

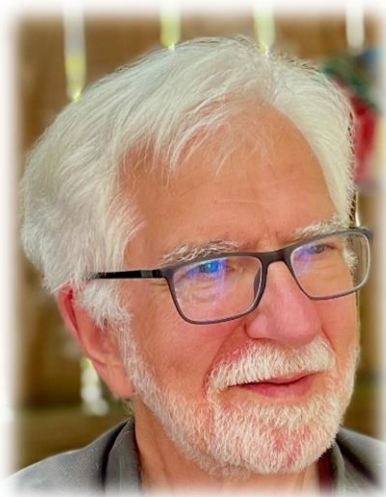


# GRAND ARMY SCOUT

Newsletter of the Grand Army of the Republic  
Civil War Museum & Archive Spring 2024



## From the President ....



Reflections after reading *Glorious Contentment: The Grand Army of the Republic, 1865-1900* by Stuart McConnell, 1992

The author's work on Philadelphia's GAR Post 2 would not have been possible without Bud and Margaret Atkinson, the keepers of the flame at GAR Museum and Archive. Not only did they provide access to the Museum's collection, but they also put the author up at their home on more than one research trip. Bud and Margaret saved the Museum in 1958 and their legacy lives on today.

Most of the GAR Museum collection comes from Post 2 that was founded on October 29, 1866. Post 2 was seen as a leader of charity efforts to aid Union veterans burned out in Chicago (1871), to aid victims of the Charlestown earthquake (1886), and to help those flooded out in Johnstown (1889). They also helped to find jobs for orphans at the state orphans' home and sent relief to famine victims in Russia.

The death of a member of Post 2 was marked by symbolic actions – leaving a chair empty in the Post room or a page blank in the minutes, draping the Post charter in crepe. The Post also paid funeral expenses and provided the GAR's funeral service. Post 2 also provided medical services. There was a pharmacy in their Memorial Hall.

The GAR was successful in their efforts to persuade Congress to pass the Dependent Pension Act of 1890. It provided a limited-service pension for veterans, widows and children of deceased veterans of the Civil War, in

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which payments were provided without requiring service connection of the cause of the disability or death.

GAR membership as a whole cut across class boundaries. Anyone who served honorably in the Union forces could join.

The GAR was successful in getting Memorial Day established to commemorate the memory of their fallen comrades.

*Joe Perry*  
*President & Librarian*

### **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 2024. 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!**

## ***VISIT OUR NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL***

**TAKE A SHORT TOUR OF THE MUSEUM AND LISTEN TO HISTORIAN PRESENTATIONS**

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**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
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FIRST SUNDAY PROGRAMS**

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MONTH**

**REGULAR PROGRAMS BEGIN AT 1:00PM**

**These are FREE virtual programs**



***UPCOMING FREE COMMUNITY  
PROGRAMS***

**Sunday, June 2, 2024, 1:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Speaker: Historian Hans Myers**

**“The Legacy of the Left at Gettysburg: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain, Strong Vincent, and the Abrogation of Historical Truth”**

It is a story everyone thinks they know: Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain and the 20th Maine stood alone, against overwhelming odds, and saved the left flank of the Army of the Potomac at Gettysburg on July 2, 1863, on Little Round Top. This story is a lie: the 20th Maine represented only one part of the total Federal defense of the left flank. How did myth come to dominate and suppress actual history? Based upon original primary source material and long-overlooked records, learn how the history of Gettysburg was rewritten, and how it can still be saved.

Hans G. Myers is a doctoral student in the department of history at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He studies the history of race and race slavery in British North America and the United States as a foundation for understanding the developments which led to the radical transformations of the American Civil War. He holds degrees in history from Thiel College ('19) and The University of Indianapolis ('21). Myers served as the inaugural Gerald and Marjorie Morgan Graduate Student Assistant in History at the University of Indianapolis. His first book, *The Lion of Round Top: The Life and Military Service of Brigadier General Strong Vincent in the American Civil War*, was a finalist for the U.S. Army Historical Foundation Distinguished Writing Award. His article "Some Personal Coloring," in the *Gettysburg College Journal of the Civil War Era's* 2020 issue challenged the assertion that Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain was responsible for the defense of Little Round Top.

**Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat for this outstanding presentation to**

**[garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com)**

***The deadline for signing-up is Friday, May 31, 2024 at Noon.***

**Sunday, July 14, 2024, 1:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Speakers: Historian William Peck and Author Martha Gold**

**“The Civil War Soldiers’ Orphan Schools of Pennsylvania Est. 1864 – An Untold, Unforgettable Story of the Civil War”**

Featuring research from the only modern investigation of Pennsylvania’s state system of social relief, the Soldiers’ Orphan Schools (SOS) provides a look at an important point in Civil War history and its aftermath. What began as a popular issue of the heart to care for the orphans of the Civil War, spearheaded by Gov. Andrew Curtin, became distorted by the politics of self-interest, the stubbornness of inertia, and even the simple but profoundly unexpected flukes of history. Rocked by “the Scandal of 1886,” accusations of child abuse as well as unspeakable acts of corruption turned the Nation against this philanthropic enterprise.

Ultimately, Pennsylvania’s care of the soldiers’ orphans was unique, and one school, Scotland School, remained in existence until 2009. Today, little remains of the SOS original presence except the many graduates who are a living legacy of this benevolent state program who serve as a testament of the original vision of this program in which a grateful state fulfilled their commitment to care for the children of its veterans.

William Peck is a lay historian associated with Scotland School since the early 60s to the present and with a continuous line of ancestry of Scotland School graduates that traces to 1899.

Martha Gold is co-author with Dr. O. David Gold PhD of *The Civil War Soldiers’ Orphan Schools of Pennsylvania 1864 – 1889*.

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**THERE WILL BE NO PROGRAM IN AUGUST**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024, 1:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Speaker: Local Historian Dan Cashin**

**“The Civil War Navy”**

**Sunday, October 6, 2024, 1:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Speaker: Local Historian & GAR Museum Research Administrator Walt Lafty**

**“Soldiers of Faith: The Chaplains of the Civil War”**

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**Sunday, November 3, 2024, 1:00 pm via ZOOM**

**Speaker: Esteemed Author and Historian Dr. Allen Guelzo**

**“Ancient Faith: Lincoln, Democracy and the American Experiment”**

Professor Allen Guelzo serves as the Thomas W. Smith Distinguished Research Scholar and Director of the Initiative on Politics and Statesmanship in the James Madison Program at Princeton University. Dr. Guelzo is ““one of the Nation’s foremost experts on Abraham Lincoln and the Lincoln Era”; Organization of American Historians Distinguished Lecturer

This program will be broadcast through ZOOM. **\*\*\*Please note that participation will be limited to the first 100 reservation requests.\*\*\***

Reservations for a seat at our virtual programs may be made by sending a request to [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com).

Please make your reservation by the Saturday prior to the program.

Email is not monitored on Sunday morning.

For additional First Sunday Community programs from the Museum, please follow the Museum website <https://garmuslib.org/> for information as it becomes available.

### **GAR MUSEUM GIFT MEMBERSHIP**

Looking for the ideal gift for someone who has everything? How about giving the gift of history? A membership in the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive is something that is special.

The Museum is the only Civil War research institution in Philadelphia and a treasure house of information found nowhere else.

The Museum’s artifacts, library, archives and open house presentations provide an historical understanding of the Civil War era. Only members can get answers to their research questions that are submitted via email free of charge.

Membership will help us to preserve the heritage of the men and women who sacrificed their lives and fortunes to preserve the Union.

So much of our future lies in preserving our past.

See our website [www.garmuslib.org](http://www.garmuslib.org) to get a look at the Museum and to find a link to PayPal.

We have also attached our membership application.

.....Joe Perry

## **MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS**

### **Museum News**

..... *by Joe Perry*

#### **Annual Membership Meeting**

At the January 21, 2024 Annual Membership Meeting President Joe Perry reported that the visits to the Museum continue to increase. There were two successful in-person programs that were also available on Zoom. More are planned this year.

The wheelchair accessible ramp at the front entrance is now available.

Volunteers are needed to open more than our Tuesdays from 11 to 4.

Treasurer Herb Kaufman's Report:

Donations and grants funded our in-house programs, catalog computer and filming for our YouTube channel.

Joe Perry, Herb Kaufman and Kyle Purchase were elected to a three-year term.

The Board reelected Joe Perry, President; Mike Peter, Vice-President; Herb Kaufman, Treasurer and Kyle Purchase, Secretary.

#### **Philadelphia Activities Fund Grant**

Thanks to Councilperson Michael Driscoll, a life-time member of the Museum, we now have funds to defray the cost of our in-house Sunday programs. Michael has been an active supporter of the Museum since our move into his district. His efforts along with his staff members, Margie Caputo, Tom Forkin and Stan Cywinski, have helped us establish our Museum in the safe and inviting Holmesburg neighborhood.

#### **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.



## **YouTube Channel & Digitization**

The Museum's YouTube Channel, "GAR Museum Philadelphia", contains recorded program lectures and other interesting presentations. Future lectures will be added.

The collection catalog is coming soon. It will contain the location of Archive material, unit histories, *GAR Encampment Journals*, biographical vertical files and artifacts in the Museum. It will be accessible from our website.

Digitizing our collection is an on-going process soon to be enhanced with the purchase of an overhead document and book digital scanner.

The Museum continues its commitment to public access and digitization. This is the best way to share and preserve our collections.

If you don't have a YouTube account, please consider making one and subscribing to the Museum's channel. It's free. All subscriptions help the Museum and allow you to always see our new videos pop up in your feed.

