

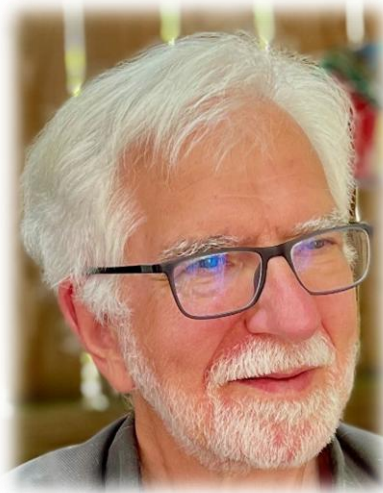


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Newsletter of the Grand Army of the Republic
Civil War Museum & Archive Spring 2025



From the President



Thanks to Board Member Bill Sheffer we now have the Museum's library restored. The library is located on the Museum's second floor. In-house use is welcome. Here is the Museum's borrowing policy:

1. Book borrowing is for members only.
2. Books can be borrowed for 3 weeks, with an option to renew if no one else wants to borrow.
3. No borrowing from the "President Emeritus Elmer "Bud" Atkinson Research Room" collection.
4. Older rare books and books that are in poor condition cannot be borrowed.

From *The Bookshop. A History of the American Bookstore*. Evan Friss.

In early America, "...books were perceived as decorative objects deserving of prominent self-space and worthy of gifting. Indeed, booksellers and publishers promoted the idea that books were ideal gifts. It was a Salem, MA bookstore that in 1806 put out the first known American ad for Christmas gifts of any kind. Buyers were encouraged to inscribe a sweet message inside."

In 1860, Ticknor and Fields of Boston bought the rights to Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Stowe visited their bookshop, the Old Corner, and even signed the shop autograph book. Her novel stirred anti-slavery sentiment and sold exceptionally well, at least in certain parts of the country. In the South it was hard to find, as laws in several of the states forbade the importation of antislavery literature. Ticknor and

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Fields didn't even attempt to sell certain titles in Dixieland. Nevertheless, Southern readers could and did manage to get copies of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. "In Charleston, this book cannot be bought," wrote Rosalie Roos in 1853, before describing how she borrowed a copy from someone in the know. Another reader from New Orleans obtained the book directly from New York, after which "it has it been going the rounds." Starting in 1851, books weighing less than two pounds (the weight limit soon raised to four pounds) could be sent via regular mail. Before that bound books were not considered "mailable matter" and had to be shipped by private wholesalers, jobbers and express companies. The spread of railroads permitted the postal service to accommodate bulkier parcels, books included.

Although *Uncle Tom's Cabin* wasn't the kind of book found in southern bookstores, the number of book shops in the region had grown steadily over the fast first half of the nineteenth century. In 1803, a visiting Frenchman couldn't find one in New Orleans. He surmised that the residents are too obsessed with money and too little interested in literature. That same year, Thomas Jefferson judged that New Orleans was home to a small number of readers, "of whom not more than 200, perhaps, are able to do it well."

On the eve of the Civil War, the United States was still a predominantly rural nation. Readers in the countrysides depended on travelling salesmen, the general store, or the post office. But the most decent-sized towns had at least one bookstore, and larger cities had a handful, many more than the generation prior.

In 1860, seven states seceded before Inauguration Day, and in the spring of 1861 war began. The casualties included more than soldiers. Infrastructure was destroyed and businesses wrecked.

The South was cut off from imports, books included. It had always been harder, taken longer and cost more to stock books in Southern bookstores. Now it was nearly impossible.

Joe Perry
President & Librarian

MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS

Museum News

..... by Joe Perry

Museum Hours

The GAR Museum and Archive is open for visitors and tours following the completion of the construction of our new accessible first floor bathroom. Our regular hours are Tuesdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm, and by appointment. Please visit the Museum website for more information about scheduling a visit for tours and research.



Call for Volunteers

One of the benefits the Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Archive provides is the opportunity to volunteer. Volunteers are a necessary and desirable part of the museum workforce. They expand our ability to do good work that reaches others.

Benefits of volunteering

- Provides you with a sense of purpose
- Provides a sense of community
 - Helps you meet new friends
 - Improves self-esteem
 - Teaches you valuable skills
 - Provides job prospects
 - It's fun!
- ***You can make a difference.***

If you are interested in volunteering at the Museum, 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136, please contact us at garmuslib1866@gmail.com or talk directly to one of our Board members.

Research Requests

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum's extensive archival and library resources are highly sought-after by researchers.

To effectively meet the requests in the overwhelming number of emails we receive and to provide financial support for the Museum, our Volunteer Research Associates and Historians will work on GAR members' requests only. Non-members will be asked to become a member before the research work begins.

Research will be limited to information relevant to GAR Post records and histories, records related to the other Allied Orders of the GAR, such as the Ladies of the GAR or Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, etc., and military records for Civil War veterans, when possible. We cannot conduct family/ancestral genealogy research.

"Visit Our YouTube Channel"

Take a short tour of the Museum and listen to historian presentations.

The Medal of Honor by Kyle Purchase has recently been added to our ongoing list of presentations. This program describes the origins and heroic stories of the nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor. See the full list of programs on pages 6-7 of this newsletter and at www.youtube.com/@garmuseum.

Museum Storage Shed

Thanks to a donation from a Museum lifetime member the Museum now has a large storage shed where the Post 2 furniture and Museum outdoor items will be kept.



Museum Video Monitor

The Museum's YouTube channel videos can be viewed on the new video monitor that has been added to the Museum's first floor. Group or individual visitors can see a short history of the GAR before they walk through the Museum.

Dedication of the President Emeritus Elmer “Bud” Atkinson Research Room

by Joe Perry

The Grand Army of the Museum moved to the Ruan Mansion, 4278 Griscom Street in 1958. President Elmer “Bud” Atkinson’s visionary leadership inspired the volunteer staff to renovate the Mansion and create the Museum, library and archive, an outstanding achievement that stands as testament to his love of history and education.

The Board of Directors honored Bud by naming the Museum’s research room the President Emeritus Elmer “Bud” Atkinson Research Room. The room contains the Museum’s research book collections and computers. It is heavily used by the Museum’s researchers and visitors.

On February 25, 2025, a dedication was held with the Atkinson family.



From Left to right - Andy Waskie, Museum Board Member; Frank Atkinson, Bud’s son; JoAnn Atkinson, Frank’s wife; Joe Perry, Museum President; Patty Lopresti, Frank Atkinson’s cousin; and Frank Lopresti, Patty’s husband

Zoom Programs on the GAR Museum's YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@garmuseum>



A tour of the Museum

Reporting of news during the Civil War: Legacy of Freedom: Highlighting the role of newspapers, especially the *Inquirer*

By Ed Colimore

Civil War Drums and the Common Soldier with a presentation of drummers and their instruments

By Bryan Sigmund

Harriet Tubman, a Freedom Fighter

By Nilgun Anadolu-Okur

History of the Grand Army of the Republic and Auxiliary Organizations

By Kyle Purchase

Union Soldiers Navigate Post War Struggles: The Fight Against Jim Crow and the Grand Army of the Republic

By Stephen A. Goldman

Chamberlain lied about Gettysburg: The Legacy of the Left at Gettysburg; Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Strong Vincent and the Abrogation of Historical Truth

By Hans Myers

An Untold Unforgettable Story of the Civil War: The Civil War Soldiers' Orphan Schools of Pennsylvania

By William Peck

Wounded for Life: The Post-War Journey of Two Soldiers

By Robert Hicks

Saving Democracy: Listening to Lincoln

By Allen Guelzo

Lincoln Comes to Gettysburg: Mysteries of His Immortal Visit

By Brad Gottfried

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The Medal of Honor

By Kyle Purchase

The origins and heroic stories of the nation's highest military honor, the Medal of Honor.

Recent additions to the Grand Army of the Republic Museum Library

History of the George G. Meade Post No. One Department of Pennsylvania Grand Army of Republic by Joseph Ripley Chandler Ward. 1889.

The Real Boys of the Civil War by J. Arthur Moore. 2024.
In a war in which more than 200,000 participants were underage children and youth, this book is a collection of their images and stories.



