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Newsletter of the GAR
Civil War Museum, Library & Archive Winter 2022



Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year to all our members and friends



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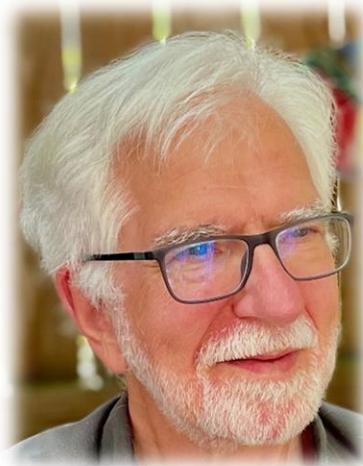
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From the President



On June 10th, 1865, during a heavy rainstorm, a Grand Review of as many of local Union regiments as possible, paraded down Broad Street. Behind them were the graves of the fallen, before them the renewed experience of civil life. The rifles were stacked in the armories, the swords and sashes placed above domestic mantels. The war was over.

Beside the campfires from the Potomac to the Mississippi, men had dreamed and talked of the preservation of comradeship. Many plans were suggested. In 1866 it was an army surgeon, Dr. Benjamin F. Stephenson, who called together representative soldiers from all section of the Illinois to prescribe the principles upon which the Grand Army of the Republic was destined to build a great association of veteran soldiery. Principles of fraternity, charity and loyalty.

Today the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum is the guardian of the Union veterans' history and artifacts. It holds in trust the vast array of resources that will perpetually bring the veterans' stories to the public. The Museum's Board of Directors and members are the keepers of the treasures, guarding against neglect and being forgotten.

Coming together as a community we have overcome many obstacles. Our shared identity and purpose are fueled by our passion for history, scholarship and education.

Grant's 1868 campaign slogan, "Let us have peace" defines our motivation, as it did his.

Come and visit the Museum at its new location, 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136, to experience the full measure of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Joe Perry
President

MEMBERSHIP MEETING ALERT

**The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive
Annual Membership Zoom Meeting**

Sunday, January 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.





Your support is essential to the continued survival of the only museum in the Philadelphia area solely dedicated to the history of the Civil War

ONLY YOU CAN KEEP HISTORY ALIVE!

YOUR SUPPORT AND MEMBERSHIP ARE KEY TO PRESERVING THE LEGACY OF THE MUSEUM.

YOUR SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT WILL ALLOW THE MUSEUM TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE AND EXPAND OUR COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PRESENTATIONS!

My name is Herb Kaufman, and I am the Treasurer of the G. A. R. Civil War Museum and Archive. We are enormously grateful for your commitment to preserving our heritage and American history.

Your membership donation provides the financial future of the museum.

Your membership donation is used to provide the museum with monthly and annual operating funds; the purchase of necessary archival preservation and conservation materials; supporting the costs associated with our speaker series and community outreach; and provide a solid foundation for the continued existence of the museum.

It is indeed very exciting and gratifying to note the many new members, especially those who have become Life Members of the museum. Our list of esteemed Life Members has continued to grow, and we extend a gracious "Thank You" to those who have made this commitment.

I wish to express the sincerest appreciation of the museum board to all of our members for their continued generous support and interest in the museum. With your continued support we can assure that this historic collection remains as a central part of the Philadelphia area historical community.

Here are the ways you can make a membership donation:

- Membership applications can be found on the museum's web page, www.garmuslib.org In the MEMBERSHIP TAB

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- Visit the museum and drop off your membership at the time of your visit.
- Send your membership check payable to “GAR MUSEUM” to
G. A. R. Civil War Museum
8110 Frankford Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19138
- Go to the museum’s web page www.garmuslib.org
- Click the MEMBERSHIP TAB
- Scroll down and click the “DONATE NOW” PayPal button.

Thank you in advance for your continued membership. Your donation makes a very significant difference in the continued existence of the museum!

*Herb Kaufman
Treasurer & Curator*

UPDATE ON OUR 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.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE
REPUBLIC CIVIL WAR
MUSEUM, LIBRARY &
ARCHIVE**

**FIRST SUNDAY ZOOM
PROGRAMS**

**JOIN US THE FIRST SUNDAY OF
EACH MONTH
REGULAR PROGRAMS BEGIN AT
1:00PM**



These are FREE virtual programs online - Please RSVP to garmuslib1866@gmail.com

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – 1:00 PM (EST in the US)

'Meet General Gibbon' Hero of Gettysburg

1st person presentation of MG John Gibbon, will be an overview of his military career focusing primarily on the Civil War years, and allowing enough time for questions at the conclusion.