Here is a link to the latest addition to the Channel – "A Short Tour of the Museum."

[www.youtube.com/@garmuseum](http://www.youtube.com/@garmuseum)

## **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.

## **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](mailto:garmuslib1866@gmail.com) or talk directly to one of our Board members.

## **“Connecting the Public” Campaign Continues to Benefit the Museum**

The Fund will be used to defray the cost of filming the Museum's building and collections for our YouTube Channel and Website. Media exposure to the widest possible audience will bring the public closer to the Museum.

### **Thank you for donating to the Campaign!**

*Kammal Baker \* John Beck \* Richard & Carol Bennis*

*Michael Borish \* Dan Cashin \* Edward Chambliss*

*Tedd Cocker \* Gregory Coleman \* Frank Czeiner*

*Steven Decker \* Ed Duffy \* Marilyn Goutmann*

*Ellen Higgins \* Holmesburg Civic Association \* Carol Ingald*



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*Military Order of the Loyal Legion*

*Randall Miller \* Joe Perry \* Rajan Ramanujam*

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*Jeffrey & Kim Williamson \* Steve Wright*

## Museum People

On April 29 Mary Wible and Walt Lafty offered a presentation for the G.A.R. Civil War Museum for the Artisans Order-Mutual Protection Association in N.E. Philadelphia. It included an overview of the G.A.R., the museum, and the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. who carry on their legacy. The artisans plan on posting the visit to their Facebook page.



As a member of the Bucks County Genealogical Society, Mary Wible attended their recent meeting at Bristol Township to help with Civil War research. While there Mary was able to help a man find his ancestor's pension papers. Mary's photo was posted on the Society's Facebook page.

Mary Wible has initiated a new column for *The GAR Scout* entitled "Ancestor Book Club" which will include the titles and review of books that mention the ancestors of Tent 58 sisters from the DUVCW. For the first installment, see pages 23-24.

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On April 6, Mary Ann and John Hartner attended a Civil War encampment at the Berks County Heritage Center. The program on a nice but chilly day included a talk on General Hartranft and one on the Exter Train Wreck. Mary Ann notes that the Park is packed with historic sites, and they plan on going back.



In recent months GAR Museum members – who are also members of the Delaware Valley CWRT – have offered free Zoom lectures under the auspices of the Del Val CWRT. Programs have been presented by Herb Kaufman (“Little Round Top: Who Cares?”), Walt Lafty (“Soldiers of Faith: The Chaplains of the Civil War”), and Kathleen Sharaf (“George Armstrong Custer: The Maligned Hero”).

Mary Wible and Walt Lafty have continued their GAR Museum Speaker Presentations to rave reviews around the area. In recent months they have spoken to the senior groups at St. Ephrem, All Saints Episcopal, N.E. Council of Seniors, and Salem Harbor Seniors, among other groups. The duo was also highlighted in the January 10 issue of the Northeast Times of Philadelphia newspaper. Photo was shared by Andy Waskie.

# GAR museum presents at East Torresdale

**By Tom Waring**  
Northeast Times

Mary Wible and Walt Lafty were at Monday's East Torresdale Civic Association meeting to talk about the nonprofit Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum & Archive, 8110 Frankford Ave.

The museum is open for free tours on Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Private tours at other times can be scheduled.

Wible and Lafty said the museum includes artifacts, weapons, records, letters and other treasures.

Specifically, the museum has the original handcuffs that John Wilkes Booth was going to use in a planned kidnapping of Abraham Lincoln; Lincoln's blood on a piece of a pillowcase used after he was shot; the head of Old Baldy, the horse ridden by Union Maj. Gen. George Meade in the Battle of Gettysburg; and the medical kit belonging to Dr. Mary Walker, the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor.

Wible also discussed Stamps for the Wounded, a Virginia-based program that has been in existence since 1942. She asked people to cut the stamps off pieces of mail before throwing out the envelopes. The stamps can then be sent to Stamps for the Wounded, P.O. Box 297, Dunn Loring, VA 22027-0297.

The museum has been open on Frankford Avenue since 2021. Previously, it had been at 4278 Griscom St. in Frankford, but the volunteers who run the museum looked to move for better visibility, improved accessibility and a safer neighborhood.

For more information, call 215-613-0350 or visit [garmuslib.org](http://garmuslib.org).

In other news:

- Capt. Nick DeBlasis, abruptly transferred last March to the Command Inspections Bureau, has returned as commander of the 8th Police District.
- Ross Mitchell, executive director of Glen Foerd on the Delaware, told the crowd that the estate's 121-year-old pipe organ has been restored, and 200 people attended a Jan. 6 concert to mark its return.
- East Torresdale Civic Association will meet on Monday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m. at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 9601 Frankford Ave. ••

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## Programs

**Sunday, January 14, 2024**

### **“Duels, Fools, and Scoundrels of the Civil War”**

**Presented by Herb Kaufman, Museum Curator and Treasurer**

Strange but true; this axiom was never more relevant than when describing many of the unusual and extraordinary occurrences during the four years of the Civil War. While much of our history is dominated by the major battles, such as Gettysburg, and biographies of the key commanders, such as Grant and Lee, the four years of the Civil War also included a significant number of strange and highly unusual personalities and incidents that have generally escaped modern discussion.

This presentation focused on usual and often controversial incidents and events. Topics included the fascinating story of murder and deceit of the incredible General Daniel E. Sickles, the strange case of Ulric Dahlgren and the plot to kill the Confederate President, the spy who was hung twice and buried in three places, dueling generals, murders, the plot to burn New York, sensational trials, and the stories of eccentric and unusual personalities and events.



**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

### **“African Americans and the Gettysburg Campaign: The Many Ways that African Americans Affected and Were Affected by the Gettysburg Campaign”**

**Presented by James Paradis**

This presentation examined the black residents of the town who lived “on the fault line” between slavery and freedom, and the impact of the battle on them. Paradis gave an account of the unheralded, but important, part played by the thousands of African Americans who accompanied both armies to the battlefield. He also told the little-known story of Black volunteers from Pennsylvania who engaged the Southern invaders in combat during the invasion. Finally, the response of African Americans who came forward during the aftermath of the battle was considered.



*[Photo source linkedin.com]*



**Sunday, March 3, 2024 - Women's' History Month Program**

**"Harriet Tubman"**

**Presented by Prof. Nilgun Anadolu-Okur, Temple University**

Harriet Tubman has been known by many names – Araminta, Moses, conductor, secret agent, spy, scout, and nurse. Throughout her life she made numerous sacrifices to help enslaved people reach freedom. Harriet Tubman is the classic icon of not only the Black freedom movement, but the epic symbol of Americans' pursuit for independence and civil rights. She is the role model for every American who loves liberty, heroism and nationhood. Dr. Okur's slide illustrated lecture narrated stages of Tubman's life's work, her friends and enemies on the Underground Railroad, while tracing her dangerous voyages, from Maryland to Philadelphia, towards her ultimate destination, St. Catherine's, in Canada.



**Sunday, April 7, 2024**

**"Grand Army of the Republic and Auxiliary Organizations"**

**Presented by Kyle Purchase, in-person and via Zoom**

This presentation covered the history, influence/impact, and purpose of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) - the Union veterans' organization which existed for 90 years from April 1866 - August 1956. It also covered the auxiliary organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic that are still active today, as well as the work and activities that these organizations do. The program also highlighted GAR posts in Philadelphia. *[Photo source Walt Lafty]*



**Sunday, May 5, 2024 – 1:00 PM via ZOOM**

**"The Fight Against Jim Crow and the Grand Army of the Republic"**

**Presented by Dr. Stephen A. Goldman**

In this presentation, Dr. Stephen A. Goldman detailed how Union veterans assumed critical interconnected roles as moral and political forces, particularly through the Grand Army of the Republic, the nation's most prominent biracial postwar organization. He also showed how they fought bigotry and racism in two major areas as Jim Crow took hold on both sides of the Mason-Dixon line – quality public education, and social equality. Avowedly apolitical, the GAR nonetheless remained a stalwart bloc in support of landmark Republican initiatives on behalf of African Americans after the end of Reconstruction.

*[Photo source – [www.stephenagoldmanmd.com](http://www.stephenagoldmanmd.com)]*



## Museum Visitors

### “Archive Ancestors” ..... text and photo by Mary Wible

They’re back. Those Civil War ancestors in our archive who are waiting to be found by their descendants.

Meet Sergeant John Spink, Co. K, 72nd PA Infantry, known as Baxter's Philadelphia Fire Zouaves. He later joined the 2nd Battalion, V.R.C.

Cousins Barbara Boston, Thomas Young and Jim Fitzpatrick met me at the GAR Civil War Museum and Archive for a tour. We then proceeded to the Hugh Boyle Archive to “meet” their great, great grandfather, John Spink.

They were excited to see his name listed in the GAR Post 63 Gen. D. B. Birney Descriptive Book. John’s entry also listed his injuries at Antietam, Fredericksburg, and the Peach Orchard in VA as mentioned in his pension papers.

Barbara joined the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Tent 58, Mary Morris Husband, PA, to honor Sgt. John Spink and her other great, great grandfather 1st Sgt. Joseph Hager, Sr. Co. F, 98th PA Infantry. She joins several other sisters from Tent 58 who are also members of the museum.

Stop by to visit us if you have an ancestor who fought for the Union. You never know who might be waiting for you in our archive.



