbourrow, P S, Pvt., E 139 Indiana
Loader, John, Corp. E 123 Ohio
Lowe, J A, Lt., —9 Iowa
Moore, Erastus D, Lt., A 2 Wisconsin
McChesney, Lelander, Lt., - 1 N S Artillery
Murphy, John G, Pvt., C 66 Penn.
Millen, Robert H, Pvt., K 11 Penn.
McCord, R D, 1st Lt., C 7 Illinois
Martin, John S, Pvt., C 2 Wisconsin
McLaughlin Wesley, Pvt., F 73 Penn.
Moses James W, Pvt., M 18 Kansas
Martin, George W, Sgt., E 7 Iowa
McCurdy, P, 1st Lt., — 29 Indiana
McJunkin, E W, Pvt., F 123 Ohio
Newell, E W, Pvt., F 6 Kansas
Oxley, H R, Quartermaster Sgt., C 1 Kentucky
Pinkerton, John H, Quartermaster Sgt., K 11 Kansas
Pugh, O M, Capt., A 12 Illinois
Purdy, J C, Pvt., A 24 Wisconsin
Ryerson, John H, F - Major F 9 Maine
Stratton, Gillmore M, Pvt., C 2 Wisconsin (Iron Brigade)
Sterling, James S, Sgt., H 4 Illinois
Soper, George W, Pvt., K 2d Illinois Light Artillery

Schoonover, Ed, Musician 10 Iowa
Shawhan, J H, Lt., and Capt K 9 Iowa
Taylor, Henry H, Sgt., C 45 Illinois
Tolles, Otis P, Corp., F 19 Mich
Truman, A, Pvt., C 15 Illinois
Vaughan L C, Pvt., H 133 Indiana Volunteer Infantry
Vest, I T, Pvt., K 12 Indiana
Walker, John S, Sgt., K 11 Penn.
Wingrove Charles, Pvt., M 3 W. Virginia
Webster George, Pvt., F 10 N.Y. Artillery
Wilson, Allen, Pvt., D 17 Kansas
Worley, J M, Pvt., E 3 Iowa
Wilson, E C, Pvt., F 10 N.Y. Artillery

Exeter Township

Avery, Park, Pvt., H 12 Vermont
Burdick, John, Pvt., C 29 Indiana
Binkley, Calvin, Corp., C 58 Indiana
Butler, Francis A, Pvt., A 100 Illinois
Campbell, E, Pvt., 141 Illinois
Cowing, O F, Pvt., K 11 Iowa
Coleman, Jephtha, Pvt., K 5 Illinois
Davis, L, hospital steward, 7 Wisconsin
Duckworth, Edwin F, Pvt., K 5 Illinois
Evans, John, Corp. A 18 Penn.
Fox, Charles, Pvt., B 79 Ohio
Hill, Amos C, Pvt., C 11 Iowa
Houston, James A, Pvt., Ind. Heavy artillery
Hall, Robert J, Corp. I 163 Penn. Militia
Jackson, Columbus, Pvt., C 146 Ohio
Knox, T, Corp. M 2 Iowa
McChesney, V S, Pvt., D 1 N.J., Light Artillery
Quinn, P K, Pvt., K 74 Ohio
Robinson, Homer A, Pvt., F 25 Iowa
Spence, S A, Pvt., — 12 Ind/
Tompkins, Francis M, Pvt., A 9 N.Y.
Tubbs, Roger A, 1st Lt., E 11 Vermont

Five Creeks Township

Adams, Silas, Pvt., G 32 Illinois
Brown, P H, blacksmith A 8 Illinois
Bradley, H, Corp. F 11 Michigan
Caldwell, Murat, Pvt., B 48 Iowa
Duncan, William, Pvt., and 1st Sgt., F 206 Penn.
Eisele, William, Pvt., M 6 Kansas
Elliot, Edward, Pvt., B 2 Ohio
Filkins, Hiram, Pvt., K 14 Wisconsin
Glamsor, S, Pvt., F 37 Ohio
Greenlee, R F, Pvt., G 100 Illinois
Howe, A C, Pvt., A 2nd Battery and A 61 Penn.
Halbedel, John, Corp. K 55 Ohio
Harmit, Charles, Pvt., M 5 Penn.
Isensee, Samuel, Pvt., M 5 Penn., Heavy Artillery

Kellogg J W, Pvt., C 2 Wisconsin
Kelly, H D, F8 Illinois
Kerr, James L, Pvt., I 2 Missouri
Lack, William, Pvt., L 11 Kansas
Lesage, Desire, Pvt., A 37 Illinois
Lynch, John, Ord Sgt., A — Tenn.
Logan, Isaac, Pvt., D 162 Ohio
Marsh, Eli, Pvt., C 4 Minn.
McDonald, S L, Pvt., I 3 Iowa
McLavy, Robert, 1st Lt., 21 U S A
Markey, C H, Pvt., F 12 Missouri
Mullen, G W, Pvt., D 153 Illinois
Parks, M J, musician F 95 Illinois
Poor, D M, 7 Sgt., H 9 Illinois
Parkey, Thomas, Pvt., 25 Missouri
and E 1 Missouri King's
Porter, J B, Corp. C (Independent) Penn.