Civil War Women: The Civil War seen Through Women's Eyes in Stories by Louisa May Alcott, Kate Chopin, Eudora Welty, and other Great Women Writers. 1988

Personal Recollections of the War of the Rebellion: Addresses Delivered Before the Commandery of the State of New York, Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States. A. Noel Blakeman, Editor. 1897.

Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape: Deep Roots, Continuing Legacy by Amy Jane Cohen. 2024

Black Philadelphians have shaped Philadelphia history since colonial times. In *Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape*, Amy Cohen recounts notable aspects of the Black experience in Philadelphia from the late 1600s to the 1960s and how this history is marked in the contemporary city.

The Limits of the Lost Cause: Essays on Civil War Memory by Gaines M. Foster. 2024
The Limits of the Lost Cause challenges prevailing ways of thinking about the impact of the Civil War on the American South. Above all, Gaines Foster's work encourages Americans to confront the new divisions within their society even as they wrestle with old – not just southern – failings.

Tubman Travels: 32 Underground Railroad Journeys on Delmarva (A Secrets of the Eastern Shore Guide) By Jim Duffy. 2017

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One More War to Fight: Union Veterans' Battle for Equality Through Reconstruction, Jim Crow, and The Lost Cause by Stephen A. Goldman. 2023

This book will captivate readers interested in the legacy of the Civil War, the role of military veterans after they return to civilian life, and the fight against racism in America. Stephen A. Goldman looks at the contentious post-Civil War era from the perspective of that special breed, Union soldiers who lived by the bayonet and survived to carry on the fight for equality in the decades to come. He explores the root causes of this historic contest, the changing attitudes of northern servicemen with respect to the Civil War's purpose, and the psychological effect of involvement in what, from hindsight, was an unfinished work in the cause of freedom and equality for all Americans. Relying on unpublished letters and other primary sources, Goldman uses the veterans' words and actions to depict their steadfast struggle to preserve the memory and understanding of why the war was fought, and to confront the implications of remembrance, commemoration and reconciliation for America's future.

The Civil War and the Summer of 2020. Hilary N. Green and Andrew L. Slap, editors. 2024.

Journal of the Seventy-Second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. Des Moines, Iowa. September 4 to 9, 1938.

Cemetery and Gravestone Handbook: For Genealogists and Family Historians by Gary W. Clark. 2019.

This handbook looks at a variety of topics that researchers find difficult to master.

Voices from Gettysburg: Letters, Papers, and Memoirs from the Greatest Battle of the Civil War By Allen C. Guelzo. 2024.

The voices of those who witnessed the Battle of Gettysburg and its aftermath with their own eyes – who saw the bloodshed, heard its din, trembled in its crash, struggled with its aftermath – are collected for the first time by Allen C. Guelzo, America's foremost Civil War scholar, in this moving and sobering oral history. This treasure trove of original documents – many never-before published – creates a uniquely personal, day-by-day eyewitness account of the monumental collision at Gettysburg, in the words of the commanders, soldiers, politicians, and civilians from both the North and the South who experienced firsthand the changing course of the Civil War.

Programs

**The GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
CIVIL WAR MUSEUM & ARCHIVE
Offers Free First Sunday Community
Programs on the 1st Sunday of each
month. First Sunday programs
begin at 1:00pm. Recent programs are
described below.**



Sunday, January 12, 2025

"Civil War Band Concert"

In-Person at the Holmesburg United Methodist Church Hall

Becks' Philadelphia Brigade Band is a Civil War era brass band portraying the brass band of the 2nd Division, 2nd Corps, 2nd Brigade of the Union Army of the Potomac in 1863. The Band plays the music of the Victorian era for concerts, ceremonies, balls, parades and commemorations. The band is authentically uniformed, playing music of the period on instruments that are correct for the time. This program featured tunes played during the Civil War era, including Christmas songs that date back to the 1850s, plus some vocal renditions from that period. Songs included "Cheer Boys Cheer," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Shenandoah," "Battle Cry of Freedom," and "Dixie" (a personal favorite of President Lincoln.) The music comes from manuscripts dating back to 1830, publications courtesy of the Library of Congress, and arrangements created for the band by our own members. www.becksband.com. Light refreshments were provided.



Photos (left) shared by Kyle Purchase and (right) by Andy Waskie

Sunday, February 2, 2025

“The Medal of Honor”

Presented via ZOOM by Historian and Museum Secretary Kyle Purchase

Kyle’s presentation gave the origins and heroic stories of the nation’s highest military honor, the Medal of Honor. Throughout the American Civil War, there were over 1,400 acts of sacrifice, gallantry, valor, and bravery in defense of the Union that were worthy of the bestowment of the Medal of Honor. Some of these stories were told by reading the official Medal of Honor citations of these recipients. Someone has once said that “every man has two deaths: when he is buried in the ground, and the last time someone says his name.” This presentation helped to keep alive the memory of these Medal of Honor recipients as well as provide a reminder that freedom is not free. Photo provided by Kyle Purchase.



Sunday, March 2, 2025

“Black History in the Philadelphia Landscape: Deep Roots, Continuing Legacy”

Presented via ZOOM by Author Amy Cohen

In a vividly illustrated presentation, author Amy Cohen spoke of the long and influential presence of African Americans in Philadelphia and how this history is reflected in monuments, markers, and murals. After giving a general overview of her book, she focused on the fascinating history of the *All-Wars Memorial to Colored Soldiers and Sailors*, a 1934 monument that sits on 20th and the Parkway, across from the Franklin Institute.

Photo from <https://amyjanecohen.com/book/>



Sunday, April 6, 2025

“Forgotten Fighters: Chinese Soldiers in the American Civil War”
Presented by Anneliese Meck

Anneliese explored the largely untold history of Chinese participation on both sides of the American Civil War, on land and at sea – as well as collective Chinese American struggles for freedom, citizenship, civil rights, and belonging in the adopted country they called home – never to be forgotten again.

Photo from <https://www.linkedin.com/in/anneliesemeck>



Museum Visitors

“Medal of Honor Recipient and 82nd PA, Co K Comrades” by Mary Wible

Eric Umile and friends enjoyed a tour of the GAR Museum in February given by Walt Lafty and Mary Wible. These men came with their own wealth of Civil War knowledge which added much to the discussions.

Eric, who is also a member of the Genealogical Society of PA, along with Walt and Mary, did his research before the visit about his relative Richard Hamilton, a Medal of Honor recipient.

Michael Arment brought his great-great grandfather's GAR badge. What a treasure to have! Corporal William H. Arment was in Co. K, 82nd PA Volunteer Infantry.



Walt Lafty (3rd from right) poses with visitors

My great-great granduncle George Paul was also in Co. K, 82nd PA Volunteer Infantry. As I have often said of these connections that we find through the GAR Museum, “What are the Odds?”

These enthusiastic Civil War buffs left with some paperwork that we provided about some of our artifacts, and the hope to return again. It was an enjoyable time for us as we learned from one another while we honored our ancestors. A truly blessed day for all.



Mary shows Michael the GAR post application for his ancestor Cpl. William H. Arment, Co. K, 82nd PA, Volunteer Infantry

"Oklahoma Comes to Old Baldy" by Walt Lafty

On Tuesday, March 18, several women, visiting Philly from Oklahoma, came to the Museum. They are all horse lovers. So, of course they wanted to meet Old Baldy.

Joe Perry, Bill Sheffer, and I gave them a tour of the museum.

The women are three generations. The grandmother is Kathy Curtin, her two daughters are Kristy Glessner and Kelly Wardlow and two granddaughters Kate Wardlow and Kara Wardlow.