*The Spink Cousins - left to right - Jim Fitzpatrick, Barbara Boston and Tom Young.*

## Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania

Walt Lafty conducted a special opening and tour of the GAR Museum & Archive on April 27 for the Civil War Round Table of Eastern PA. Walt shares that “they are a really great group of people,” and that he really enjoyed the time spent with them at the Museum.



The Round Table, which is headquartered in Allentown, PA, reported on the group’s visit to the Museum in their June 2024 newsletter. The following article and photo are reproduced here, courtesy of the newsletter of the Civil War Round Table of Eastern Pennsylvania, Inc. They also reference the collaboration of the GAR Museum & Archive in procuring the Captain Jonathan Taylor Sword that will be permanently housed here in Philadelphia. You can read detailed articles about the work done by the Round Table and the Museum in preserving the sword in the Summer 2023 (September 2023) and Winter 2023-2024 (January 2024) issues of the *Grand Army Scout*.



*The G.A.R. Museum and Library contains an extensive collection of Civil War artifacts, battle relics, personal memorabilia, paintings, documents, and photographs initially assembled by veterans who formed Post 2 of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is the only museum in Philadelphia dedicated to the history of the Civil War era—and, eventually, will become the permanent home of Captain Taylor's sword.*



*G.A.R. Museum and Library's research administrator and Civil War enthusiast, Walt Lafty (standing second from right) served as tour guide for a recent visit by Round Table members. [Reprinted courtesy of the CWRT of Eastern PA]*

We thank the Eastern PA Round Table for arranging the visit and for promoting the GAR Museum & Archive to their membership!

*The Taylor Sword*

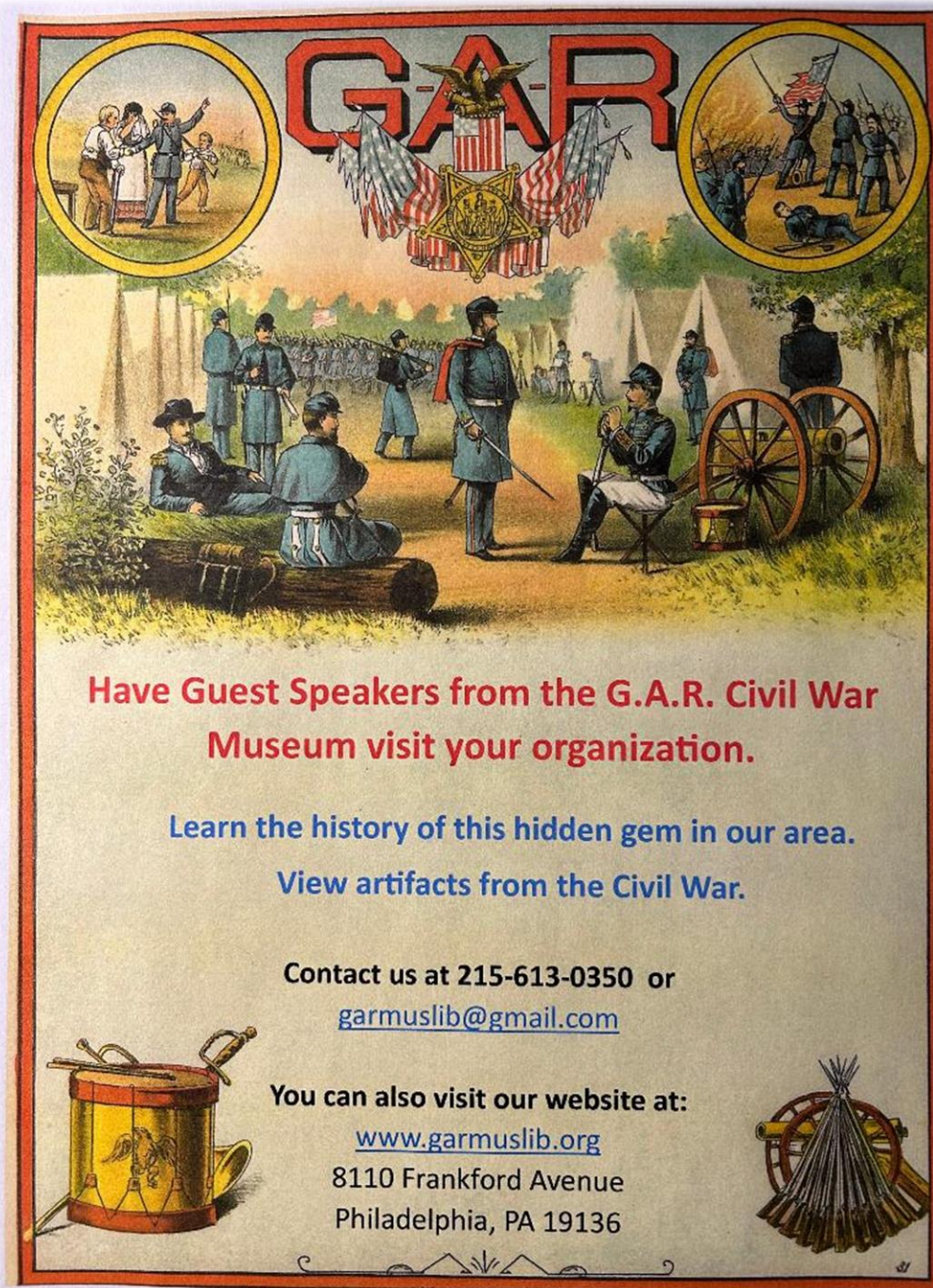




## Museum Members At Home, Out, and About

### Community Outreach

Mary Wible, Walt Lafty, and Bryan Sigmund collaborated on a beautiful, artistic poster to help publicize the Museum. When advertising an upcoming promotional program, it can be updated with the group's name and date, and then sent to the organization for advertising purposes. Kudos to Walt, Mary, and Bryan for this fantastic artwork!





## Northeast Philadelphia History Fair

Quite a number of our members came out to support the GAR Museum at the Northeast Philly History Fair at Cannstatters Volksfest Verein on Saturday, April 13. On hand were Paula Gidjunis, Carol Ingald, Walt Lafty, Tom Donnelly, Mary Ann and John Hartner, Mary Wible, Kathleen and John Sharaf, Amy and Dan Hummel, and Andy Waskie, among others. Apologies to anyone I may have missed. Photos provided by Walt Lafty.





## **Curator's Corner ... by Herb Kaufman**

***It's time! If you have not visited the new G. A. R. Museum and Archive, now is the time!***

### ***New Historic Donations!***

We are very honored and excited that the museum is a recipient of numerous recent donations from families wishing to assure that their family memorabilia will be both preserved and also made available for research and exhibit.

As the years go by, many families find that the memorabilia, letters, photographs, and relics of their ancestors are no longer appreciated in terms of their historical importance and context. In such cases, the museum is the perfect repository for these historic keepsakes and remembrances.

All donations are carefully preserved in the appropriate acid free materials.

As required, old worn frames are removed, and the documents and photographs are placed in new, archivally sound frames.

The donations are carefully recorded, and each box is properly labeled with the name of the donor and date of the donation.

As we rotate our exhibits, the newly donated materials will be displayed and described for future visitors. In all descriptions, again the name of the donor and the date donated are prominently displayed.

We are indeed so very honored and humbled by these donors entrusting their family remembrances to the museum.

The museum is honored by the donation of a historic collection of G. A. R. ribbons, medals, photographs and other family memorabilia of veteran Alfred R. Stanger, 192<sup>nd</sup> PA Volunteer Infantry by Jacqueline Blinn.



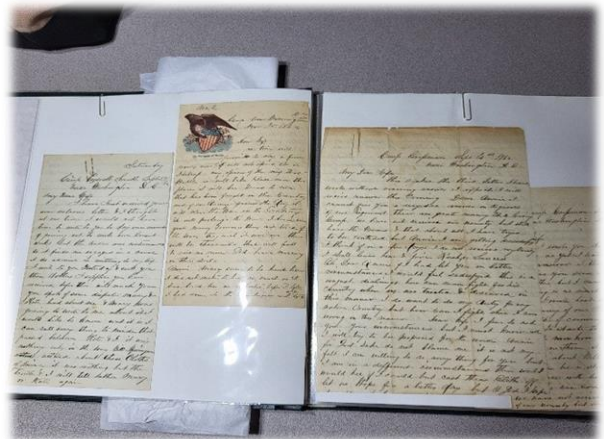


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The museum is honored by the donation of an extensive collection of G. A. R. ribbons and medals, the "Bear Hat" of the Post 2 Guard, musical instruments, and other historic G.A.R. memorabilia by the Civil War Museum of Philadelphia.



The museum is honored by the donation of a historic collection of Civil War letters (right) written by John A. Farr, 114<sup>th</sup> PA Volunteer Infantry by Mrs. Betty Farr.



The museum is honored by the donation of a portrait and related memorabilia of Major George Twitchell, M. D. by Lewis Varick.

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The museum is honored by the donation of G. A. R. memorabilia of William H. Baker by Cynthia Boyd.



The museum is honored by the donation of a family military escutcheon and photograph of Ezekiel Speidel, 94<sup>th</sup> New York Volunteer Infantry by Joe Speidel.



### ***DID YOU KNOW?????????***

**The Museum has a Facebook Page.**

**Visit it at Grand Army of the Republic Museum and Archive in Philadelphia.**

**<https://www.facebook.com/GrandArmyOfTheRepublicMuseumAndLibrary>**





## *The Men of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS)*

*by Walt Lafty*

The Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS) is a Fraternal Organization founded on April 20, 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 John White Haseltine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pennsylvania Cavalry and a member of MOLLUS. He was also a G.A.R. member of Post 2 (1877-1888) and then Post 363 until his death.