Robinson, J H, Sgt., A 78 Penn.
Roberts, T J, Pvt., Kansas Militia
Rikert, George R, Pvt., F 10 N.Y.
Roberts, Richard, Pvt., H 20 Illinois
Ross, Walter, Pvt., A 33 Illinois
Solts, Joseph, tmstr B 9 Iowa and Pvt., I 10 Iowa
Sherron, Charles, Sgt., G 1 Ohio, US Cavalry
Shields, David, Corp. H 48 Illinois
Trudell, L M, Pvt., A 9 Vermont
Trudell, Eli, Pvt., G 13 Vermont
Wallace, William, Pvt., H 1 Michigan
Walker, W R M, Pvt., B 39 Missouri
Wheeler, John T, Pvt., B 52 Illinois

Gill Township

Church, Othello, Pvt., F 39 Iowa
Durrin, Zemis, Pvt., and Capt., Conn. Militia
Dennis, Thomas, Corp. E 112 Illinois
Downs, William, Sgt., K 21 Missouri
Ellis, Stephen, Pvt., C 56 Missouri
Ellis, Iram, Pvt., C 78 Ohio
Gatchel, William, Pvt., F 9 Ohio
Jevons, B F, Pvt., I 65 N.Y.
Lake, David, Corp., F 39 Illinois
Money, J, Pvt., C 31 U S A
McPheeter, Jacom, Pvt., A 33 Iowa
Money, James, G 29 Iowa
Mitchell, William K, Pvt., A 141 Penn.
McIntire, Eugene, Pvt., G 15 Kansas
Ray, Phil, Pvt., E 62 Illinois
Shivers, Robert, Corp., I 5 Ohio
Shivers, David, Pvt., A 51 Ohio
Thompson, John S, 1st Sgt., I Illinois, U S Regiment
Wood, A, Pvt., K 7 Iowa
Whipple, M M, Sgt., C 11 Vermont

Goshen Township

Clark, J H, Pvt., D 33 Wisconsin
Buschs, Richmond, Pvt., G 186 Ohio
Green, A C, Sgt., C 6 Wisconsin
Glaca, Jacob A, Pvt., I 13 Indiana
Holmes, Mathits, Pvt., H 186 Ohio

Civil War veterans of Clay County

Hodelson, Thaddeus, Pvt., C 53 Ohio
Hemsley, Mordecai W, Pvt., F 14 Kentucky
Kulp, D H, Corp. E 12 Indiana
Kendall, W H, Pvt., I 2 Illinois
McGhie, James, Pvt., D 98 Ohio
McArthur, Clarence, Pvt., 1 Vt H A
Mahlor, John A, Pvt., I 16 Kansas
Ransley, Thomas, Pvt., B 5 N.Y.
Ream, John, Pvt., B 77 Illinois
Smith, James, 1 Lt., G 17 Mass.
Smith, Robert, 2 Lt., B 17 Mass.
Smith, John, Corp., L 8 Michigan
Snethon, William, Corp., A 36 Iowa
Snethon, Rollings, Pvt., 17 Iowa
Schaubel, Gotlieb, Capt H 48 Indiana
Wisner, R A, Pvt., A 7 Michigan
Webber, John, Corp., E 33 Ohio
Walcott, Alfred W, 2nd Lt., 188 Ohio
Wilson, Thomas F, Pvt., A 17 Iowa

Grant Township

Burden, Joshua, Pvt., A 15 Missouri
Bradbury, Joseph, Corp., 10 Kansas
Burnell, Samuel P, Pvt., F 16 Maine
Barkyoub, John, Pvt., Vermont Regiment
Brahon, James, Pvt., A 3 W. Virg.
Chase, Hamilton P, Corp. A 1 N.H.
Camp, John, Pvt., — 32 Illinois
Coleman, Daniel A, Pvt., B 11 N.J.
Dixon, Simeon, Pvt., A 72 Indiana
Dunham, Henry R, 1 Lt., 7 80 Penn.
Dairymple, James, Pvt., I 65 Illinois
Elkins, Riley A, Pvt., C 8 Vermont
Fee, Nate, Pvt., I 12 Indiana
Gates, Lorenzo, Pvt., C — Kansas Militia
Humbert, Jacob N, Sgt., K Penn.,

Heavy Artillery
Hartzell, Stephen B, Pvt., C 15 Kansas
Hunsinger, Henry, Pvt., A 56 Illinois
King, John P, ensign C 15 Kansas
Knowlton, William H, Pvt., H 3 N.H.
Little, William R, Corp., A 2 Maine
Lafin, Lewis, Corp., L 11 Kansas
McGoffin, Yemuel J, Pvt., O 6 W. Virg.
Mall, Jacob, Pvt., L 11 Kansas
Mall, Samuel, Pvt., I 36 Illinois
Ogden, John, Pvt., F 3 NJ
Pierce, Delos C, 2 Lt., H 14 Kansas Militia
Rexroat, Steward, Pvt., I 5 Kentucky
Rose, Alonzo N, Pvt., I 20 Illinois
Simpson, James H, Pvt., L 11 Kansas
Thomas, Charles A, Capt, E 187 Penn.
Taylor, Henry C, Pvt., 32 N Y
Underwood, William C, Pvt., H 36 Illinois
Williams, Simeon C, Pvt., E 24 Mass.
Worley, Joseph, Pvt., I 9 Kansas
Younkin, Silas, Sgt., E 116 Penn.

Hayes Township

Ahring, Fred, Pvt., E 1 Missouri
Bloss, I S, Pvt., Indiana Militia
Dimon N H, Pvt., 81 N.Y.
Davis, B K (alias Burrell K Griffin) pst 100 U S C T
Goodwin, John N, Pvt., L 6 Kansas
Hodgeson, Edward J, Pvt., G 95 Penn.
Johnson, George S, (Colored) pst H 8 Penn.
Kiner, William, Pvt., B-C 1 Illinois
Keeler, Alonzo R, Pvt., K 33 Ind
Keener, George I, 1st Sgt., E 14