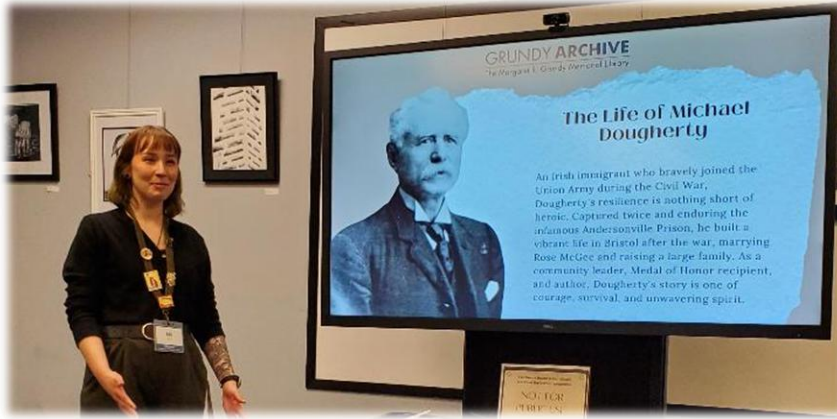


Photos by Bill Sheffer

Museum Members At Home, Out, and About



Honoring a GAR Veteran by Andy Waskie



I attended and participated in the Michael Dougherty (MoH recipient; GAR Post 73 member; Bristol, PA resident) Exhibition at the Grundy Library in Bristol on Saturday, March 22. The event was well-attended with about 35 visitors.

The exhibition was organized by Library archivist, Abigale Duffany (duffanya@grundylibrary.org) (<https://calendar.buckslib.org/event/14206795>) and was well done with a PowerPoint presentation of Dougherty's life, military service, life in Bristol, etc. and consisted of many original documents, his GAR kepi, photos, etc., as well as his monument, grave and MoH plaque at the grave. There is a display of artifacts, documents and photos belonging to Dougherty at the Library. <https://archive.grundylibrary.org/items/show/4558>



I was allowed to speak about our Museum and collections, including a dossier on Bristol in the Civil War, Bucks County military units, and Dougherty's diary. Dougherty's direct descendant Jim Lawlor (pictured right), who donated a copy of the diary to the GAR, is a member of the Museum and the SUVCW Camp in West Chester. He is an old friend and comrade. I met a number of attendees who indicated they would like to visit the Museum in the future.



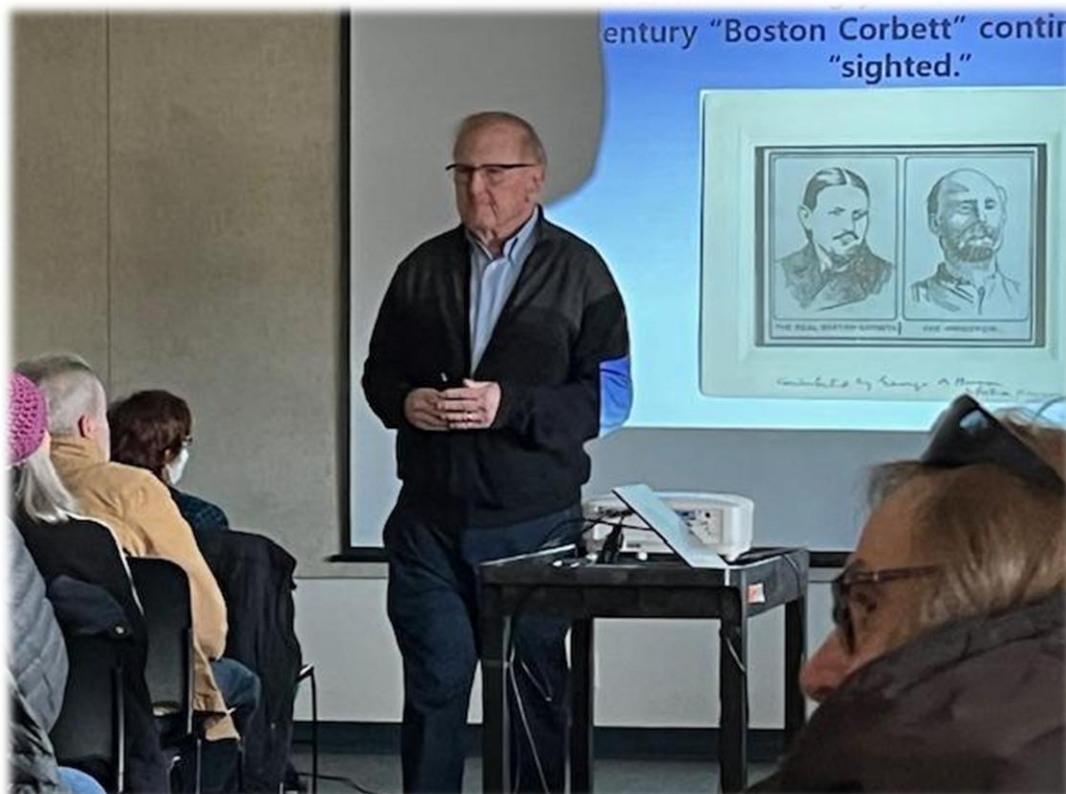
Sharing Our History

Kyle Purchase, Walt Lafty, Herb Kaufman, Tom Donnelly, and Andy Waskie are among the Museum members who have presented programs on Civil War and American History to local organizations and Round Tables.

Sharing Lincoln by Bill Sheffer

On Saturday February 2nd, Herb Kaufman captivated a standing room only crowd with a lecture on the "Lincoln Assassination Conspiracy" at the Yardley Branch of the Bucks County Free Library. In a 70-minute presentation, Herb shed light on many fascinating aspects of the murder of President Lincoln. His detailed talk was very enlightening, especially regarding the role of lesser-known conspirators, such as Louis Weichman and "Ned" Spangler. Herb made a compelling case that, despite his denials that he knew John Wilkes Booth, Dr. Samuel Mudd had indeed met the president's assassin on several occasions and even sold him a horse. As a bonus, Herb showed his own personal authentic (not a reproduction) Derringer pistol identical to the one used by Booth. He also showed from his personal collection the same design pistol used by conspirator Lewis Payne in his assault on Secretary of State William Seward.

Herb Kaufman is the Curator, Archivist and Website Administrator for the GAR Museum and Archive.



Genealogy Workshop by Mary Wible

The Genealogy Workshop at All Saints' Church on March 15, attended by Walt Lafty and myself, was a success. There were 55 attendees.

Walt did a great job with his Power Point which focused on the genealogy resources at the GAR Museum. I showed some of those examples which were also at our table for them to view. This made our presentation unique as the museum has CONCRETE documents to help with their research.

The brochure that Walt created was a hit also.

Tom Donnelly, Mary Ann and John Hartner, and Sharee Solow also were there. Thanks to them for their support and also for being at the table at the end to answer questions while Walt and I were helping others with personal input. Walt and I could not have done that without them.

I am presently helping two women who were there with their DUVCW Tent 58 applications who are excited to join. Maybe they will become GAR Museum members as well.

Photo of Walt Lafty and Mary Wible provided by Mary Ann Hartner



Community Outreach *information provided by Mary Wible and Walt Lafty*

Not only did Mary Wible and Walt Lafty close out 2024 with their GAR Museum & Archive community outreach program at the Northeast Adult Day Care Center (pictured), where a dozen or more Veterans and other seniors who attended the program and received various support, but Mary and Walt have continued an active program in the early months of 2025.

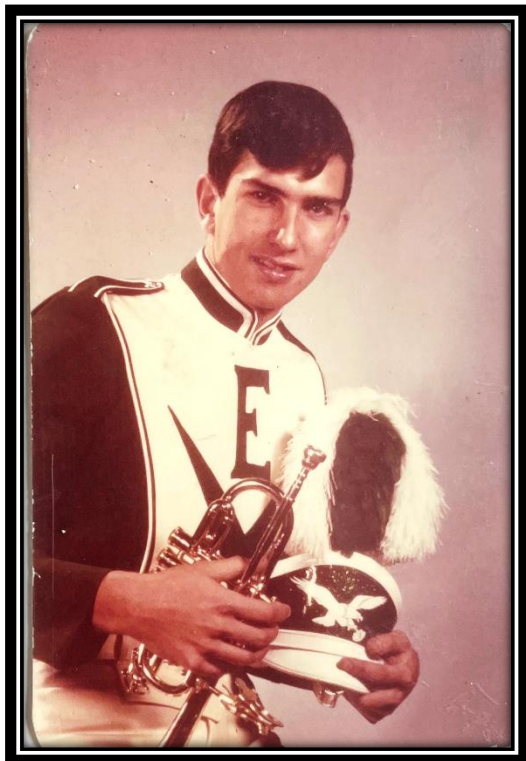


Among the other organizations visited were the St. Christopher 50+ Club, the Golden Artisans in Pendel, the St. Jerome Seniors.