John W. Haseltine was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 6 September 1838, the son of John Haseltine (1793-1871), and Elizabeth Stanley Shinn Haseltine (1811-1882). He had nine siblings, of which at least two brothers, Henry and Charles, also served in the Civil War.

On 20 August 1861 John enlisted in the 2nd Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry and became First Lieutenant in Company B. After the battle of Antietam, he was commissioned Captain in Company C.

The 2nd Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment lost 6 officers and 52 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 2 officers and 193 enlisted men to disease during the Civil War. It is honored by a monument at Gettysburg.

John was with the 2nd PA Cavalry at the battles of Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, Mine Run Campaign, North Anna River, Cold Harbor, Trevillian Station, and Hatcher's Run, to name some. He was shot and wounded in the second battle of Deep Bottom on 16 August 1864 and his horse was shot from under him and killed in that battle. Captain Haseltine was discharged on 20 October 1864.

After the war, John went into business as a curio collector and coin dealer. In addition to being active in MOLLUS and the G.A.R., Captain Haseltine was a member of Concordia Lodge F.& A.M.; Past Commander of St. Alban's Commandery; and Chief Rabban of Lu Lu Temple.

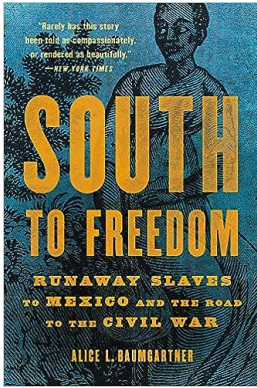
On 28 February 1925, John died of chronic nephritis, and was buried at West Laurel Hill Cemetery in Moreland Plot 87. He was survived by his widow Rose and one daughter Mrs. Maria A. Richards of Cranford, New Jersey. His widow Rose received a pension in 1925 and she lived until 1937, residing with her daughter in New Jersey. Rose is buried alongside John at West Laurel Hill. In 1974, John was inducted into the American Numismatic (study of coins) Association's Hall of Fame.

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

**THE MUSEUM'S BOOK CORNER** ..... by Dr. Robert Hicks**South to Freedom: Runaway Slaves to Mexico  
and the Road to the Civil War**

by Alice L. Baumgartner

Basic Books, 2020, 384 pages



In January 1861, Springfield, Illinois, witnessed a surge of visitors, as well-wishers and office-seekers sought Abraham Lincoln's attention at his home. One well-wisher journeyed from Washington to meet the president-elect officially, Matias Romero, Mexico's *chargé d'affaires*. He congratulated Lincoln on his anti-slavery platform, "one of the most philanthropic principles in which humanity can be occupied." Following a brief civil war in his own country over a new constitution, peace had settled in 1860 under the government of Benito Juárez. Romero cited Lincoln's election as a "triumph of republican ideals" but cautioned that a civil war with the Southern states would "become a servile war, and that a great number, if not all, of the blacks in the Southern states will obtain their liberty." Lincoln must have been cautious in his response, given his promise not to interfere with slavery where it existed.

This anecdote appears rarely in biographies of Lincoln. To most readers of Civil War history, Mexico figures as the target of imperialistic ambition in the United States' invasion of Mexico, as a possible refuge of diehard Confederates after the war, or as a persistently destabilized country during the nineteenth century. In any case, Mexico's political influence on the causes and conduct of the Civil War remains out of view. As events in the United States during the 1850s foreshadowed war – the *Dred Scott* decision, Kansas-Nebraska Act, the Fugitive Slave Law – the Mexican federal and state governments gradually consolidated an abolitionist stance. As *South to Freedom* argues, Mexico's "collective story had both strategic and political significance out of all proportion to the numbers involved." When Mexico began its war to free itself from Spain in 1810, it had eight million people of which about nine thousand were enslaved, primarily for sugar cultivation. As cotton replaced sugar in requiring enslaved workers, many blacks turned to the trades, created communities, and intermarried with Mexicans. By 1837, following the Texas revolution, Mexico prohibited slavery. Forms of enslavement continued sporadically, particularly as debt peonage, a situation analogous to post-war United States that, despite the Thirteenth Amendment, found enslaved conditions continuing in parts of the South well into the Twentieth Century.

Mexico therefore posed a threat to the bordering slave U.S. slave states. The acquisition of western territories by the United States posed a dilemma to the South. Just as escaped enslaved people made their way north, they also went in the other direction. Those who made it to Mexico were free; Mexican law provided that any enslaved person who arrived on Mexican soil was



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automatically free. Western territories under Mexican law before annexation were legally free and if Congress were to approve statehood for those former territories, could a formerly free territory become a slave state? This conundrum vexed both the Confederate and U.S. Congresses. Meanwhile, slave-catchers entered Mexico to recover escaped slaves although the U.S. had no such agreement with its neighbor. The author recounts many examples of Mexican citizens responding with violence to slave-catchers and protecting black residents from kidnapping. In 1857, in frustration, the Texas legislature passed the Act to Encourage the Reclamation of Slaves, Escaping beyond the Limits of the Slave Territories of the United States which paid a bounty of one-third the value of the escapee to anyone in Mexico who abetted slave-catchers. In 1859, a gang of eight slave-catchers abducted a “free Mexican servant” and made their escape, pursued by local citizens in a running skirmish that ended with the capture of all eight and the recovery of the servant. The eight were incarcerated, paid a fine for release, relinquished their weapons, and promised never to appear in Mexico again.

Baumgartner’s book is a compelling and fascinating widening of the political perspective of the Civil War by highlighting the role of Mexico in the expansionist politics that preceded the war and the prospects for black people who found freedom in Mexico, became citizens, and defended the country that gave them liberty. The book’s strength lies in the author’s depth of research into Mexican archives and her expert contextualization of numerous primary accounts, demographic data, and governmental records to produce an insightful analysis. A very rewarding read.



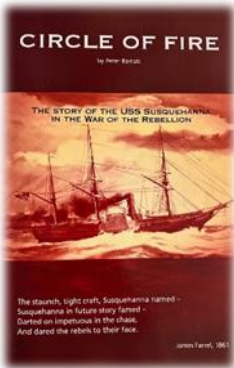
### **“Ancestor Book Club” ..... By Mary Wible**

Do you have an ancestor who fought in the Civil War? If so, you probably know the excitement of finding his name in an official record book such as *History of the Pennsylvania Volunteers, 1861 - 1865* by Samuel P. Bates. Seeing his name instills a sense of pride and makes it real.

Well, imagine finding your ancestor in a different type of book. Perhaps it is one about a regiment, a battle, a biography, etc. One that you could purchase or find in a library or historical society.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, 1861 - 1865, Department of Pennsylvania, Mary Morris Husband, Tent 58, is sharing those book titles with one another to help us get to know these men better. Maybe we even have a grandmother, aunt or cousin who participated somehow to help during the war, and she is mentioned. We’d like to share them with you also.

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So, I am honored to start us off with the book *Circle of Fire* by Peter Barratt. It is the story of the USS *Susquehanna* in the War of the Rebellion.

My great, great grandfather Thomas Kingston served on this ship, and his name appears in the index. Granted, he is not mentioned anywhere else, but finding this book and seeing his name in it was a joy beyond words, and I could not wait to let my family know of this discovery.

The author takes you through the battles from Hatteras Inlet to the capture of Fort Fisher. It includes maps, photographs, lithographs and technical specifications of the ship. There are even Sea Sonnets written by a few sailors.

My favorite chapter was “Life at Sea” which put me in the shoes of Grandfather Thomas on a daily basis which began at 5:00 a.m. with the stowing away of their sleeping gear. Trust me, I will never complain again about making my bed first thing in the morning.

Barratt walks you through the daily routine of these sailors as you learn not just what their military duties were on board, but what else the day entailed. He describes the uniform, foods they ate, recreational activities, physical fitness and contests, letter writing and chores, such as doing their wash.

Seamen suffered with sickness and diseases just like their counterparts on land. Sometimes that daily four ounces of grog, which is whiskey and water, got some of them in trouble. That is until the Navy put a stop to that with compensation of five cents a day. Of course, that didn't deter some of the sailors from finding a way to get it onboard.

Reading *Circle of Fire* brought me closer to my ancestor as I learned how he served our country, and what it was like for him to live the life of a seaman. Thomas Kingston also served on the USS *Princess Royal*. His pension papers state that he began service as an Ordinary Seaman and rose to the rank of Carpenter's Mate by the end of his service.

I hope you get a chance to read *Circle of Fire*, especially since there isn't much out there about the Union Navy. It sits proudly on my bookshelf, but you are more than welcome to borrow it. Smooth sailing until our Ancestor Book Club meets again as we **Keep Green the Memory** of our Civil War loved ones.