Penn
Letts, W H, Corp., I 56 Illinois
Land N J, Pvt., B 26 Conn.
Miller, Alfred H, Pvt., K 54 Penn.
Mullen, Levi H, Corp. I 1 Penn.
Munns, W B, Pvt., G 152 Illinois
Mall, Joseph, Pvt., P 28 Iowa
Maddox, J A, Ord Sg. G 2 Ohio Militia
Miller, M M, Corp. C 45 Illinois
Capt, to Col., 5 H U S A
Olson, William, Corp., A 43 Illinois
Richard, Warner, Pvt., A 3 and I Ky
Sewell, Lawre, Pvt., D 137 Ind
Taylor, Henry C, Pvt., G 13 N J
Wood, James, Pvt., E 55 Penn

Highland Township

Baldwin, W S, Pvt., K 142 Indiana
Branon, Pat, Pvt., A 3 Virg.
Elder, Robert R, Pvt., B 2 Iowa
Iams, Isaac, Pvt., C 196 Ohio
Ingram Harrison, Pvt., C 107 Illinois
Jones, William, Pvt., A 47 Indiana
Lanning, J M, Pvt., — 24 Iowa
Maple R, Pvt., F 44 Indiana
McBride, William, Pvt., H 116 Ohio
Moon, S, Pvt., K 10 Kansas
Osborn, J P, Pvt., D 29 Iowa
Purchase, Simeon, (seaman) Cal U S Navy
Reed, John, asst. Post Master Sgt., E 4 Virg.
Sanders, John, Pvt., B 7 W. Virg.
Shadle, R E, Pvt., K 75 Indiana
Stone, D S, Sgt., B 124 Ohio
Smith, J W, musician, G 186 Ohio
Thinna, J, Pvt., F 88 Ohio; Pvt., B 168; Pvt., B O N G
Ware, Frank, Corp. B 124 Ohio
Walker, John, Pvt., F 30 Iowa
Worley, James, Pvt., E 3 Iowa
Walker, Moses, Pvt., E 516 Illinois
Weaver, Frank W, Pvt., M 13 Ken-

tucky
Young, Nimrod, Pvt., H 39 Illinois

Mulberry Township

Brown, C, Pvt., L 2 Illinois
Bennett, F H, Pvt., A 95 Illinois
Best, W K, Corp. D 106 N Y
Banner, W D, ord Sgt., B 4 Tenn
Brockway, J P, Sgt., E 5 Co. Illinois
Brooks, Norman, Pvt., I 75 Illinois
Banner, A J, Pvt., K 8 Tenn.
Buntun, J H, Pvt., K 8 Indiana
Conley, Joseph B, Pvt., A 129 Illinois
Cook, Henry, Pvt., F 2 N.J.
Donaldson, Joseph, Pvt., D 9 Michigan
Doolittle, Charles E, Pvt., H 3 Wisconsin
Foster, A B, Corp., I 96 Illinois
Felter, John W, Pvt., K 48 Mo
Konkannon, N, Pvt., F 4 Iowa
Killingsworth, D E 1 Virginia
Lynd, L W, Pvt., E 161 Indiana
Linbsey, C L, Sgt., D 8 Iowa
Miller, Lafayette, Corp. D 9 Ohio
Suprenaut, R, Pvt., H 52 Illinois
Short, Albert, Pvt., I 8 Tenn.
Sturdevant, H R, Capt., D 111 Penn.
Tillinghast, H S, Pvt., G 185 N Y
Turner, J W, Pvt., E 17 Illinois
Taylor, W H, Pvt., K 60 Illinois
Webber, Valentine, Pvt., C 45 Illinois
Young, Peter, Pvt., I 8 Illinois

Oakland Township

Broughton, Charles W, Pvt., E 30 Indiana
Bracken. Robert, Pvt., B 120 Illinois
Crandall, A W, Pvt., K 109 N.Y.
Dieter, J. Pvt. D 7 U S Cavalry
Dixon, John, Pvt., G 11 Kansas
Ford, Lyman, Sgt., A 65 Ohio

Gordon, John, Pvt., E 37 Illinois
Gebhart, Andrew J, wagon master; Iowa
Hinton. Nick G, recruiting officer Penn.
Ingrarry, Pvt., H 73 Ohio
Kress, Wesley, Pvt., L 11 Kansas
Knowles, Elias, Pvt., A 26 Illinois
Kimball, William, A 1 Michigan
Kellen. Alex, Corp., Illinois Regiment
Lockridge. John W, Pvt., E 114 Illinois
Miller, Jacob, Pvt., K 21 Illinois
Noland, Abraham, Corp. G 7 Missouri
Nuckois, Andrew, Corp. G 7 Missouri
Poorman, Theo, Pvt., H 142 Ohio Militia
Paxson, William, Pvt., A 44 Ohio Militia
Schaeber. A F, Sgt., K 15 Missouri

Republican Township

Avery, Henry, (high) Pvt., L 11 Kansas
Alexander. Joel Pvt., 7 Virginia
Beck, Kenry A, Pvt., G 1 O Veteran Cavalry
Carpenter, Ferdinand, Pvt., E 90 N.Y.
Dudley, David H, Pvt., H 92 N Y
Ellenwood, Milton E, Ord Sgt., — 143 Ohio
Fairman, Arthur, Pvt., B E V Volunteers
Fitzgerald, Archibald, Pvt., B 18 Ohio
Griffin, John D musician, D 5 Vermont
Hanna, James F, Pvt., H 170 Ohio
Harris. Edward B, (high) Pvt., I 1st Illinois
Kempt, Charles H, Pvt., F 80 Il-

linois
Lawton, Joseph, Corp. C 11 Illinois
Mason, Dennis F, Pvt., U S man
Myers, John, Corp. H 54 Penn.
Nevin, William G (high) Pvt., E 126 Penn.
Quinby, Joseph B, Pvt., C 3 Kansas
Towle. Albert H, Pvt., 4 Regiment, Kansas Militia
Webb, Harvey, Pvt., D 38 Iowa
Young, Aaron De, Pvt., L 2 Illinois