The Genealogy Workshop on March 15 was a huge success and is recapped on page 15 of this newsletter. And on the weekend of March 21 and 22, they attended the Tours and Annual Meeting of the Genealogical Society of PA, where, in addition, they were part of the group assisting with the meeting. On Friday the 21st they gave two free tours at Presbyterian Historical Society and the Phila. City Archives, and on Saturday the 22nd they participated in the Annual Meeting at the Christ Church Neighborhood House.

G.A.R. Museum Connection to the Two-time Super Bowl Champion Philadelphia Eagles

By Walt Lafty



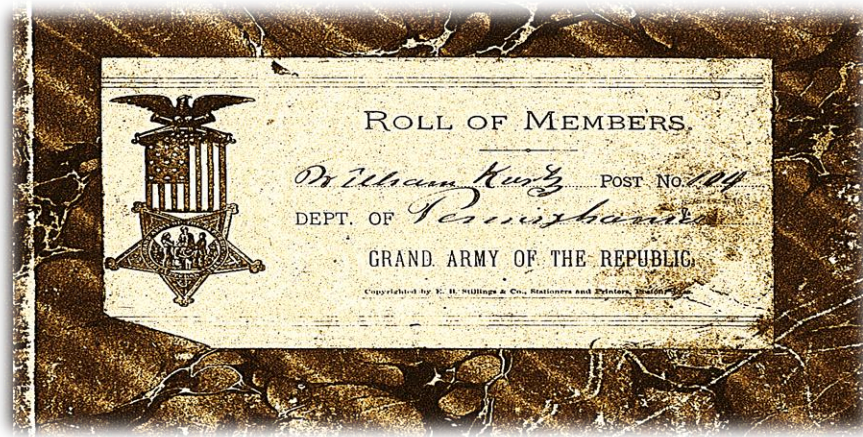
Back in the years long before the Philadelphia Eagles became two-time Super Bowl Champions, when the team fielded players with names such as Timmy Brown, Pete Retzlaff, Norm Snead, and Tom Woodeshick, the Eagles were cheered on at every home game, and a few away, with their own band. That band was known as the Philadelphia Eagles Sound of Brass, and they performed from 1964-1968. One of its members was this young lad in the photo on the left. There is a direct connection between him and the current G.A.R. Civil War Museum. Can you name this young musician?

The correct answer will appear on page 28 of this newsletter.



Stories of Posts of the Grand Army.....by Walt Lafty

At its heyday, there were thirty-six (36) Posts of the Grand Army in Philadelphia alone. This is part of a continuing series on GAR Posts and GAR History that will appear in the Grand Army Scout



William Kurtz G.A.R. Post 104 Connellsville, PA

William Kurtz Post No.104, G.A.R., was organized 23 May 1879, and named after William F. Kurtz (1834 -1862), Company H, 142nd PA Infantry Regiment. He was one of four brothers who served for the Union, and he was a resident of Connellsville, Pennsylvania. He was killed in action at Fredericksburg, Virginia on 13 December 1862.

The charter members were Edmund Dunn, James S. Sanders, Edward Y. White, Rev. John A. Danks, Joseph M. Morrow, H. C. McCormick, Lloyd Johnston, R. Bruce Cox, J. M. Dushane, Henry Kurtz, Thomas M. Fee, R. P. Douglas, E. V. Goodchild, James Cunningham, Dr. Geo. W. Newcomer, M. Donley, R. D. Duncan, Irwin McCutcheon and Thomas Porter.

The first officers were Edmund Dunn, Commander; R. Bruce Cox, Sr. Vice Commander; Rev. John A. Danks, Chaplain; E.Y. White, Quartermaster; Henry Kurtz, Adjutant; Joseph A. Morrow, Officer of the day; and Thomas M. W. Fee, Officer of the guard.

Post 104 was active in all G.A.R. activities from their mustering in 1879 and remained active until it disbanded on 15 December 1932. That was only three years after the death of the first Post Commander and an original charter member, Edmund Dunn. Comrade Dunn was also the first entry in the Post Descriptive book which includes 213 men. He served in the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry from 19 September 1862 through 11 August 1865 and held the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain.

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The last entry was Daniel Little who served in Company K, 6th PA Heavy Artillery. The Post met in a few locations while active, including the Old City Hall and the Odd Fellows Hall on South Pittsburgh Street. The Ladies of the William Kurtz Circle 100 also met in the Odd Fellows Hall and supported the men in all their activities.

One of many examples of the Post 104 commitment to G.A.R. service was recorded in "The Weekly Courier" of Connellsville on 1 May 1896. The story covered the work being done by the Post when they ordered 200 permanent grave markers to honor veterans in Connellsville and New Haven. Certainly, that was the kind of Memorial Service done by many G.A.R. Posts around the country, a tradition still honored today by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

104 records are held at the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission, Bureau of Archives & History in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The records include the original Charter and the Post Descriptive book and Roll of Members. The Descriptive Book and Roll of members has been digitized and is available **FREE** on Familysearch.org. You can access that book from this link: <https://familysearch.org/search/collection/2207723>



*Burial
Chestnut Hill Cemetery
Connellsville,*



*First Post Commander, Charter Member and the
first entry in the Post Descriptive Book. Buried at
Chestnut Hill Cemetery Connellsville, Pennsylvania*



*Last registered member of Kurtz Post 104.
Buried at Cochran Cemetery, Dawson,
Pennsylvania*

Temple Post G. A. R. Post 138 Kennett Square / Avondale, PA *.....shared by Andy Waskie from Chester County Pa History on Facebook*

A letter written to Granville Duckery from Chas. Kennedy Asst. Adj. General Dept. of Pennsylvania G. A. R. Postmarked 1901, at the time Granville lived on East Evergreen Street in West Grove.



Granville Duckery born 17 February 1848 , died 4 March 1925. He enlisted in the Union Army on 3 December 1864 at the age of 16. He was in the 3rd U. S. Colored Troops Regiment company G. He was mustered out of Williamsport Pa. on 21 December 1864.

He was discharged on 31 October 1865. He lived in London Grove township from 1860 - 1900. In 1891 he married a woman named Mary E. She was quite a bit younger than Granville. They had a son Warren born 1892 and a daughter Ethel born 1894. In 1901 they lived on East Evergreen street in West Grove. Duckery for many years worked for Dr. U. G. Gifford in Avondale Pa. He lived his final years in West Chester where he passed away on 4 March 1925. He is buried at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery in West Goshen township. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/11651781/granville-duckery>



Granville was the Commander of the Elizabeth Temple Post G. A. R. Post 138 Kennett Square / Avondale. This Post was named after Elizabeth Temple, born 1850 in England and died in Washington D.C. 5 March 1862, at the age of 12. She was ministering to the sick and wounded. She is buried at Longwood Pa.

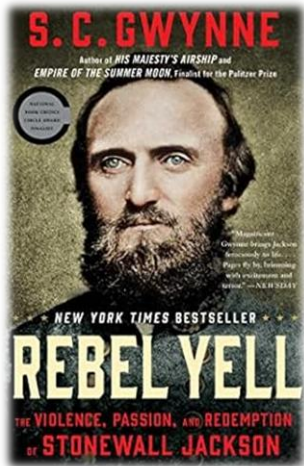
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***THE MUSEUM'S BOOK CORNER* by Tom Donnelly**

Rebel Yell: The Violence, Passion, and Redemption of Stonewall Jackson

by S.C. Gwynne

Scribner, 2015 (reprint), 688 pages



A recently read book I would recommend is *Rebel Yell: The Violence, Passion, and Redemption of Stonewall Jackson* by S. C. Gwynne. Gwynne is a journalist, who has turned to writing popular history books. I have personally found his writing to be very good and enjoyed his first book, *Empire of the Summer Moon*, about the Comanche Indians.