By Historian - Robert (Bob) Hanrahan

Biography:

Aside from being one of the founding members of C.O.U.G. in 2002, Robert (Bob) E. Hanrahan, Jr. has a long history with Philadelphia civic and business communities. He received his undergraduate degree in marketing from La Salle University (Class of 1975). Bob is currently a retired consultant in the information technology field. In 1997 Bob served as a consultant to AbiliTech, now known as InspiriTec, whose services provide assistance to the physically challenged.

In 1988, he pursued an opportunity with United Engineers and Constructors in Philadelphia, later known as Raytheon Engineers and Constructors. Bob worked on various projects at Raytheon, achieving the title of Information Systems Technical Specialist by 1993. In 1982, Bob joined LTI Consulting Company, which was soon acquired by General Electric. Bob continued with General Electric Consulting and earned the position of Senior Systems Analyst.

At an early age, Bob began working in the family's construction related businesses, remaining active for several years after graduation. Upon receiving a programming certificate from Maxwell Institute in 1979, Bob joined the Pennwalt Corporation as a programmer, leading to a programmer/analyst position. While at Pennwalt, Bob became acquainted with a program to educate and offer job



placement assistance to the physically challenged. This led him to pursue a consulting career he remains committed to with InspiriTec.

During the Civil War, Bob's Great-Great Grandfather James Murphy, enlisted in the 23rd P.V.I. for 90 days in April 1861, and then enlisted in the 3rd U.S. Cavalry, later designated as the 6th U.S. Cavalry, where he became a Sergeant in A Company and was honorably discharged.

Bob's other present interests include his involvement with La Salle University as a member of the Presidents Council, Investments Committee Member of The William Penn Foundation; InspiriTec, Board Member; Board of Advisors of G.A.R. Museum; Sons of the Union Veterans Camp 299, The Heritage Foundation: Washington, D.C., Presidents Council Member; Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association, The Civil War Preservation Trust; General Meade Society; etc.. Bob lives in Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat for this outstanding presentation 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. As a lover of history, you know how critical it is to keep history alive, especially today! We very much appreciate your continued support for the GAR Civil War Museum and Archive.

Details and Updates on Upcoming Programs will be posted on the Museum website <https://garmuslib.org> as they become available.

Please renew your Museum membership! Keep history alive!

The Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum, Library 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.

Please renew your membership for 2023.

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!

MUSEUM PEOPLE & HAPPENINGS

Museum News

The GAR Museum and Archive is currently closed to visitors and researchers through January 10, 2023 while an ADA-compliant restroom is installed in the first floor of the museum, thanks to the generosity of one of our donors. Please monitor the museum website <https://garmuslib.org/> for updates and for the availability of the museum for visits.

On Saturday, October 15, following the ceremony at by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) at Hugh Boyle's gravesite (see more on pages 9 and 10), family members and friends of the Boyle family gathered at the new location of the GAR Museum & Archive for another honor for our former President Hugh Boyle. The new Archive room at the GAR Museum will now be known as the "President Emeritus Hugh Boyle Historical Archives." GAR Museum Treasurer and Curator Herb Kaufman hosted the Boyle Family at the event. Pictured below in a photo provided by Mary Wible are Hugh's sons Sean and Patrick, along with Rose Boyle and Herb Kaufman. Hugh's legacy for a love of history, education, and knowledge will live on as a permanent memory.