Sherman Township

Andrews. F O, (high) Pvt., H 14 N.Y.
Afflick, John, Pvt., M 7 N.Y
Broughton, William H, Sgt., F 145 Penn.
Brodine, Andrew, Pvt., I 122 Illinois
Corey, G W, Sgt., 11 NY..
Doane, W H, Pvt., I 22 Illinois
Dugger, W A, Pvt., I 7 Illinois
Dugger, MA, Pvt., I 129 Illinois
Edmonds, Lewis, Pvt., 137 Illinois
Edmonds, Oliver, Pvt., D 36 Illinois
Gardner, A, Pvt., A 30 Illinois
Gardner, E, Pvt., K 102 Illinois
Greenwood, Joseph, Pvt., C 11 Illinois
Greenwood. W L, Pvt., C 11 Illinois
King, C, Pvt., E 126 N.Y.
Law, James J, Pvt., H 5 U S A
Levine, A, Pvt., E 17 Illinois
Miller, J S, Pvt., D 6 H Ohio Cavalry
Mickelson, Oli, Pvt., Light Artillery
Owen, John A, Sgt., K 93 Michigan
Sutler, Lewis, Pvt., A 9 N.Y.
York, D P, A 96 Illinois

Union Township

Blue, Robert D, Pvt., A 45 Ohio
Lawrence. A P, musician (drummer) D 5 Vermont
Nathan Harvey Fee (unknown company and regiment



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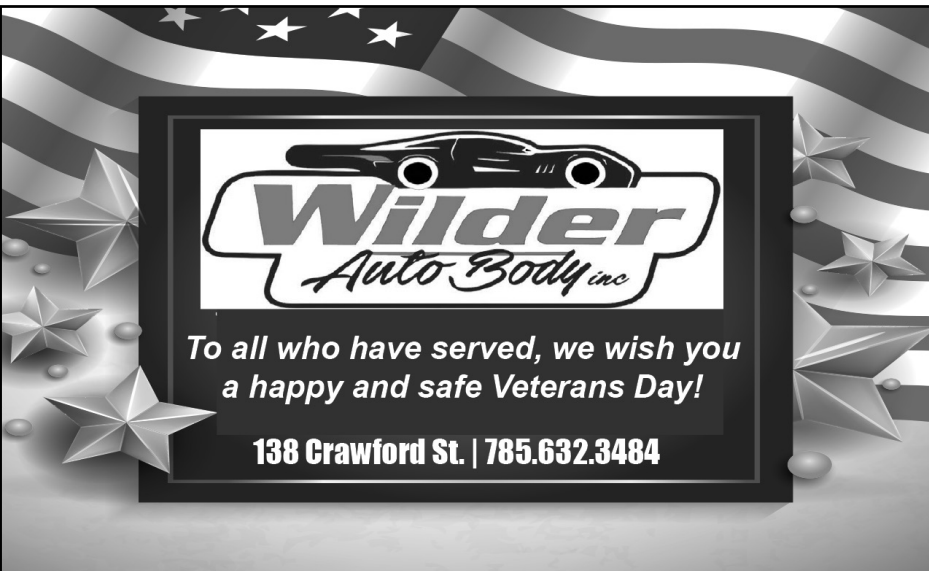
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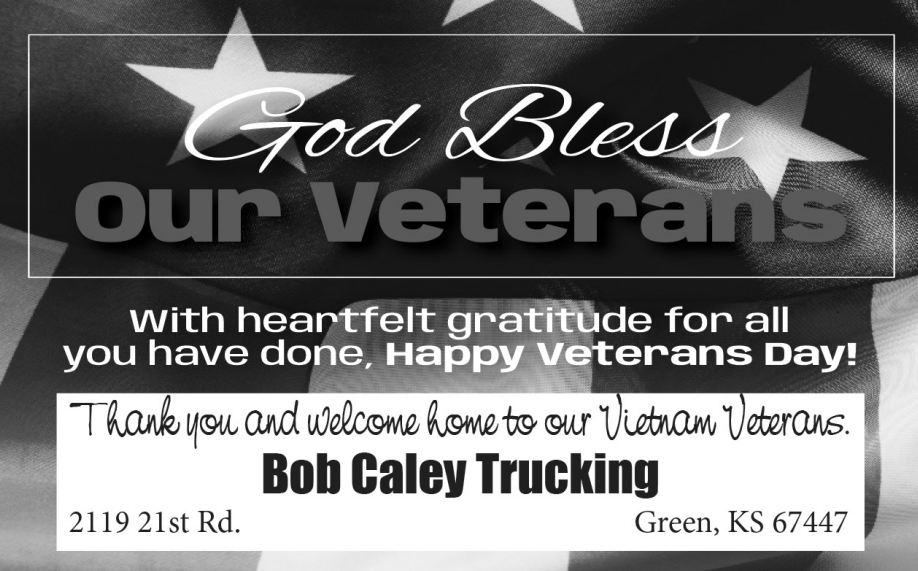




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Early settler felt it was his duty to assist in preserving The Union

William Silver, of Morganville, is one of those men of whom it may be truly said, he has not lived in vain. Nature endowed him with the best qualities of human character, those elements of honesty, integrity and contempt of a mean action, which have ever maintained him in a high position among his fellow citizens as one worthy of their utmost confidence and esteem. He is one of the pioneer settlers of Clay County, with whose interests he has been personally identified since it became a community of men struggling for an existence on the frontier. His industry, courage and endurance in the early days proved a stimulus to many a man around him, cheering the faint hearted and enabling them to imitate his example of patience and perseverance.