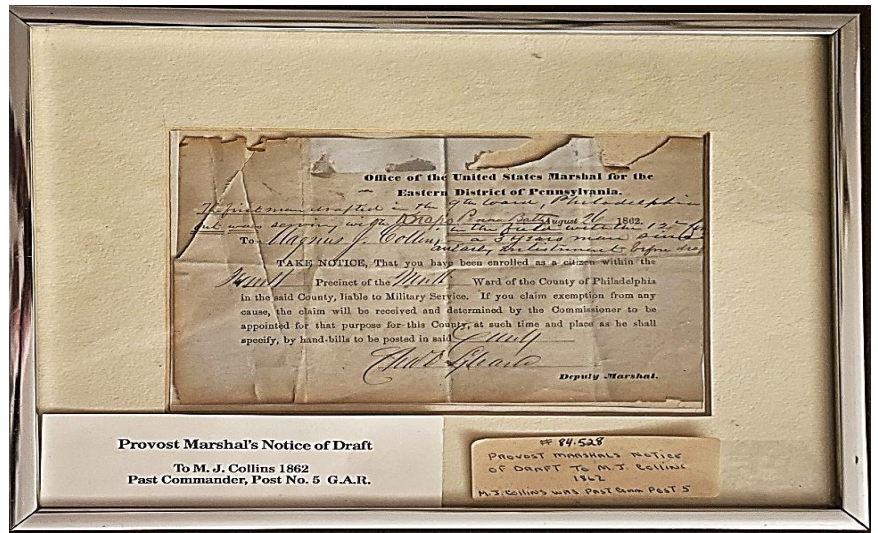


# A CIVIL WAR DRAFT NOTICE

BY WALT LAFTY

This photo (right) is an original Civil War draft notice for a Philadelphia man named Magnus J. Collins. The notice states that he ***“was the first man drafted in the 9th ward, Philadelphia but was serving with Knap’s Penna Battery August 28, 1862...”***

The framed document is held in the archives of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Museum 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia PA 19136.



I have been doing family and Civil War research for many years. While I have viewed Civil War draft **registrations** a few dozen times, I have never seen a Civil War draft **notice**. Many readers may know that there are draft registrations digitized on Ancestry.com from the original records of the National Archives. Those do not record men who were drafted, they only show men **eligible** for the draft. In some situations, the records may also mention that the man already is serving or had prior military service. But normally, it will only show the man’s age, race, address, occupation, place of birth, and whether married or single. The document can still be of genealogical help.

This unique document piqued my interest to find out about the man whose name appears on this draft notice. Magnus J. Collins was born in Philadelphia, PA in 1838. He worked as a clerk for some years before enlisting in Company D of the 28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry on 6 July 1861. By October of 1861, Knaps Light Artillery Battery was being formed. It was officially the Pennsylvania Independent Battery E (Knaps Battery) and was organized by First Lieutenant Joseph M. Knap of Company L, 28th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. The battery included men formed from one company originally to be in the 63rd Pennsylvania Infantry and surplus men of the 28th Pennsylvania Infantry. Magnus transferred and served with this elite battery.

During his service, Knaps Battery was involved in many engagements, including the battles of Cedar Mountain, Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and parts of the Atlanta Campaign. His three-year enlistment ended on 10 July 1864 just after the assault on Kennesaw Mountain. Even with approximately 4,000 casualties in that battle, many men of Knaps Battery reenlisted gaining volunteer veteran status. However, and for whatever reasons, perhaps he had seen enough war, Magnus did not reenlist and came home to Philadelphia.



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He later worked as a clerk in the Customs House and lived with his mother Elizabeth and his sister Cora for many years before and after the war. For over 20 years up to around 1890, they lived at 1343 Vine street which today is Roman Catholic High School.

Magnus was an active member and commander of Grant Post 5. While records for that Post are not known to exist, there are many newspaper accounts as well as G.A.R. Encampment records which contain information about Post 5.

Post 5 had about 60 members who were part of a group called the Sunflower Gettysburg Club, of which Magnus Collins was Secretary. The group appears to have been formed to raise money for social and entertainment activities related to Gettysburg encampments. For the September 1889 Pennsylvania Department encampment held in Gettysburg, newspapers accounts recorded the arrival to the encampment stating, ***“the members of the well-known Sunflower Gettysburg Club Post 5; the Razors of Post 8, and the Lambs of Post 51, are here in full force to provide entertainment...”***

In addition to the G.A.R., Magnus was a member of the Union Veteran League and held the position of Lt. Colonel. He was also a member of the Philadelphia Monument Committee as well as a member of the Democratic political party in the 14<sup>th</sup> Ward. It could have been all those activities that kept him busy enough that he did not marry until he was age 57. On 16 October 1895 in a Presbyterian ceremony, he married Mary Nolan. He was only married for one year and 7 months before he died on 11 May 1897. Magnus J. Collins is buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Yeadon, PA.



***Monument to Battery E, Pennsylvania Light Artillery on Culp's Hill***

## *“I’m Henry Your Dad, I Am”*

*by Mary Wible*

For years I have been trying to find the father of my **3xGGM Hannah Weaver** who married Jonathan Paul. Her mother Sarah married a Weaver and then a Frick, but I didn’t know her father’s name. Well, that time has come. Meet **Henry Weaver, Hannah’s father and my 4xGGF**.

Genealogists will tell you to go back to look at documents with a fresh set of eyes. Take a second look. You will often discover what you didn’t see the first time. That is exactly what happened. Follow me on the road to discovery with the help of friends.

In November of 2023 I attended a Special Interest Group called Genealogists Helping Genealogists at GSP, the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Frank Straup began the meeting with an introduction to military records. One of the suggestions he made was getting the pension records for Civil War veterans. I have the pension records for my 2XGGF, but I decided to take a closer look at uncles who could have possibly served based on their ages at the time of the war. Sure enough, I found a few and ordered their pension records.

Jonathan and Hannah WEAVER Paul had three sons and two sons-in-law that fought for the Union in the Civil War. Quite the patriotic family. The oldest son Thomas Henry Paul was one of them. That got me thinking that perhaps Hannah’s father could be Thomas Weaver if she named her first born son after him. Well, that lead wasn’t working out, but it was looking like Thomas Weaver could possibly be an uncle.

Time for that second look. I have a Monument Cemetery lot card that had a family plot bought by Jonathan Paul which includes 14 family members. Hannah’s mother Sarah Frick is one of them. Another is Henry Weaver whose age at death is 35 and the date of interment is 1854, making Henry born in 1819. Hannah was born in 1811, so he could not be her father. Or could he?

Do you remember your parents telling you to look both ways before you cross a street? Well, look both ways on documents. Going across the line to the right was a notation **“Moved from 8th and Noble”** which I never noticed or questioned before. What cemetery was at 8th and Noble? It was time to call in the troops for assistance. I emailed Ken Milano, Philly’s own Fishtown and Kensington expert. He got back to me with the name of the **First Dutch Reformed Church** which later became several other churches. It had a cemetery. Sara Brower, a GSP member, helped me in numerous ways, and shared the fact that the last church at that location sold the land and started to remove the bodies in 1853-54. Hmm, **Henry was interred in Monument in 1854**. That made sense.

I found a list of Henry Weaver deaths that I had for years from the Philadelphia City Archives which did not help at the time, but I kept them just in case...you know how that goes. Lo and behold, one of them states, **“Weaver, Henry, Penn Twp., 1st Ref. Dutch, Aug. 24, 1824.”** Some quick math shows 1824 - 35 (age at his death) = 1789 for a birth year which fits if he’s Hannah’s father. But where was

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**Penn Township?** Fortunately, I was at GSP when that question arose, and Executive Director Jim Beidler pulled out a book of maps to show me. The location matched. Things were falling into place.

Later I found the **death record** for Henry Weaver which matched the date and location. Bingo! He died of Remitting Fever which was malaria.

Walt Lafty, Research Administrator of the GAR Civil War Museum, shared a **Health Office List of Interments** in the City and Liberties of Philadelphia from **Aug. 21-28, 1824**. I never knew such a thing existed. There are **3 adults** and 3 children under **Remittent Fever**, so it is probable that Henry was one of them.

The search was then on for a marriage of Henry and Sarah, which I may have found, that ties in nicely with times and birth years, but more work is required. So, it appears that the **Henry Weaver on the Monument Cemetery lot card is Hannah's father**. Of course, I still need a birth/baptismal record for Hannah to confirm this theory, but it seems very plausible.

Henry was moved once again in 1956 with the family to Lawnview Cemetery when Monument Cemetery was sold to Temple University. Their bodies are in the Susquehanna Lawn in a plot with no marker. Henry Weaver and Sarah Frick are buried in grave 4 North in both cemeteries. It is my belief that Hannah wanted her parents buried together.

Each new bit of information and documentation has been music to my ears. Speaking of music, ***I get by with a little from my friends*** the ***second time around*** as you can see.

Here's a little ditty I composed in honor of my newfound 4xGGF Henry Weaver to the song "***I'm Henry the VIII, I Am***" which you might recall from the 60s. It's from Henry to Hannah. Enjoy, and thanks for taking this journey with me to break down that wall.