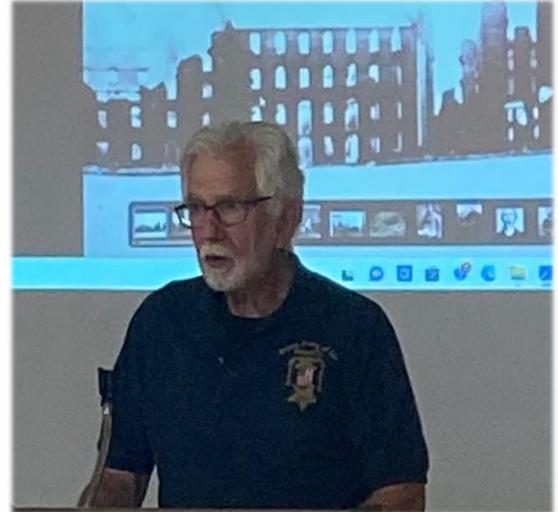
Museum People

Joe Perry Receives Del Val CWRT Merit Award

..... by Herb Kaufman

Each year since 1993 the Delaware Valley CWRT has honored one person for their outstanding contributions to the Civil War and history, education and preservation. This year the annual award has been renamed in honor of Del Val's past president; it is now the Hugh Boyle Memorial Merit Award.

The board of the round table has unanimously voted to give this year's award to Joe Perry. Joe is a long-standing member of the board of the General Meade Society. Through the Meade Society he guides the annual contributions to programs and activities at the Meade school in the School District of Philadelphia.



[photo by Alan Ash, DVCWRT]

Beginning as a volunteer, and then museum Librarian, Joe is now the President of the Grand Army of the Republic Civil War Museum and Archive. Joe advocated and then managed the much-needed move of the museum from Griscom Street to its new location at 8110 Frankford Avenue in Holmes burg.

Joe spent countless hours working with the realtor, attorneys, and the museum board in making many difficult and complicated decisions involving both the sale of the Griscom Street building, and the purchase of the new location.

All the while, he never lost sight of the mission of the museum and worked tirelessly in making sure that the museum's legacy would not only survive but be secure for the future. Recognizing the need for education, Joe personally developed the museum's library to include a significant collection of books of African American history, Philadelphia area history, and is now adding children's history books to the museum's library.

Joe is a member and supporter of numerous historic, community and philanthropic organizations. He generously gives many hours of his time to these organizations.

It is truly through people like Joe Perry that we can be sure that our historic legacy will be secure.

In Memoriam, Dolores Costello

..... by *Mary Ann Hartner*



Dolores Costello, one of our life members, passed away in the early part of this year. Her parish Church, Resurrection of Our Lord at Castor and Shelmire Avenues held a Memorial Mass for her on November 1st.

Several of the GAR Board attended the Mass and celebration of Dolores’s life through pictures that were displayed. Those that attended were Mary Ann and John Hartner, Mary Wible, and Tom Donnelly and his wife.

Dolores was a loyal member of the Museum, often being the first one in attendance at our Open Houses on Griscom Street. Sometimes waiting on the step for us to open. She always sat in the first row, since she was a little hard of hearing, and she would often have a comment or two during the presentations. She enjoyed the Museum, and other Civil War activities and attended some of the Meade Society events as well.

We will miss you, Dolores, may you rest in peace.

Remembering President Emeritus Hugh Boyle

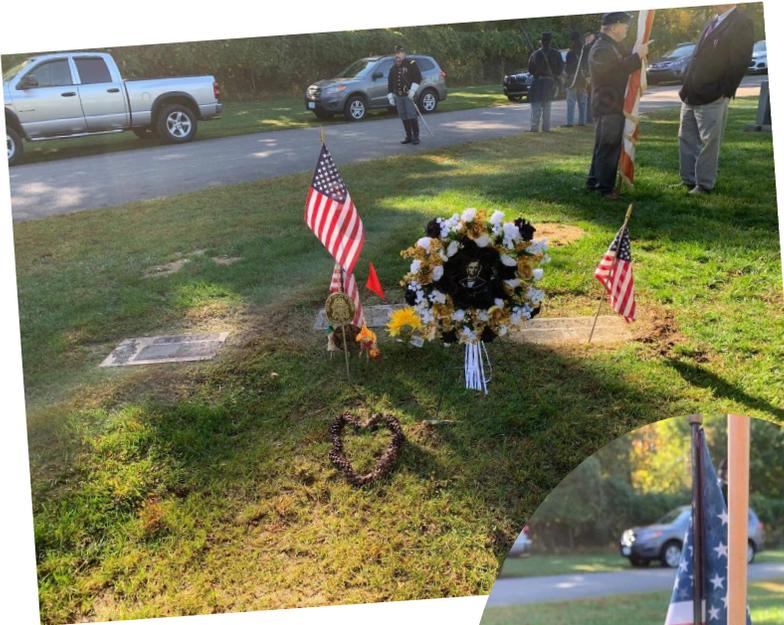
..... by *Pat Caldwell, Editor*

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, prior to the dedication of the Hugh Boyle Archives at the Museum, there was a memorial service at the gravesite at Resurrection Cemetery to honor Hugh. The service was organized by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Baker Fisher Camp 101, who welcomed Hugh into the Sons in November 2021. Camp Brothers Walt Lafty and Mike Peter coordinated details with the Boyle Family.