The subject of this sketch was born in Greene County, Ohio, and when about three years old was taken by his parents, Joseph C. and Margaret (Mills) Silver, to the vicinity of Fort Wayne, Ind., where they lived a few years, the father engaged in carpentering. About 1855, they changed their residence to Bluffton, Wells County, Ind., where they have since lived. Both are natives of New Jersey. The maternal grandmother of our subject died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Silver, after reaching the advanced age of 96 years.

Silver spent his early years under the parental roof and in the fall of 1860, in company with his brother, Philip, fitted up teams and went up the river on a buffalo hunt, until reaching the line of Northern Nebraska, being gone about six weeks. During the time they killed about 6 buffaloes, besides a large number of elk and antelopes. Buffaloes were not seen in Clay County, Kan., with the exception of an occasional strayer, after 1857, but elk, deer and antelopes were quite numerous later than that and one day, in the fall of 1865, Silver killed four wild turkeys in his door yard.

Sojourning in Indiana until the spring of 1857, young Silver then came to Kansas and in the spring of 1858, preempted 160 acres of land in Clay County. This occupied the southwest quarter of section 33, Sherman Township, and he put up a log cabin, 12 x 14 feet square in which he kept bachelor's hall until acquiring a clear title to his property. He was then obliged to have money to carry on its improvement, and in July, 1859, he went into Riley County, the nearest place where he could obtain work. When on his place his nearest neighbor was 20 miles away and the Indians frequently encamped 30 miles up the river. Many of them were civilized and friendly, although they made occasional visits to scare the settlers who had come in a little earlier.

When coming to this region Silver had a capital of \$42, but when settling on his claim, had about \$1,100. During the summer of 1858 a few people came into that vicinity. Silver worked in Riley County during the winter of 1858 and the following spring rigged up a team of oxen and joined a wagon train going to Pike's Peak. He took tools in his wagon and worked at blacksmithing which he had learned in Indiana, remaining at the Peak until the fall of 1859. Then returning to Clay County, he sojournd here but a short time, after which he spent the winter in Riley County.

He returned to his new farm in the spring of 1860, where he spent the summer, plowing and improving his land. He and a hired man occupied themselves in making fencing and planted eight acres of Indian corn, besides breaking 30 acres and planting it



Capt. William Silver

with prairie corn. The corn raised on the 30 acres made one dinner for four persons, the season being very dry and nothing growing. Silver had also that same season an acre and three-fourths sown in wheat which yielded him eight bushels. This was threshed with a flail and the chaff blown off by shaking the wheat and chaff on a sheet in the wind.

During the second year of the Civil War, Silver concluded that it was his duty to assist in the preservation of the Union, and in August 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 11th Kansas Cavalry, and served two years and eight months, receiving his honorable discharge May 24, 1865. He met the enemy in battle at Prairie Grove and followed up the rebel Gen. Price in his raid into Missouri and along the Kansas line, participating in the three day's fight which followed. Then returning to Fort Leavenworth, his company was made an escort to Gen. Curtis. Silver for some time operated as the company's blacksmith.

In the meantime, while still a soldier, Silver was married while home on a furlough, April 1863, to Miss Lucinda, daughter of David Edelblute, one of the pioneer settlers of Riley County, Kan. Mrs. Silver was born in Pennsylvania in 1845 and came to the West with her parents when quite young. She sojourned with her parents during the absence of her husband in the army and when he returned to the ranks of civil life, they located upon their new farm and put up another cabin to supply the place of the first one which had been burned in a prairie fire. They lived there a number of years and

then Silver homesteaded 80 acres one-half mile east, which they occupied until about 1882. That year he returned to Morganville, of which he has since been a resident. His farm proper includes 1,100 acres in the vicinity of Morganville, besides the comfortable town residence which he now occupies.

Silver, in 1886, invested a part of his property in a stock of general merchandise in which he has since conducted a successful trade. He was one of the men instrumental in the incorporation of the city, signing the petition, and has served as a member of the city council. He assisted in the organization of Clay County and has taken an active part in the erection of church and school buildings and other enterprises. In religion, he and his excellent wife are identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church in which Silver officiates as Steward and is recognized as a chief pillar. He belongs to George B. McClellan Post, No. 368, also Morganville Lodge, No. 322, I. O. O. F. The four children born to and Mrs. Silver are all living and named respectively. Mary E., Fred C., Lonsdale A., and Edna. The eldest, Mary E., is now the wife of G. W. Hayes, a resident of Morganville, who is represented elsewhere in this volume.

For the erection of his hewn log house in the fall of 1865, Silver transported the flooring from Leavenworth. The shingles were manufactured from a saw log which he hauled from here to Manhattan, but the mill was not running so he was obliged to visit that place the second time before getting his shingles. It must be remembered that this was in the absence of railroads or even well-regulated wagon roads, thus involving a long and tedious journey.

Source: 1890s Biographical Sketches, Kansas Historical Society

S.P. Brunell

S. P. Burnell, farmer, 1864. After the war he began trade in fancy dry-goods, in Lewiston, Maine. From

He enlisted June 1868 to 1878, in Company F., 16th Maine Volunteer Infantry. Was discharged March 4, 1865, by reason of disability from a gunshot wound in left leg received before Petersburg, July 21,



Adam Diller

Adam Diller, Clay Center, was born in Huntington County, Penn., Dec/ 22, 1843.

He enlisted August 15, 1862, in Company H, of the 37th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He served three years, and took part in several battles, among them Prairie Grove, Vicksburg, Fort Blakely, etc.

After the war he returned to Illinois. He took a course of study in Eastman's Business College, Chicago, Ill. After the war, he engaged in farming in Henry County Ill. auntil and Texas.

In 1870 he came to Kansas, settling on a farm in Clay County, in Township 8, Range 3, Section 1.