### SONG

*I'm Henry your dad, I am  
Henry your dad, I am, I am.  
I got married to Sarah your mom  
I'm your father not your - Uncle Tom.*

*So, all along it's been Henry  
**Listed on the lot card all this time.***

*I'm your dad for sure, I'm Henry.  
Henry your dad, I am, I am  
Henry your dad, I am.*

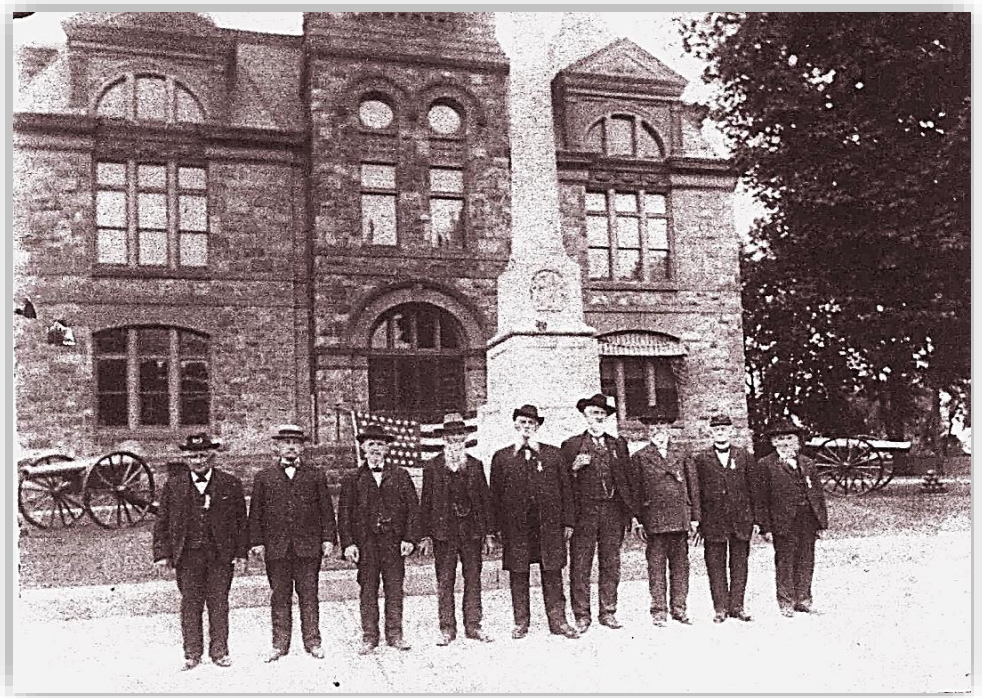
*[Editor's Note – You KNOW you just sang those words! LOL]*



## ***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*

**General  
Joshua Howell  
G.A.R. Post 31  
Woodbury,  
New Jersey**



***Post 31 members in front of the Old City Hall at Woodbury, NJ c 1918  
Photo courtesy of Lyon Camp #10, Vineland, NJ Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War***

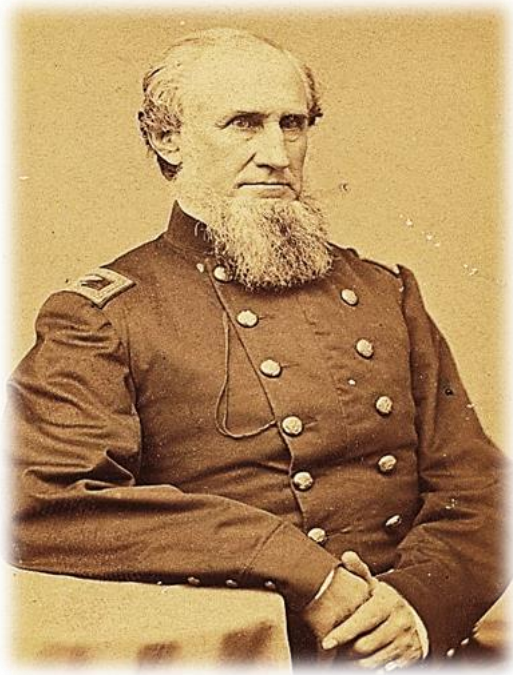
Chartered on 16 September 1879, Post 31 Department of New Jersey was named in honor of General Joshua Blackwood Howell. He was born in West Deptford, N.J. on 11 September 1806. Joshua followed in the military footsteps of his ancestors by joining the Pennsylvania Militia. During the War of 1812, his father commanded the 2nd Regiment of New Jersey Troops. His Grandfather was Colonel John Ladd Howell who served in commissary during the Revolutionary Army.

Joshua had studied law in Philadelphia and started his law practice in Uniontown, Pennsylvania. Just prior to the Civil War, he was by then a Brigadier General of the Pennsylvania State Militia. With his militia experience, he was mustered into Federal service on 12 November 1861 becoming Colonel of the 85<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry.

The 85<sup>th</sup> PA Infantry served first in the Army of the Potomac and later in the Army of the James. The unit was in many major battles including the battle of Williamsburg, Virginia on 5 May 1862. Other battles included Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Folly Island and Morris Island S.C., and General Butler's 1864 operations on the south side of the James River against Petersburg and Richmond as part of the Bermuda Hundred Campaign. While serving in General Terry's Division of of the 10<sup>th</sup> Corps in May 1864, he was commanding a brigade including the 85th PA when he distinguished himself and his



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brigade by fighting and recapturing a line of rifle pits previously overrun and taken by the Confederates. On 12 September 1864 his horse fell on him and two days later he died of his injuries in the 10<sup>th</sup> Corps hospital near Petersburg. Seven months later he was posthumously promoted to Brigadier General to date of his injury.

His body arrived in Woodbury N.J. on 19 September 1864 and was first interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Woodbury but was later removed to Eglington Cemetery in West Deptford, N.J.

General Howell had been married twice. His first wife was Mary Lewis and they had two children together. She died in 1852. In 1854 he married his second wife Katherine and they had at least three children. His widow Katherine Howell was able to receive a widow's pension beginning in 1866 to support herself and her children.

**B.G. Joshua Blackwood Howell**  
*Photo Courtesy Library of Congress*

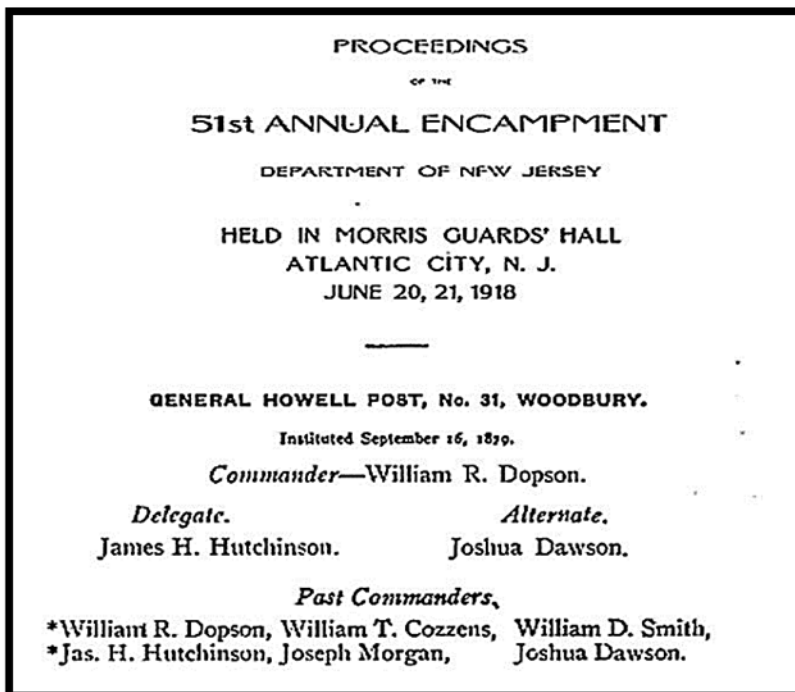


Illustration left is an example of information in New Jersey encampment proceedings for 1918. Names of Post delegates, and deaths in previous year are examples of information contained in each record. Proceedings of the annual encampment of the Department of New Jersey, G.A.R. for the years of 1896-1899, 1904-1906, 1911, 1915, 1917, 1918, and 1920 are digitized and available free at the following link on HathiTrust:

[Catalog Record: Proceedings of the ... annual encampment of... | HathiTrust Digital Library](#)

Also, the records of 104 member applications for Post 31 are held at the Gloucester County Historical Society 58 N Broad St, Woodbury, N.J. 08096

Phone: 856-848-8531

Website: [gchsnj.org](http://gchsnj.org)

## **CIVIL WAR IN THE NEWS AND ON THE WEB**

..... articles submitted by Andy Waskie

### ***Detroit's lost Civil War site has been found ...***

*by Tom Perkins, Bridge Detroit*

Little physical evidence of the contributions of the 102nd United States Colored Infantry remains near a park on the city's east side where the Black Bottom neighborhood once stood – but that could soon change.

A new archaeological scan of the ground around Campau Park has identified the location of the six barracks of Camp Ward. A small team of archaeologists and historians is hoping to perform more scans for evidence of the camp's remnants and may excavate the site.

The members of the 102nd United States Colored Infantry trained at Camp Ward and viewed themselves as “freedom fighters” and helped turn the tide of the war, said Dale Rich, a Black Civil War historian. In 1863, as the North and South battled to a stalemate in the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Emancipation Proclamation. Virtually overnight, Black men were allowed to join the Union Army and fight.

To read the full article:

<https://www.bridgedetroit.com/detroits-lost-civil-war-site-has-been-found/>

### ***Who Were the Buffalo Soldiers?***

The Buffalo Soldiers were an army regiment of the United States made up primarily of African Americans.

Created in 1866, the Buffalo Soldiers were the first regular African American Army units. A special Congressional act allowed for their formation, lifting a previous ban. Four regiments were created to serve in the West. These men served with distinction, earning respect from their foes and friends, and fighting racism.