Gwynne gives an excellent account of Jackson's military career and his action during the Civil War. Jackson's rapid maneuvers and aggressive attacks helped turn the tide of the war in Virginia and helped lift Southern morale when it had reached a low point. He became R.E. Lee's most reliable and daring subordinate. The author does not shy away from pointing out some of Jackson's faults. During the Seven Days Battles,

Jackson behaved in an uncharacteristically lethargic manner and failed to act on a number of occasions. He also had a tendency to be overly aggressive at times and make attacks in a piecemeal fashion. Jackson could be really hard on those serving under him, often finding fault with them. However, as Gwynne points out, by the end of 1862 Jackson had become a living legend and an icon for the South, and in the North he was viewed with a combination of admiration, awe, and terror.

The real strength of Gwynne's book is the portrayal of Jackson himself. Jackson was a strange character, and he had many seemingly eccentric habits, which made him seem unusual and opened him up to ridicule. Gwynne points out that Jackson was like three different people in one and describes Jackson as having three extreme personalities: dull, aggressive, and warm. In the book, he was described as the dull, uninspiring, and ineffective professor at VMI, known as Tom Fool. As a commander, he became a different figure, being noted as a ruthless, aggressively demanding, and hard driving general. Not only tough on the enemy, but on his own troops as well.

The author elaborates on how Jackson's sense of duty fell heavily on his own subordinates and soldiers where he often seems cold, hard, and unfeeling towards them. The really surprising figure is the third Jackson, the private man. With friends and family, he was a kind, generous, and warm-hearted figure. His letters to his wife are a revelation. In writing to her he was kind, sensitive, tender, and even playful. Gwynne expertly explains that Jackson did not meld these

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personalities together well, but hints that near the end he may have been making some progress in that area.

Gwynne writes of Jackson with sensitivity, understanding, and sympathy. In reading this book, one can feel sympathy for Jackson, even if one cannot feel sympathy for the Confederacy. His life was in many ways a tragedy. He suffered many personal losses in his life. His sister, to whom he was very close, was a unionist who disowned him. Many of his relatives died young, including his first wife who died in childbirth. His daughter was born only shortly before his death (Jackson loved children).

Even as a brilliant general, it did the South little good in the end. It may have helped save the South in 1862, but that led to a bloodier, harder, and more revolutionary struggle that in the end destroyed the Old South. Whether Jackson could have saved the South from defeat is impossible to tell, although I think it is unlikely. Jackson's death didn't do the South any good, but the Lord works in mysterious ways. I wonder what the extremely religious Old Jack would have thought of that.

Please renew your Museum membership! Keep history alive!

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive is the only museum in the Philadelphia area solely dedicated to preserving the history and telling the story of the Civil War. The collection is recognized for its historical importance and includes numerous artifacts of singular historical significance. We wish to thank you for your membership and financial support that has given us strength and encouragement as we move forward in our new and more accessible historic location.

Your continued membership will help maintain the legacy that has been handed down to us by the veterans who gave their last full measure of devotion to our country.

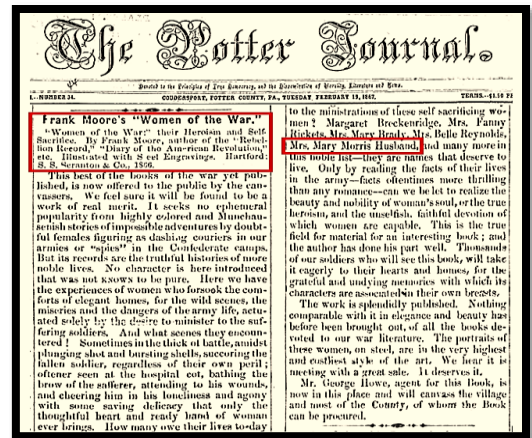
If you have not already done so, please renew your membership for 2025.

It is solely through your generous support that we can secure the future of the Museum's collection.

To those who have already renewed, we thank you!

*Mary Morris Husband,
Tent 58 Daughters of Union
Veterans of the Civil War,
and Frank Moore's book
"Women of the War"*

by Walt Lafty



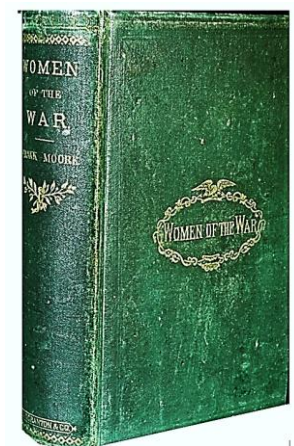
The above newspaper article is from *"The Potter Journal"* in Coudersport, Pennsylvania dated February 19, 1867. It was on page two and is informing (promoting) the public of a newly published book at the time, discussing the contributions to the war effort and the biographies of about three dozen women. Many readers might be familiar with names covered such as Mary Ann "Mother" Bickerdyke, Kady Brownell, and Pauline Cushman. The book also includes some local Philadelphia area women. Among those are Anna M. Ross, Mary A. Brady, and Mary Morris Husband.

Many of our readers may be aware of the name Mary Morris Husband, and in fact, this *Scout* newsletter contained an article about her a few years ago. For those not familiar with her name, Mary Morris Husband, the granddaughter of Robert Morris of Revolutionary War fame, served as a nurse during the Civil War. Today, her name is still honored by the women of Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (D.U.V.C.W). Tent 58 is a Philadelphia area-based group, and some of those women include many of our active GAR Museum members and volunteers. They include Mary Wible who is Patriotic Instructor, Michelle Wallenta, Ellen Higgins, Kathy Wible, Sharee Solow, Deb Grady, and Jackie Carter.

One thought of mine, of a few reasons for including this information, was on research. Sorry, It's in my blood – lol. Frank Moore's book, *"Women of the War,"* is a terrific resource for anyone researching women of the Civil War. Mr. Moore was certainly ahead of his time as the contributions of women were pretty much ignored until perhaps the last 25 years or so. Some great scholarly work has been done in that time. But a few groups of women who have always kept the memory alive are the women's groups of the Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. In addition to the D.U.V.C.W., the others include the Ladies of the G.A.R. (L.G.A.R), the Women's Relief Corps (W.R.C.), and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Unions Veterans (A.S.U.V.C.W). To learn more about the Allied Orders, visit:

<https://suvchw.org/allied-orders-of-the-grand-army-of-the-republic>

The newspaper article above is on the next page if interested.



*For researchers, please
note the G.A.R. museum
holds an original copy of
Frank Moore's book. It is
for in-house use.*

The Potter Journal.

Devoted to the Principles of True Democracy, and the Dissemination of History, Literature and News.

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COUDERSPORT, POTTER COUNTY, PA., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1867.

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Frank Moore's "Women of the War."

"Women of the War:" their Heroism and Self-Sacrifice. By Frank Moore, author of the "Rebellion Record," "Diary of the American Revolution," etc. Illustrated with Steel Engravings. Hartford: S. S. Scranton & Co., 1866.

This best of the books of the war yet published, is now offered to the public by the canvassers. We feel sure it will be found to be a work of real merit. It seeks no ephemeral popularity from highly colored and Munchausenish stories of impossible adventures by doubtful females figuring as dashing couriers in our armies or "spies" in the Confederate camps. But its records are the truthful histories of more noble lives. No character is here introduced that was not known to be pure. Here we have the experiences of women who forsook the comforts of elegant homes, for the wild scenes, the miseries and the dangers of the army life, actuated solely by the desire to minister to the suffering soldiers. And what scenes they encountered! Sometimes in the thick of battle, amidst plunging shot and bursting shells, succoring the fallen soldier, regardless of their own peril; oftener seen at the hospital cot, bathing the brow of the sufferer, attending to his wounds, and cheering him in his loneliness and agony with some saving delicacy that only the thoughtful heart and ready hand of woman ever brings. How many owe their lives to-day

to the ministrations of these self sacrificing women? Margaret Breckenridge, Mrs. Fanny Ricketts, Mrs. Mary Brady, Mrs. Belle Reynolds, Mrs. Mary Morris Husband, and many more in this noble list—they are names that deserve to live. Only by reading the facts of their lives in the army—facts oftentimes more thrilling than any romance—can we be let to realize the beauty and nobility of woman's soul, or the true heroism, and the unselfish, faithful devotion of which women are capable. This is the true field for material for an interesting book; and the author has done his part well. Thousands of our soldiers who will see this book, will take it eagerly to their hearts and homes, for the grateful and undying memories with which its characters are associated in their own breasts.