Source: William G. Cutler's History of the State of Kansas

P.S. Loofbourrow

P. S. Loofbourrow, was born in Adams County, Ind., March 11, 1838. In 1861 he established the Jay Torchlight, which he published until April, 1864, when he enlisted in Company E of the 139th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He served five months and was discharged for disability.

After the war, he sold his paper and engaged in the boot and shoe trade. In 1869, he taught school in Doniphan County, Kan. In 1870, he settled on a Clay County, homestead in Township 8, Range 4, where he lived until he sold his farm in 1877. He was a Justice of the Peace in Grant Township three years. On April 14, 1880, he was appointed by the governor as Justice of the Peace for Clay Center, and in 1881 was elected to the office, and re-elected in 1883.

Noyes J. Lamb

Noyes J. Lamb, farmer, P.O. Clay Centre, Hayes Township, was born in New London, Conn., May 10, 1836. He was an operative in the cotton and woolen mills of his father until Sept. 10, 1862, when he enlisted in the 16th Connecticut Infantry. He was wounded at the siege of Port Hudson.

He was mustered out of service Aug. 17, 1863 by reason of the expiration of his term of service. After his discharge he returned to Connecticut, and was employed in the factories until he came to Kansas in 1869, settling on a farm on Section 21, Township 7, Range 3, Clay County, where he lived since.

W. V. Hensted

W. V. Hensted, farmer, P.O. Clay Centre, was born in Genesee County, N.Y., Dec. 19, 1840. At the age of three years, his parents moved to Oakland County, Mich., where he was raised on a farm.



Sketch of a black Union soldier entering Richmond by Joseph Becker

He enlisted Sept. 21, 1861, in company I, of the Third Michigan Cavalry, and served in the Army of the Mississippi, taking part in the battles of Iuka, Corinth, Holly Springs, and many other engagements. He re-enlisted as a veteran soldier, and served until Dec. 14, 1864, when he was discharged to accept promotion, having been recommended by the Casey Board for an office in the US Colored troops.

He was wounded July 18, 1864, in an affair near Clarendon, on the White River, Ark., receiving a gunshot wound in the right arm which greatly disabled him, and from which he still suffered in this later years.

He was commissioned by President Lincoln Captain of

Company B, of the 29th US Colored Infantry. He was in the Army of the Potomac, and then transferred with his command to the Army of the James - a part of the 25th Corps. It is a matter of history that the colored corps first entered Richmond. After the war he returned to Michigan and engaged in farming.

In October 1869, he came to Kansas, settling in Clay County, Bloom Township on a farm, where he still resides, engaged in farming. He has served as a Justice of the Peace and township trustee.

J. H. Pinkerton

John H. Pinkerton, real estate and insurance agent was born in DeKalb County, Ala., Jan. 20, 1835.

He moved with his parents when a child to Weakley County, Tenn., where he lived until 1858, when he came to Kansas. He drove an ox team from Tennessee to Manhattan, arriving in February 1859. He settled on a farm in Wabaunsee County, where he lived 17 years, engaged in farming and stock raising.

He enlisted, Sept. 5, 1862 in Company K, 11th Kansas cavalry, and served as a quartermaster ser-



geant three years.. In 1866, he was elected Sheriff of Wabaunsee County and re-elected in 1868, serving four years.

In 1870, he was elected representative in the State legislature and re-elected in 1872. In the session of 1873, the township in which Pinkerton resided was attached to Riley County and in 1874. he was elected from Riley County.

In 1875, he came to Clay Center engaged in the real estate, insurance and loan business. In 1876, he was elected mayor and re-elected for four successive terms.

Lewis Lafin

Lewis Lafin, farmer, P. O. Rose Vale, Grant Township, was born in Springfield, Mass., June 20, 1835. When a child, his parents moved to St. Alans, Vermont. At the age of 16, he went to Clinton County, N. Y., and in 1850 went to Fond du Lac, Wis. In 1857, he came to Kansas, and lived at Bellemont, Doniphan County, where he was an engineer on the St. Joseph ferry.

On June 6, 1862, he came into Clay County, and located on a homestead on Township 8, Range 4. After

it was patented to him, he sold out and bought his present Splendid farm on Section 4, Township 9, Range 4, where he is now living, engaged in farming and stock-raising.

On Feb. 23, 1864, he enlisted in Company L, of the Eleventh Kansas Cavalry, and served until the fall of 1865. He was wounded in the right thigh by a gunshot.

In 1876, he was elected Township Trustee, and re-elected the two following terms. He served his two terms as township clerk.

G. M. Stratton

Gilmore Mc-Grath Stratton acquired his education in the public schools of Grant County, Wis., and was preparing to enter the University of Wisconsin when his love of country determined him to offer his services in her behalf.

He enlisted in January 1864, as a private in Company C, Second Wisconsin infantry, which formed a part of the "Iron Brigade" of the Army of the Potomac, and served until mustered out July 29, 1865. His regiment saw service in a number of the most important battles of the war. Mr. Stratton was wounded at the siege of Petersburg and was confined in the hospital about three months, but, was on active duty at the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

On the conclusion of his military service, he returned to his former home in Wisconsin and until 1870 was engaged in farming. In that year he accompanied his parents on their move to Kansas, and located on a homestead adjoining his father's, six miles south of Clay Center.

In 1875, he became a resident of the city of Clay Center and established a general merchandise business, a venture in which he



met with success. He had early developed a keen interest in questions affecting the public welfare and was an active worker in the ranks of the Republican Party.

He was appointed postmaster at Clay Center, in 1878, by President Hayes, and was reappointed by President Arthur, serving, in all, eight years. In 1885, he entered the real estate field and in connection conducted an extensive mortgage loan business. He was appointed in 1890, by President Harrison, as deputy collector of Internal Revenue for the district of Northern Kansas, and was reappointed by President McKinley. He filled this important position with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of the Treasury Department until on April 1, 1900.