9th & 10th U.S. Cavalry

24th & 25th U.S. Infantry

To read the full article:

<https://www.thecollector.com/who-were-the-buffalo-soldiers/>

***New Bern, N.C. Photograph by Soldier/Photographer George H. Nickerson***

***With thanks to GAR Museum member John O'Neal***

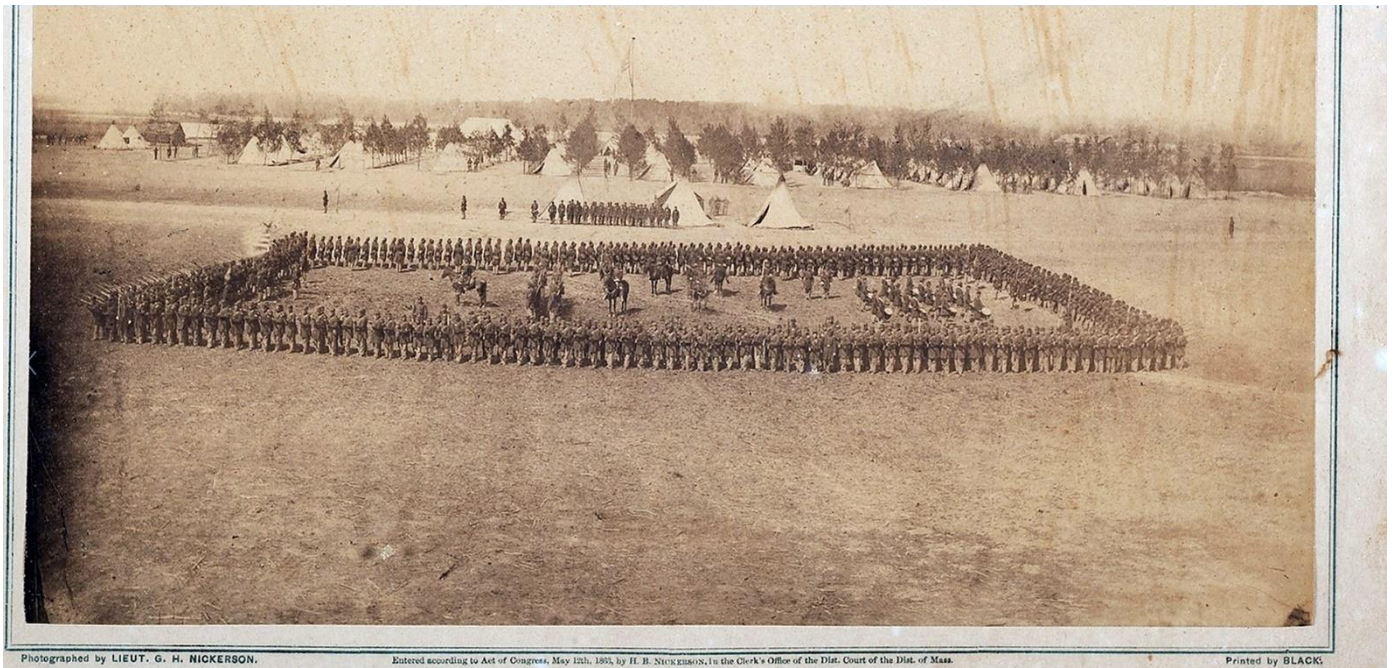
George Hathway Nickerson plied his trade as a photographer in Louisville, KY in 1860. But by 1862, he relocated his photography business to Orleans, Massachusetts, where he enlisted in the 43rd Massachusetts Infantry on August 13, 1862. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in Company E. After a promotion to 1st Lt., he served in that capacity until he was mustered out on July 30, 1863 at Readville, Mass.

On March 12, 1863, officer/photographer Nickerson took a series of images of the 43rd Regiment of Mass. Vols. at New Bern, North Carolina, which he arranged to be copyrighted on May 12, 1863 back in his home state of Massachusetts.

Private Colman Tilden of Co. H of the 43rd Mass. Regt. wrote the following to his parents, on March 30, 1863, describing Nickerson's picture-taking without naming the photographer:

"Friday morning we had some photographs taken of the camp and the regiment. We were taken three times, the first time the regiment were on the march, marching in column by companies, guns at the right shoulder shift. the second we were formed in a hollow square at "charge bayonets" the third was at dress parade standing at "parade rest." I understand they take a great many to be struck off, and sold to the regiment. If they do and they are good ones I will send home some."

[Note: March 12, 1863 was a Thursday; either Tilden was off by one day or the photographer notated the wrong date].



Photographed by LIEUT. G. H. NICKERSON.

Entered according to Act of Congress, May 12th, 1863, by G. H. NICKERSON, in the Clerk's Office of the Dist. Court of the Dist. of Mass.

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The "hollow square" formation, employed especially as an infantry defensive position against a cavalry charge, is pictured in this detail from one of the Nickerson views taken at New Bern and described in Tilden's letter. A portion of Tilden's letter to his parents also appears, below. Addressing this formation, Daniel Crone notes that the Battle of Rowlett's Station was an obscure skirmish in Kentucky fought in December of 1861, but which was won by forming a hollow square. "The 32nd Indiana regiment, all German speaking immigrants, formed a hollow square and successfully repelled a much larger CSA force. The Germans kept the field of battle and later erected a monument, to their fallen comrades. Among the CSA cavalry dead was Colonel Benjamin Terry of the 8th Texas Cavalry in his first battle. They would take the name 'Terry's Texas Rangers' in his honor. What remains of the monument is now in a museum in Louisville."

All of the images are courtesy of Cowan's Auctions. By Craig Heberton IV

To read the full article with photos

<https://www.facebook.com/civilwarphotography/posts/791706179671395/>

## ***How a 19th-Century Portrait of Abraham Lincoln Was Later Revealed to be a Fake***

Do you think photoshopping is something new? Not so fast.....

To read the full article with photos

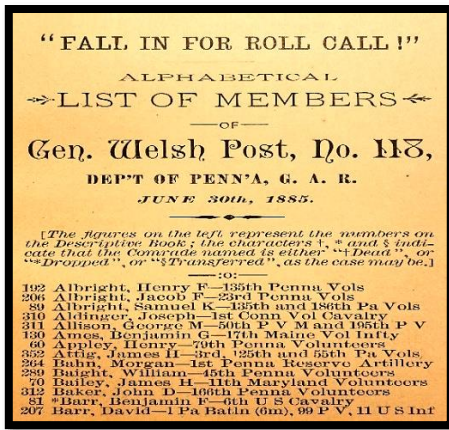
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## Update from the Archives: Recently Uncovered G.A.R. Post records.



By Walt Lifty

Since the move from the old museum two years ago to the new location, records of various G.A.R. Posts continue to be uncovered which were otherwise not known. Some of those had been mislabeled, some were not identified, and some appear to have not been inventoried as Post records but rather miscellaneous items.

Just recently, quite a few more have been identified. One is for General Welsh Post 118 which was located in Columbia, Lancaster County, PA. There are various records for this Post held at the Lancaster County Historical Society and at the Pennsylvania State Archives, and some of those have been digitized by the Family History Library (Familysearch.org). But a small book was recently located in our archives for Post 118. It has a history of the Post, By Laws and Rules of Order, and a list of **374 members**.

Another record found is for Duquesne Post 259 in Pittsburgh, PA. That is a Post which also has records and are held at the University of Pittsburgh. The recent record found for Post 259 in our archives is a book which includes a **roster of approximately 160 members**, a list of Post Commanders for every year from 1882 thru 1912, and a death roll of members from 1886-1912.

One item also recently found in our collection has **800 members listed with detailed information for each man**. It is a book for General John Segwick Post 37 in York County, PA. The book was published by the South Central Pennsylvania Genealogical Society in 1989 and was transcribed from original Post descriptive and other books. Records for Post 37 are held at the York County Heritage Trust Business Record Collection and also Personal War Sketches are held by the Captain Edgar Ruhl Camp 33 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Pennsylvania Department.

A record found which has no other known repository is a book for Arnold Post 407 which was located in Port Treverton, Snyder County, PA. The Post was named in honor of Corporal John C. Arnold Company I, 49th PA Infantry. He was KIA at Petersburg, Virginia, April 6, 1865. The record found at our museum is a small book with a **list of the charter members and about 70 members**.

Finally, Grant Post 5 rosters are now held by this museum. Copies of original Post 5 rosters were donated by George K. McDowell of Delaware, who holds the original records. His ancestor was a

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member of Post 5. This was arranged through Andy Waskie. There are two rosters. One includes **about 420 members** and lists their names and military service. The other roster shows each member attending various Post activities such as encampments, memorial day celebrations, and other Post activities. It is a chart with blocks checked off for each activity. Also included in the collection is a photo of the Firing Party from Grant Post #5 GAR Veterans Reserve.



*Firing Party from Grant Post #5 GAR Veterans Reserve*

[Editor's Note: This photo is part of the collection arranged through Andy Waskie. Andy states that the gr-gr-grandfather of a member of the Wilmington (DE) CWRT was a member of Grant Post #5. During the war he was a 15 year old US Navy 'Power Monkey' and is pictured in the firing party (Memorial Day). What a find!]



## *A Blast From the Past ....*

*Women of the Civil War Series ... By Margaret Atkinson  
(Originally published in the GAR Scout in Spring 2015)*

### ***Ginnie and Lottie Moon – Sister Confederate Spies***

Cynthia Charlotte Moon (Lottie) was born in 1829 and died in 1895. Virginia Bethel Moon (Ginnie) was born in 1844 and died in 1925.

Although there was a fifteen-year difference in age, these two sisters from an old Virginia family shared many of the same characteristics in their behavior and outlook on current events. They were raised in Oxford, Ohio, where their physician father maintained his practice. They were both petite, charming, intelligent young women who could also be free spirited pranksters due to growing up in a home where they were encouraged to read books not usually recommended to young females of that era and were told that women could express their opinions. This background was of value later on when they became active as Confederate spies.