The work is splendidly published. Nothing comparable with it in elegance and beauty has before been brought out, of all the books devoted to our war literature. The portraits of these women, on steel, are in the very highest and costliest style of the art. We hear it is meeting with a great sale. It deserves it.

Mr. George Howe, agent for this Book, is now in this place and will canvass the village and most of the County, of whom the Book can be procured.

An “Open Letter” to Younger Generations – Discovering Your Civil War Ancestors

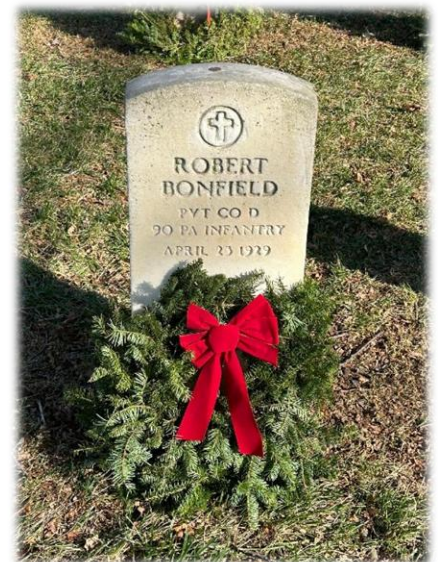
By Kyle Grant Purchase

I have always had a passion for social studies and learning history ever since I was a child. It was my strongest subject in school, and I had relatives who kept various documentation and told stories of some of my ancestors.

During the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, my mother was searching through the various boxes and photo albums of her family, looking for pictures of relatives. I have a plethora of documentation of my mother’s side of my ancestry, yet it had occurred to me that I did not have the same amount for my father’s side. I had an Ancestry.com account but had not renewed it until I decided to explore further. I began by adding more family members on my father’s side until my family tree started to look like a full tree, not just a twig. I had noticed that one of my paternal great-great grandmothers, Maria Bonfield, had many siblings. Three of her brothers, Henry, George, and Robert were all born in the late 1830s-early 1840s. Ancestry.com then provided me potential matches to documentation pertaining to these men, and it was at that time I discovered I had Civil War soldiers in my tree!

Two of the brothers, Henry Flenner Bonfield and Robert Bonfield, both enlisted on November 29, 1861 in Co. D, 90th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, saw major battles of the Eastern theater, and eventually transferred to the 11th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. The 11th was known for having a beloved regimental mascot, Sallie, who is honored on their monument at Gettysburg. At one point in the war, Henry was taken as a prisoner at Weldon Railroad and was held at Libby and Salisbury prisons. Both survived the war and in 1879, Henry joined George Gordon Meade Post #1 of the Pennsylvania Department, Grand Army of the Republic, the same Post that had Ulysses S. Grant, Alfred J. Sellers, and Henry H.

Bingham as members. Robert on the other hand, joined the ranks of Winfield Scott Post #114 in Philadelphia on July 4, 1904, and served many Post roles between 1923-1928, including Junior Vice Commander, Senior Vice Commander, and Post Commander. Henry is buried with his family at Laurel Hill West Cemetery in Bala Cynwyd (left) , and Robert is interned at Philadelphia National Cemetery (right) .



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The third brother, George, initially served in the 9th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and was wounded at the Battle of Falling Waters in 1861. He then re-enlisted with the 53rd Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry and then transferred to the U.S. Navy. He served on the USS *Carondelet* where he was wounded a second time while fighting the CSS *Arkansas* and, like his other two siblings, survived the war. George is laid to rest on the Yeadon side in Mt. Moriah Cemetery with other members of the Pole and Purchase family in an unmarked grave.

With my Civil War ancestry, I was able to join multiple Civil War groups, including the Bucks County Civil War Roundtable Museum and Library, the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Library, and my two camps of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Baker-Fisher Camp #101 (Hatboro) as well as Gen. John F. Hartranft Camp #15 (Harrisburg). These groups allow me to not only share my passion and interest in Civil War history, but to educate others about the Civil War and explain why it is important to learn about the conflict.

As a member of Baker-Fisher Camp #101, I was informed that a book was written by the late James Durkin about my ancestor's regiment. I searched for the book on Amazon and noted that a Mr. Harry K. Bonfield Jr. left a comment. As it turns out, Mr. Bonfield is a great-grandson of Sgt. Henry F. Bonfield, making Harry my 2nd cousin, 2x removed. I have had many lengthy conversations with him over the phone about our common ancestors and expressed our interest and gratitude for their service.

Due to my involvement with these groups, I am also able to visit local cemeteries where Civil War veterans are buried, and the Friends of Laurel Hill, the non-profit organization that assists with maintaining Laurel Hill East and West cemeteries, allows for the purchase of G.A.R. flag holders to be placed at Civil War veterans' graves for all visitors to see. The placement of these flag holders keeps the memories of the veterans alive and affirms that these men and other service members from all wars did not, have not, nor will not die in vain.

I write this for two reasons. First, it is my way of voicing my appreciation for these organizations welcoming me with open arms and allowing me to share my story and honoring my ancestors, which I will continue to do for the rest of my life. Secondly, I write this as a means to strongly encourage younger generations to research their own ancestry to discover their own stories.

Researching your own family history allows you to learn from history and about yourself. You also gain a sense of pride and purpose, and your discoveries also inspire feelings of patriotism, some things I believe are lacking in our current climate. The late popular historian David McCullough always quoted Thomas Jefferson by referencing a phrase from the Declaration of Independence, "...when in the course of human events." History is indeed human, and we cannot spell the word "history" without the word "story." Surely there are many stories that are being uncovered, still needing to be told and must be cherished for lifetimes to come.



The Men of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States

by Walt Lafty

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) is a Fraternal Organization founded on 20 April 1865. It was established by and for former Civil War Officers who honorably served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service. Male descendants of those Civil War Officers are eligible for membership as Hereditary or Associate Companions.

This issue features Captain Henry H. Kuhn, 10th Pennsylvania Reserves (39th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers) and 23rd U.S.C.T. He was a member of MOLLUS and a G.A.R. member of Emory Fisher Post 30 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.



Henry was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania on 15 March 1839. With the start of the Civil War, he enlisted as a Private in Company A, 10th PA Reserves on 20 June 1861 for three years. He was promoted to Corporal 9 October 1861 and became a Sergeant 23 June 1863. On 2 April 1864 he was discharged to accept promotion in the U. S. Colored Troops. He was promoted to 1st Lieutenant of Company G, 23rd U.S.C.T.

During his Civil War service, Henry was wounded at Charles City Crossroads VA in June 1862, then at Fredericksburg VA in December of 1862. He recovered both times and returned to his unit.

He was wounded again at the Wilderness in May 1864, and at the battle of the crater in Petersburg on 30 July 1864 during the infamous mine explosion. His collective wounds included a bullet passed through right side, gunshot wound left side, gunshot wound left foot, and gunshot wound left thigh.

On 22 November 1864, he was honorably discharged by the Secretary of War on account of physical disability caused by wounds received in battle. On 5 January 1865, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the Eighth Regiment, Veteran Reserve Corps. Eventually he was placed on the retired Captain's list.

After the war he became an attorney in the Courts of Cambria County. He served as City Solicitor for Johnston for many years. During the disastrous Johnstown flood of 1889, he oversaw the Commissary Department, and had the duty of receiving, storing and distributing the supplies of food and clothing sent to the stricken people. In 1895 he was appointed senior aide on the staff of Pennsylvania Governor Daniel Hastings.