He also helped organize the Clay Center Telephone Company, served as chairman of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Peoples National Bank, was a member of city council and board of education, having been president of the latter body, and was responsible for getting the Civil War Soldiers Monument erected at the Courthouse square.

Maj. Ira Flood

Ira A. Flood, hardware merchant, was born in Muhlenburg County, Ky., Feb. 8, 1840. He enlisted Aug. 15, 1861, in Company H of the 11th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and at the end of a year was mustered out on special order.

On Aug. 5, 1862, he re-enlisted as a private in Company E, 98th Illinois Volunteer infantry. He was promoted to First Lieutenant Oct. 1, 1862; Captain, April 3, 1863; and commissioned major, but did not muster un-

til a few days before the expiration of his term of service.

After the war, engaged in dry goods trade and then as a traveling salesman in boots and shoes.

In 1877, came to Kansas on a visit, and was so well pleased with the country that he has remained ever since. Located in Clay Center, and began a very successful career as a merchant in the hardware line; also handled stoves, tinware and harnesses.



Samuel Mall Jacob Mall

Samuel Mall, farmer, P. O. Rose Vale, Grant Township, was born in Baden, Germany, Sept. 19, 1843. In 1855, he came to America with his brother Jacob, born April 10, 1836. They stopped in St. Louis a few months, and in the spring of 1856 went to Benton County, Iowa, where they lived four years.

They went to Kendall County, Ill., where Samuel lived until Aug. 10, 1861, when he enlisted in Company I, of the 36th Illinois Volunteers as a private and Jacob enlisted March 17, 1864, in Company L of the 11th Kansas Cavalry, and served until November 1865, when he was mustered

out of service and returned to his farm.

At the battle of Chickamauga, Samuel was severely wounded by a gunshot in the face, the bullet entering just below the left eye and lodging behind the right ear. At the battle of Adairsville, he was again wounded, by a piece of shell which crushed his right foot. He was discharged on account of disability Dec. 19, 1864. He returned to Iowa after the war, where he lived until 1868, when he came to Kansas, settling in Clay County on a homestead on Section 32, Township 8, Range 4 with his brother.

B. Ristine

B. Ristine, Clay Center, was born in Galatine County, Kentucky, on, Feb. 28, 1822 and later lived in Indiana and Iowa.

In 1864, he came to Kansas and was employed as a carpenter at Fort Riley for two years. He returned to Iowa in 1867 and his land in that

state and in 1868 bought a farm in Clay County. He had previously - 1866 - bought a piece of land in the same vicinity. He served in the 14th Regiment of Militia during the Price raid in 1864.

In 1877, he was elected County Commissioner serving two

Harry Sanders

Harry Sanders, farmer, P. O. Clay Center, was born in Sussex, England, October 13, 1840. In 1854, he came to America with his brother, Maxwell, and was constantly with his brother and engaged in the same work with him in New-



port and St. Louis. They came to Kansas together in 1860, took homesteads adjoining.

Harry Sanders en-

listed, Sept. 1, 1861, in Company I, of the Ninth Kansas Cavalry. He entered a private, was made Corporal, transferred to Company D, and was promoted Sergeant, and then Commissary Sergeant. He served until the close of the war, and returned to his farm in Clay County, where he has since resided, engaged in farming.

W.B. Dudley

W. B. Dudley was born in Lawrence County, Ill., May 10, 1844.

He enlisted August 31, 1861, in Company B, Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. At the battle of Perryville, he received a gunshot wound in the head; but recovering, he again took the field.

At Chickamauga, he was again wounded, in the right leg, and was captured by the enemy.

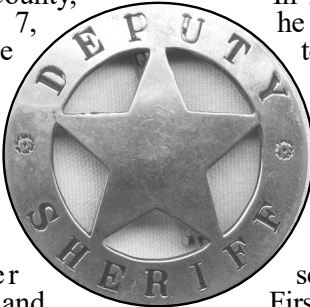
He was confined in Rebel prisons for four months, when he was exchanged. On Oct. 10, 1864, he was mustered out, his term of enlistment having expired.

After the war, he lived in Marion County, Ohio, until 1871, when he came to Kansas, settling on a homestead where he lived until November 1881. Sterling then moved to Clay Center and began his business in real estate.

George Martin

George W. Martin, ty deputy sheriff for Sheriff, was born in five years.

Fulton County, In April, 1878, Ind., Oct. 7, he came 1842. He enlisted to Clay May 11, 1863 in County. Com- he was pany E, Sev- elected enth Iowa Clay Cavalry, and served is the First Lieutenant of Company 27, 1866. He returned H, Second Regiment to Iowa and began Kansas National Guard farming, and afterward of Clay Center, "The was Appanoose Coun- Golden Belt Guards."



Allen Wilson

Allen Wilson, real estate, loan, and insurance agent, was born in Campbell County, W. Va., May 26, 1835.

At the age of 15, he moved to Hancock County, Ind., and learned the trade of harness-maker. In 1856, he moved his business to Manhattan thence to Junction City.

In 1864, he enlisted in Company D, 17th Kansas Volunteer Infantry, served three months, and was honorably discharged. In 1871, moved to Clay Center, and began business and was the first Mayor of Clay Center, serving two terms. In 1872, he was elected Clerk of the District Court, and was re-elected in 1874. In 1875 he was elected County Treasurer, and re-elected in 1877. He was a member of the Board of Education eight years.

J.S. Sterling

J. S. Sterling, was born in Preston County (now West Virginia), on Sept. 22, 1839.

He enlisted Aug. 25, 1861, in Company H Fourth Illinois Cavalry. In 1865, the regiment was consolidated into a battalion, and he became a member of Company B.