Mike and Walt spoke a few words in Hugh’s honor, while the Sons fired an honor volley, and laid a wreath, flag and bronze marker. Additional photos may be found on the next page.



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[Photos for the Hugh Boyle events provided by Mary Wible]

Programs

Due to the COVID-19 imposed restrictions, our regularly planned First Sunday programs have continued via the Zoom platform. They have proved to be very popular with high audience participation.

September 18, 2022

"The 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band



This program was the GAR Museum's first in-person open house program since 2019.

Featuring the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band, the program was held at the Emmanuel Resurrection Episcopal Church Hall, 8201 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136.

The band recreated the original 19th century music of Becks Band. To honor the memory of Becks Band, in 1991 members of the 28th PVI Historical Association and Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), Anna M. Ross, Camp #1, founded the 28th PA Regimental Brass Band. The Band acquires and preserves period brass band instruments to study and perform original musical scores of early and mid-19th century American brass bands of both town and military vintage.

The band used authentic musical scores and period uniforms to recreate the music of the 19th century town and military band. The "28th Band" now consists of fourteen saxhorns and one percussionist using mainly Civil War era instruments.

The Band focuses on re-creating the field aspects and public experiences of their Civil War musical ancestors through presenting concerts, living history re-enactments of GAR parades, visiting veterans' hospitals, and participating in field events in the Greater Delaware Valley area.

October 2, 2022

"Philadelphia's Civil War Military Hospitals: Then and Now"
Presented by Walt Lafty

By the beginning of the Civil War, Philadelphia had already become the leading center of medical education and practice in the country. It would also become one of the largest and most influential military hospital departments in the Union.



This program discussed many of the two dozen military hospitals that treated over 157,000 soldiers from 1861 through 1865. Some military hospitals were known for their specialties, some known for other reasons. Walt discussed the locations of where they provided services then and what those locations look like today. He also told the attendees about the organization and transportation system which helped provide support to those military hospitals.

Walt Lafty has been active in various Civil War groups for many years. Those include the Delaware Valley CWRT where he is a board member as well as a member of the preservation and education committees. Walt is also an instructor for the Civil War and History Institutes at Manor College in conjunction with the Delaware Valley CWRT, where he has established himself as a premiere lecturer in Civil War and Irish history. His scholarship and research are unsurpassed. Walt also is a member of Baker-Fisher Camp 101 Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in Hatboro and currently serves as the camp secretary. In addition, he is an active member of the Old Baldy CWRT, and here at the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Museum and Archive, Walt serves as the research administrator and a volunteer.

November 6, 2022

“The Field of Battle/the Aftermath of the Battle of Gettysburg”

Presented by Michael Jesberger

When the Army of Northern Virginia and the Army of the Potomac came into Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in July of 1863, they swept in like a whirlwind. And a thunderous storm followed for 3 days. And that quick, they were gone, leaving in their aftermath a massive wake of destruction and carnage that had never been seen before. Have you ever thought about it? If you focus on it, you might just imagine for a moment.... What would it have looked like?

Amazingly enough with all of the accounts that were done, and books that had been written about the battle, there had never been a major study to deal with that aftermath of the battle of Gettysburg. With over 50,000 killed and wounded, and that was just the beginning. Historical reenactor, lecturer and tour guide Michael Jesberger joined us to explore this macabre tale of the American Civil War.



Mike Jesberger is an independent military historian who specializes in the American Revolution and Civil War time periods. He is renowned for his depth and breadth of knowledge, as well as his engaging and passionate presentation style, whether providing formal lectures, living history presentations or tours of historic sites in the Tri-state area. A member of numerous history-based organizations and active in the reenactment community, he participates in numerous battle reenactments, living history programs and ceremonies to honor American veterans. Mike is also an instructor for the Civil War and History Institutes at Manor College in conjunction with the Delaware Valley CWRT, where he has established for himself a devoted following of participants. A lifelong resident of the Philadelphia region, he is a native of Northeast Philadelphia and has relocated to Bucks and Montgomery County, PA.