LOTTIE, the third child and first daughter born in the family home, excelled in riding horses, shooting, and acting in amateur plays. Lottie also enjoyed the company of the local young men, at one time being engaged to twelve suitors simultaneously! One of them, young Lieutenant Ambrose E. Burnside, convinced her to marry him and they planned a large wedding. During the ceremony, as legend goes, she changed her mind and walked out of the church. Although stunned by her actions, perhaps this was the best thing that could have happened to Burnside as he later advanced in rank to a Major General and commanded the Army of the Potomac in the Civil War. Having a wife who was a Confederate spy would have placed him in a very difficult position!



Lottie's next foray into romance was a few months later with Attorney James Clark, who went on to become a Justice in the Ohio Supreme Court. She accepted his proposal of marriage and on January 30, 1849, they were to be married in her home in Oxford. As they walked together to the parlor for the ceremony, Clark, being aware of her past actions, drew a small pistol from his pocket, pressed it into her back where it was covered by her clothing, and suggested that she go through with the ceremony, which she did! They maintained a home in the area, inviting guests to discuss political issues and becoming involved in Confederate underground groups.



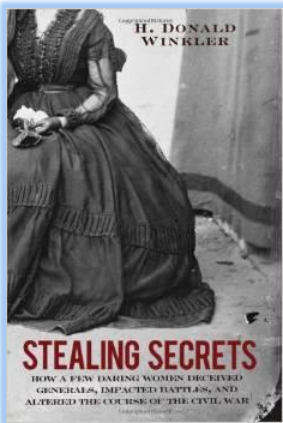
## GRAND ARMY SCOUT



GINNIE was sent by her mother to the Oxford Female Institute in Ohio after her father died and her mother had moved to Memphis, Tennessee. It was a Yankee college in an area of Yankees and not to her liking. She asked the principal to send her home and her request was refused, whereupon she took her pearl handled pistol and shot all the stars out of the flag flying in front of the school. The irate principal expelled her and sent her to Lottie and James' home where she stayed for a short period and learned of opportunities to serve the Confederacy through espionage.

They used their good looks and winning ways to mingle with Union soldiers and officers, promptly passing along any information thus gathered to the Confederate forces. They also became very adept at wearing disguises and feigning illnesses to get passes to travel. Lottie could dislocate her jaw with a loud cracking sound causing her to make a face of extreme agony. During 1862-63 Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest was in West Tennessee trying to stop Ulysses Grant who was nearing Vicksburg. Ginnie's night rides and her information helped him to lead thousands of Union soldiers on wild goose chases trying to locate his cavalry. Lottie also crossed back and forth to Canada to the Canadian Confederate office. Going back into the States could be a problem so she pretended to be a British citizen with severe rheumatism going to hot springs in Virginia, thus fooling the guards.

The sisters and their mother worked diligently making quilts that were used to hide opium and other medicines needed in Confederate hospitals. Ginnie was identified as a spy as she boarded the steamboat *Alice Dean* when she was carrying dispatches. She refused to be searched by a man and when he was out of the room, wet the paper into small balls and swallowed the evidence. However, her hoopskirts made a rattling sound disclosing more medical supplies. She appealed for help to General Burnside who had known her as a child and he was sympathetic, granting her a parole.



Despite their history of spying for the Confederacy, they were never charged or held accountable. After the war, Lottie became one of the first female journalists as she travelled the world covering events for newspapers. She also began publishing novels and poetry. Ginnie travelled throughout the U.S. eventually ending in Hollywood where she had bit parts in two movies in the 1920s. She became a heroine for her work in taking care of the sick during the yellow fever epidemic in the 1870s and later on settled in New York City where she resided until her death. The Moon home in Ohio has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Ginnie has been honored with a large plaque in in Confederate Park in Memphis, a few yards from a statue of Jefferson Davis.



Space would not allow all the details of their life to be printed here, however more information can be found in the book *Stealing Secrets* by H. Donald Winkler or perusing the various accounts of their life that can be found on the internet.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

### **GAR Museum, Library & Archive Community ZOOM Program**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024, 1:00 pm**

**A FREE Virtual Online Program via ZOOM**

**“The Lion of Little Round Top: The Life and Military Service of General Strong Vincent”**

**Speaker: Historian Hans Myers**

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat to [garmuslib1866@gmail.com](mailto: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 program.

### **Civil War Institute (CWI) of Gettysburg College Summer Conference**

**Friday to Wednesday, June 7-12, 2024**

GAR members can request a 15% discount. “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 2024 CWI Summer Conference on June 7-12, 2024. You can explore further details about our conference at <https://www.gettysburg.edu/civil-war-institute/summer-conference/2024-cwi-conference> as well as check out our schedule for this year’s event.”

**\*\*NEW LIVESTREAM-ONLY OPTION (JUNE 7-9, 2024)** – This year, CWI is happy to offer paid, livestream coverage of main-stage lectures in the College Union Ballroom, Registrants can access the livestream from the comfort of their own homes via a special password-protected link on the CWI’s YouTube channel. The main-stage lectures are all those with non-concurrent offerings, as well as one lecture from each grouping of concurrent sessions. These sessions will also be available for viewing after the conference with a purchases livestream registration (\$59.00 per log-in user). **See the above website for full information, or contact the college.**

### **Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Virtual via ZOOM and in-person at Radisson Hotel, Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway, Trevose, PA**

**“Civil War Portrait Photography: Reflections of a Generation”**

**Speaker – Ron Coddington, editor and publisher of *Military Images*, a quarterly magazine that showcases, interprets and preserves Civil War portrait photography, and author of the five-volume series *Faces of the Civil War***

The first collectors of Civil War photos were those who lived during the four-year struggle. As the years ticked by and they passed from the scene, their likenesses were handed down through the generations. Some remained with families. Others landed in antique shops. Many were lost to the elements or tossed into trash heaps. During the war's centennial, a new generation rediscovered these intimate artifacts. Today, a vibrant community of collectors are caretakers of these portraits. In this talk, Ron answers key questions: Why do these images exist? What were the popular formats? Why did they pose this way? How did the war impact portrait photography in the North and South?

## GRAND ARMY SCOUT

### **Monthly Meeting of the CW Roundtable of Cape May County**

**Thursday, June 20, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Stone Harbor American Legion Post 331, 11617 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ**

**“Civil War Medicines and Medical Practices”**

**Speaker – GAR Museum Treasurer and Curator Herb Kaufman**

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### **Civil War Trails: Gettysburg, PA and Frederick, MD – Tour with Jane Peters Estes**

**Friday to Sunday, June 28-30, 2024**

Itinerary includes visit to Harpers Ferry NHP, guided tour of Antietam National Battlefield, Self-Guided tour of the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, Saturday Dinner at Brewer's Alley in Frederick, Admission to "A New Birth of Freedom" (feature length film), Gettysburg Cyclorama Painting Experience and Museum of Gettysburg Visitor's Center, Guided tour of Gettysburg NMP. Two overnights at Hampton Inn, Frederick, MD. \$639.00 PP/DO– Includes 2 Breakfasts, and 1 Dinner. For more info <https://www.starrtours.com/bus-tours/index.php/civil-war-trail-gettysburg-pa-frederick-md/tour-detail/4839>

### **Gettysburg & Beyond: The Ultimate Civil War Tour**

**Sunday, June 30, 2024, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon**

**Laurel Hill East Cemetery, 3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia**

**Tour Guides: Russ Dodge & Andy Waskie**

Many prominent Philadelphians were engaged at Gettysburg, some losing their lives. Union commander General Meade, Division Commander General Crawford, Confederates, and many other officers and enlisted men who participated now rest at Laurel Hill East. The tour will also highlight the important roles played by volunteer nurses, surgeons, civilians, and supporters of the war effort, who likewise lie under Laurel Hill East's perpetual care. . For ticket prices and other information on directions, parking, and visiting guidelines see

<https://laurelhillphl.com/event/gettysburg-beyond-the-ultimate-civil-war-tour>

### **Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting**

**Third Annual Hugh Boyle Memorial Lincoln Lecture**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Virtual via ZOOM and in-person at Radisson Hotel, Route 1 @ Old Lincoln Highway, Trevoese, PA**

**“The Mysteries of Lincoln's Visit to Gettysburg”**

**Speaker – Author Brad Gottfried**

Details will be available at a later date.

### **Monthly Meeting of the CW Roundtable of Cape May County**

**Thursday, July 18, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Stone Harbor American Legion Post 331, 11617 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ**

**“Gettysburg: One Woman's War”**

**Speaker – Michelle LaRue**

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### **Monthly Meeting of the CW Roundtable of Cape May County**

**Thursday, August 15, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Stone Harbor American Legion Post 331, 11617 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ**

**“The Abraham Lincoln Murder Case”**

**Speaker – Philadelphia area historian Roger Arthur**

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### **Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 20, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Virtual via ZOOM ONLY**

**“The Lewis and Clark Expedition”**

**Speaker – Author Judy Okun**

Details will be available at a later date.

### **GAR Museum, Library & Archive Community ZOOM Program**

**Sunday, September 8, 2024, 1:00 pm**

**A FREE Virtual Online Program via ZOOM**

**“The Civil War Navy”**

**Speaker: Local historian Dan Cashin**

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### **Delaware Valley CWRT Monthly Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Virtual via ZOOM ONLY**

**“History of Photography: Not Throwing Away My Shot”**

**Speaker – Local historian & GAR Member Paula Gidjunis**

Details will be available at a later date.

### **Monthly Meeting of the CW Roundtable of Cape May County**

**Thursday, September 19, 2024, 7:00 pm**

**Stone Harbor American Legion Post 331, 11617 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ**

**“The Grand Army of the Republic and the GAR Museum”**

**Speaker – Local historian and Museum Research Administrator Walt Lafty**

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