The battalion was consolidated with the 12th Cavalry, in which he served until mus-

tered out on June 17, 1866. Je received final discharge on July 3, 1866.

In April 1870, he came to Clay County, and took a homestead in Goshen Township. He farmed until 1873, when he opened a drug store in Morgan City. In 1875, he was elected Clay County Sheriff, re-elected in 1877 and elected County Treasurer in 1879.



This photo of an early Memorial Day observance at Greenwood Cemetery is one of the few photos of Clay County's Civil War veterans in existence. They are (r to l), Charles Butler, Cornelius Dulohers, Henry Taylor, J. George Dieter, veteran unknown Peter Dandcoyrse and O.M. Pugh. (Courtesy of Clay County Museum and Historical Society)

Richard Miller

Richard Miller, farmer, was born in Jo Daviess County, Ill., March 1, 1843. He was educated at Sin-sinowa College, Grant County, Wis.

He enlisted August 4, 1862, in Company A, 96th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He served three years and was discharged at the close of the war.

He returned to Illinois and was engaged in lumbering on the Mississippi River until November 1, 1870

(Source: History of the State of Kansas, published in 1883 by A. T. Andreas, page 1316)



when he enlisted in the regular army, being assigned to Company G of the 10th Infantry.

He served the full term of enlistment five years in Texas going through all the non-commissioned grades in the regiment.

In 1877, he came to Kansas, settling on a farm in Clay Center Township and County where he is engaged in farming and stock raising. He has the largest herd in the county, all graded stock.

R.T Carr

R. T. Carr, druggist, was born in Rush County, Ind., February 28, 1847. On Nov. 2, 1863, he enlisted in Company M, 21st Indiana Heavy Artillery, and was discharged Jan. 10, 1866.

After the war, he was a student at Gre-

(Source: History of the State of Kansas, page 1315)

encastle, Ind., for a year and then went into the pharmacy trade. He began business on his own account at Martinsville, Ind.

In 1871, he moved to Junction City and in the following year came to Clay Center.

Did you know?

At the outbreak of the Civil War, Clay County was still an unorganized county with few inhabitants.



However, 47 men responded to the calls for volunteers and enlisted in the Union Army. The settlers, few as they were, were much depleted by the troublesome times of the Civil War, leaving only four men in the county.

Rev. H.R. Harder

Rev. H. R. Harder, farmer, Goshen Township, was born in Wayne County, N.Y., Nov. 7, 1817. On Jan. 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company A of the Third Illinois Volunteer Cavalry. The regiment served in Texas until May 1865, when it was sent against the Indians in Dakota.

After being mustered out in the fall of 1865, he returned to Illinois and soon after entered Union Christian College at Meron, Sullivan County, Ind. Here he was a student for three years.

In 1870, he settled in Kansas at Columbus, Cherokee County,

(Source: History of the State of Kansas, page 1319)

for three years, and then moved to Decatur County, Iowa for five years.

In 1878, he again came to Kansas, settling in Goshen Township, Clay County, where he had a fine farm, and worked as a builder and contractor.

In 1876, he entered the ministry of the Re-organized Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints. He has preached extensively in the States of Iowa, Missouri and Kansas, and is was pastor of a church in Goshen Township. In 1882, he was elected a Justice of the Peace for Goshen Township.

Union flag changed four times during Civil War

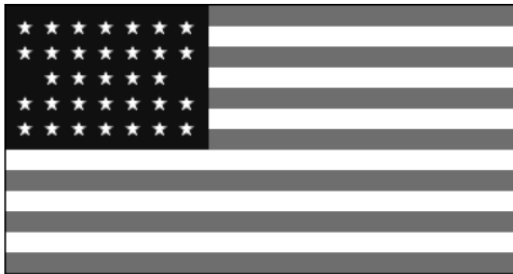
The United States of America went through four different flags during the Civil War: The 33-star flag, the 34-star flag, the 35-star flag, and the 36-star flag.

The original flag used during the attack on Fort Sumter in 1861 was the 33-star flag, created in 1859 after the admission of Oregon into the United States of America.

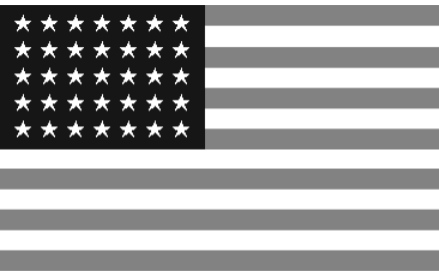
On July 4, 1861 the 34-star flag became the official flag of the United States of America to honor the admission of Kansas as a state. On June 1863, a 35th

star was added to the United States flag after Virginians who wished to remain part of the Union created their own state of West Virginia. In 1865, the admission

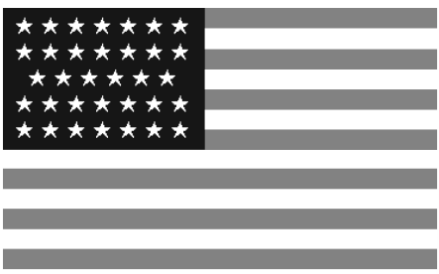
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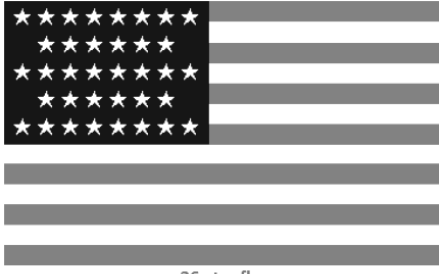
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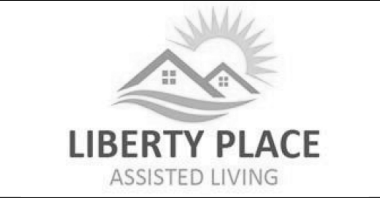
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