On 1 November 1901, Captain Henry H. Kuhn died and was buried at Grandview Cemetery in Southmont, Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

To learn more about MOLLUS, visit their website at: <https://loyallegion.org/>

CIVIL WAR IN THE NEWS AND ON THE WEB

..... articles submitted by Andy Waskie

The Golden Girl: Dr. Mary Walker, Medal of Honor recipient - THE WELLSVILLE SUN

<https://wellsvillesun.com/blog/2025/03/23/the-golden-girl-dr-mary-walker-medal-of-honor-recipient/>

12 Civil War Relics That Sold for Thousands

<https://www.aol.com/12-civil-war-relics-sold-152558406.html>

Big Pat Bane, The Tallest Soldier in the Civil War?

He served in the 22nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry (Ringgold Cavalry)

<https://blogs.loc.gov/loc/2025/02/big-pat-bane-the-tallest-soldier-in-the-civil-war/>

2026 is the 250th Anniversary of Independence the 'Semiquincentennial'

Philadelphia City Council approves \$45M for Semiquincentennial (2026) celebrations

<https://www.inquirer.com/news/philadelphia-semiquincentennial-city-council-funding-20250220.html>

Gettysburg Electric Map on display in Hanover

<https://www.wgal.com/article/gettysburg-electric-map-on-display-hanover-pennsylvania/64491767>

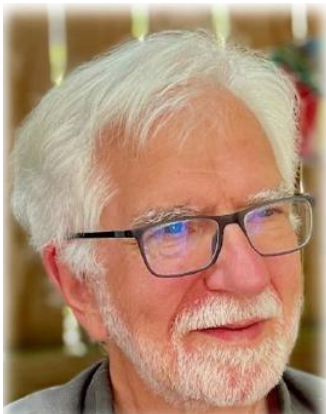
Black druggist in American Civil War, 20th United States Colored Troops, Thomas H. Sands Pennington

<https://hoxsie.org/2020/08/17/thomas-h-sands-pennington-black-pharmacist/>

You Can Explore Harriet Tubman's Childhood Home — From Your Own Home

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/virtual-museum-harriet-tubmans-fathers-home>

Answer to Walt Lafty's Question on Page 17



If you guessed G.A.R. Museum President Joe Perry, you would have been correct. Joe performed as a trumpet player for the years this band performed at the old Franklin Field for the Philadelphia Eagles. The band ended as the Eagles Sound of Brass when the team was purchased by the new owner, Leonard Tose, in 1969.

A Blast From the Past

***Women of the Civil War Series By Margaret Atkinson
(Originally published in the GAR Scout in Spring 2014)***

Ellen and William Craft – Their Escape from Slavery

Previously, most of the articles in this series were about women, either Union or Confederate, who were actively involved in the Civil War during the combat. This story of a female slave who disguised herself as a white man and escaped to the north with her husband acting as her slave is particularly intriguing. Space does not allow me to describe all the details of their life, but the reader can go to the internet to fill in the whole story.



Ellen Craft was born in 1826 in Georgia to a mixed-race slave and a wealthy planter, Major James Smith. Very fair complexioned due to her European ancestry, Major Smith's wife gave Ellen to her daughter as a house servant to get her out of the house and not be constantly reminded of her husband's infidelity. When Ellen was 20, she married William Craft, fellow slave and carpenter and they started planning an escape. William had an idea to travel north, with Ellen posing as an invalid gentleman and he as the master's slave. Using savings from his part-time job, he began purchasing clothing that Ellen hid in a locked chest of drawers.



At Christmas, slaves were sometimes given a few days off and they both obtained passes from their masters. She cut her hair, donned a jacket, trousers, and top hat, putting her right arm in a sling so she would not be asked to write. Because her facial skin was so smooth, she made a poultice and put it in a handkerchief tied up over her checks to the top of head and added dark green sunglasses.

On December 21, 1848, William and Ellen went to the Macon Train Station and purchased a ticket under the alias William Johnson. Ellen boarded a coach and William went to the baggage car. The situation became tense when William's master, suspecting he was running away, started checking the cars, but the train pulled away before he came to the baggage car. Ellen found herself sitting beside a Mr. Cray, a local resident, who had dined at her master's house the night before. He attempted to start a dialogue, but afraid to speak, she ignored all his attempts at conversation until he became convinced his seat companion was deaf.

Two hundred miles later they arrived in Savannah and boarded a steamer bound for Charleston, South Carolina. Ellen stayed in a cabin while William slept on the deck of the ship. At breakfast next morning William carved her food to reinforce the impression that she could not use her arm. This

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caused the captain to warn her to watch him carefully when they went further north, as he might try to escape. Overhearing, a slave trader sitting at the table attempted to buy William from her, becoming very angry when she stated she trusted the fidelity of the slave. Other members of the staff also tried to convince her to treat him harshly and consider selling.

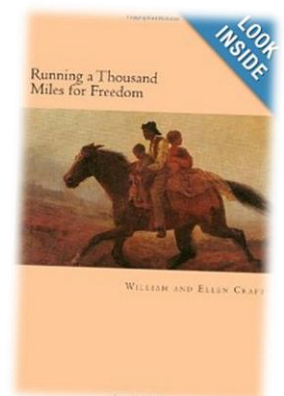
At the time of disembarking, they remained in their cabin until everyone was off the steamer, fearful someone might recognize them. They took a carriage and their luggage to a hotel for a few hours before going back to board a steamship for Wilmington, North Carolina. While purchasing a ticket, Ellen had to ask the clerk to sign for her, attracting the attention of other passengers until a somewhat drunk officer who had spoken to Ellen previously said he knew "Mr. Johnson" very well. At this point the captain registered Ellen and they sailed again. The officer then asked Ellen to join him for a drink and cigar, but she excused herself and boarded the vessel!

In Wilmington they boarded a train for Richmond, Virginia, Ellen in a passenger car and William in the baggage car again. The conductor asked William about his master and what was wrong with him. His explanation was that his master was ill with a variety of conditions and they were going to Philadelphia for more medical advice, upon which the conductor moved Ellen to a sleeping compartment. Their journey continued as they took a train to Fredericksburg, steamboat to Washington, D.C., and another train to Baltimore, using their well-rehearsed explanations along the way.

Baltimore was the most terrifying because authorities were particularly watchful to catch slaves trying to escape into Pennsylvania, a free state. Their fears were well founded as a conductor told them no one could take a slave across the state line without proving she was really his owner. The passengers appeared to sympathize with them, then the conductor of the train they just left appeared saying he had brought them from Washington and the conductor became confused when the bell rang to indicate the immediate departure of the train. He stated as the gentleman is not well, we will let him go. Ellen hobbled across the platform into the train and they were off!

William met a free black man on the train who directed him to a house in Philadelphia run by abolitionists and they sought refuge there.

Abolitionists aided them in the trip to Boston, where they were married in a Christian ceremony and during the next two years made public appearances recounting their escape. In 1850 Congress passed the Fugitive Slave Act, and no longer being safe from the slave catchers, they escaped to England and lived there for 20 years while rearing five children. They published an account of their experiences, entitled *Running a Thousand Miles for Freedom: or The Escape of William and Ellen Craft from Slavery*. Upon their return to the U.S. in 1868, with funds from supporters, they opened a school for freedmen's children in Georgia and worked a farm until 1890. Ellen died in 1892 and William in 1900. Their book was reprinted in 1999.



<http://www.amazon.com/Running-Thousand-Miles-Freedom-William/dp/1494258528>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWbNzVftRpM> ---- for video clip

UPCOMING EVENTS

***BEFORE ATTENDING ANY EVENT,
PLEASE CHECK WITH ORGANIZERS TO MAKE SURE THE EVENT IS STILL ON!!!***

"Experience the Legacy of Ulysses S. Grant"

Saturdays, April 26 through July 5, 2025, 10:30 am to 2:00 pm

Bucks County Civil War Museum & Library

32 North Broad Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

A special exhibit will be held on Saturdays from April 26 – July 5, with FREE ADMISSION

Crooked Billet History Fair

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Keith Valley Middle School, 227 Meetinghouse Rd, Horsham, PA 19044

Historical societies and community organizations from all around the area will display artifacts, show maps and photos, deliver research presentations, tell stories, and talk history. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our area's past and what local historical societies are doing to preserve and promote that rich heritage. Educational programs scheduled. Food vendors on site.

At 10:30 am in the Auditorium there will be a program on "The History of the Grand Army of the Republic" presented by Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For full details, see

<https://www.millbrooksociety.org/hatboro-history-fair>

The History Institute at Manor College – ZOOM Only Program

Wednesday, April 30, 2025, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

"George McClellan: The Young Napoleon from Philadelphia"

Presented by GAR Museum Board Member Tom Donnelly

In 1861 Philadelphia native George McClellan had a meteoric rise to be Commander of the U. S. Army. McClellan's tenure in Command was not a success. Many of the most important questions of strategy & war policy came up between the general and the government. Vital decisions were made, many of which McClellan would disagree with. He haunted the Army of the Potomac even after he left it. He was and is a most controversial figure. Fee: \$20.00.

To register manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education

GAR Museum, Library & Archive Community Program

Sunday, May 4, 2025, 1:00 pm

Speaker and Program TBA

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat for to garmuslib1866@gmail.com . You will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program within 24 hours of the start of the presentation.

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The History Institute at Manor College – ZOOM Only Program

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

“The Seven Days Battle: Lee Takes Command”

Presented by GAR Museum Board Member Tom Donnelly

With the Union Army at the gates of Richmond, the Confederate Commander, Joe Johnston is badly wounded. Confederate President Jefferson Davis appointed General Lee to take command. Up until that point, Lee had had a disappointing war. In the next three months, he will transfer the scene of the war from near Richmond to western Maryland. We will see how he accomplished this and how, in the end, his victory destroyed the Old South. Fee: \$20.00.

To register manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education

General Meade Society Spring Bus Trip to Cape May, NJ

Saturday, May 10, 2025

Transportation is via Perkiomen Tours deluxe motor coach. The trip includes: free parking, lunch at Lucky Bones Restaurant, tours of the Wildwood Aviation Museum, historic sites of Cape May Point (including Meade’s Lighthouse) with an on-board guide. This trip is co-sponsored by Legion Post 405 at the Union League. The price of this trip is \$120.00 per person.

For full details see <https://generalmeadesociety.org>

Seats still available, contact Jerry McCormick (215)848-7753 to register.

3rd Annual Revolutionary War Weekend at Pennypacker Mills

Saturday & Sunday, May 17 & 18, 2025, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (Sat.) and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (Sun.)

Pennypacker Mills, 5 Haldeman Rd, Schwenksville, PA 19473

The event will feature live demonstrations, musicians, speakers, and other family-friendly activities. In addition, the Delaware Valley CWRT Preservation Committee will be in attendance, raising funds for preservation. So come out and enjoy a fun time and stop by, say hello, and maybe purchase a book for preservation.

The event is free and there will be many activities for the entire family to enjoy.

For info: <https://www.montcopa.gov/928/Pennypacker-Mills>

Legion Post 405 Annual Gravesite Placement of Veterans’ Flags at Laurel Hill Cemetery

Sunday, May 18, 2025, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia

Meet at the gatehouse. The group assembled will place US flags on the graves of veterans of all wars. As time and manpower permit, the cemeteries to be covered include Laurel Hill, Mt. Peace & St. James the Less. Refreshments provided. Laurel Hill Cemetery contains the graves of thousands of Civil War veterans. Many of those who engaged in battle, fighting on the sides of both the Union and Confederacy or on the home front, now rest at Laurel Hill. The site also holds sacred the remains of many prominent Civil War-era Philadelphians, including volunteer nurses, surgeons, and supporters of the war effort. All welcome! Open to the Public. Free parking is available.

For info (215) 228-8200 or online at www.laurelhillcemetery.org

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Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 7:00 pm

**Virtual via ZOOM and in-person at Radisson Hotel, Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose, PA
"Lee's Warhorse: James Longstreet"**

Speaker – GAR Museum Member Kathleen Sharaf

James Longstreet was a prominent Confederate general during the American Civil War, but his role in the Reconstruction era is equally significant and quite controversial. Join Kathleen as she discusses his post-war life and his legacy.

To access the ZOOM meeting, contact Walt Lafty wlafty51@verizon.net and request the link to join the meeting.

Annual Memorial Day Observed at Historic Laurel Hill East Cemetery with General Meade Society Sunday, May 25, 2025, 12:00 noon

3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia

Recreating the original G.A.R. Decoration Day Service of the Grand Army Meade Post #1 of 1868. All are welcome to attend and participate. Laurel Hill is the site of the first Memorial Day in Philadelphia in 1868. Three (3) previously unmarked veterans will be given new gravestones which will be dedicated at the Memorial Day Service. Speakers, ceremonies, and pageant will highlight the ceremony. Wreath-laying, speeches, music, and honor guards. Historical groups, veterans, and citizens are urged to participate. Wreaths, military contingents, color guards, music and period civilians are encouraged to participate. Refreshments served after the ceremony.

For information 215-228-8200 or online at <https://laurelhillphl.com/event/memorial-day/>

Special Memorial Day Observance for the National Holiday at Christ Church Burial Ground Monday, May 26, 2025, 1:00 pm

5th & Arch Streets, Philadelphia

The final resting place of five (5) Signers of the Declaration of Independence, including Benjamin Franklin and many military veterans of all eras! The Benjamin Franklin American Legion Post #405 of the Union League will place wreaths representing the American Legion Post, commemorating the services of all veterans at the grave of Major Charles I. Maceuen, Major, 198th Pennsylvania Volunteers (6th Union League Regiment), KIA at the Battle of Lewis Farm, Va. March 29, 1865; a special ceremony honoring Comdr. John Montgomery Dale USN a veteran of the War of 1812. Parking along Arch St. along the cemetery. Representing all veterans!

GAR Museum, Library & Archive Community Program

Sunday, June 8, 2025, 1:00 pm

Speaker and Program TBA

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Civil War Institute (CWI) of Gettysburg College Summer Conference

Friday to Wednesday, June 13-18, 2025

GAR members can request a 15% discount. From Triada Chavis, Administrative Services Assistant at Gettysburg College: "The Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College would like to offer the members of your Civil War Round table or organization a **15% discount** to attend the 2025 CWI Summer Conference, June 13-18, 2025. You can explore further details about our conference on our [website](#), as well as check out [our schedule for this year's event](#)."

Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, June 17, 2025, 7:00 pm

Virtual via ZOOM and in-person at Radisson Hotel, Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose, PA
"We Fought at Gettysburg"

Speaker – Author Carolyn Ivanoff

Details will be available at a later date.

To access the ZOOM meeting, contact Walt Lafty wlafty51@verizon.net and request the link to join the meeting.

Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025, 7:00 pm

Virtual via ZOOM and in-person at Radisson Hotel, Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose, PA
"Human Interest Stories of the Gettysburg Campaign"

Speaker – Author Scott Mingus

Details will be available at a later date.

To access the ZOOM meeting, contact Walt Lafty wlafty51@verizon.net and request the link to join the meeting.

"Land of Lincoln: St. Louis, MO & Springfield, IL" – Starr Tours with Jane Peters Estes

Saturday to Friday, October 11-17, 2025

Trip highlights include St. Louis Gateway Arch including tram ride to the top*; Gateway Arch Museum, Missouri Civil War Museum, Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, sightseeing tour of Springfield, IL, New Salem State Historic Site, Lincoln's home, the Old State Capitol Historic Site, Lincoln's Tomb, a visit from (professional reenactors) Abraham Lincoln and Ward Hill Lamon (Lincoln's former law partner and close friend). *The top of the Gateway Arch is not fully accessible to visitors with mobility impairments.

Trip Includes: 6 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

Overnight accommodations, Deluxe motorcoach transportation, Baggage handling and related gratuities, Taxes.

Cost per person - \$1,799 (double occupancy), \$2,399 (single room), \$1,599 (trip occupancy).

For more information or to make a reservation: <https://tours.starrtours.com/Tour/Land-of-Lincoln-Springfield-IL-2025>

This trip will go to all of the sites connected with Lincoln in both Springfield IL and St. Louis MO, plus a Civil War Museum, U.S. Grant farm, etc.

Only 9 seats remaining as of this posting.

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