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Museum Visitors

Open House

On Sunday, September 18, the GAR Museum and Archive celebrated the grand opening of the new location of the Museum with an Open House Program. The program featured a program by the 28th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regimental Brass Band, which was held at the Emmanuel Resurrection Episcopal Church Hall, 8201 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136, several doors away from the Museum. The Museum also opened its doors to the public to visit the new museum during and after the concert. Light refreshments were provided.



Mary Wible and Ellen Higgins, DUVCW, PA, Tent 58

American Battlefield Trust

On October 15, Herb Kaufman, Tom Donnelly, and Mary Wible offered a tour of the new GAR Museum & Archive to representatives of the American Battlefield Trust. Photo below by Mary Wible.



Museum Members At Home, Out, and About

Many of our members attend other events, always with the intention of spreading interest in the Civil War, the GAR, the SUV, American History in general, and the men and women they represent. Even with Covid restrictions, we've been able to present ZOOM programs for other organizations and to attend events with restricted attendance.

Programs for Other Organizations

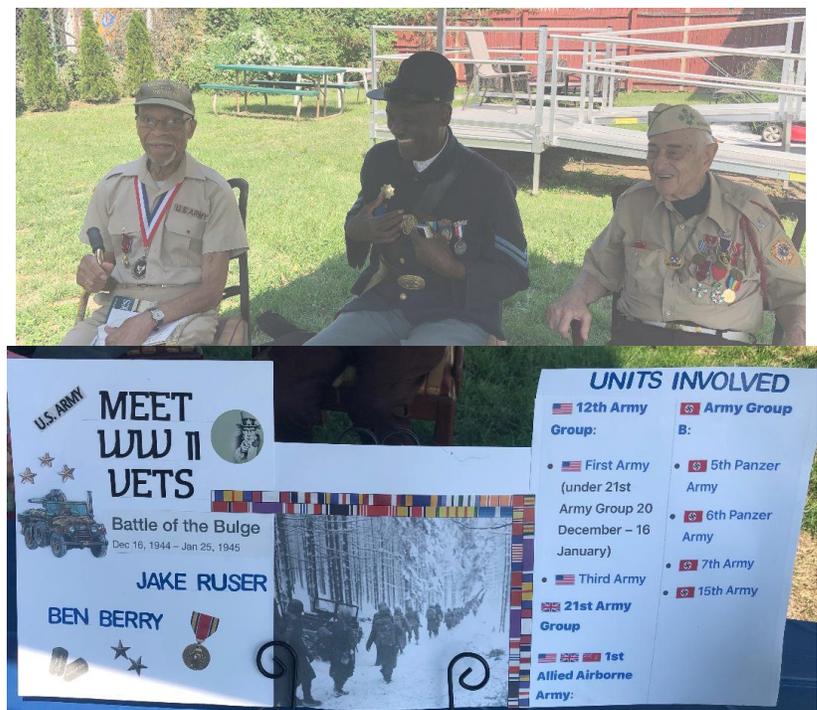
Andy Waskie, Herb Kaufman, and Tom Donnelly presented programs for other historical organizations, and various round tables, both in-person and via the Zoom platform.

Walt Lafty, Herb Kaufman, Tom Donnelly, and Andy Waskie were among the instructors conducting classes for the Civil War Institute and History Institute offered by Manor College and the Delaware Valley CWRT throughout the year.

On November 1, Walt Lafty participated in a program designed to offer tips for researching ancestors, sponsored by a program named Genealogy Quick Start. Walt's segment featured instructions on how to utilize records held at the GAR Museum and Archive to help find Civil War ancestors.

Around Our Town

On September 17, Albert El, Paula Gidjunis, Carol Ingald, Walt Lafty, Mary Ann and John Hartner, Amy and Dan Hummel, Mary Wible, and Dan Cashin helped represent the Museum at the Camp William Penn Historic La Mott Day. held in La Mott, PA. Albert helped to honor two WWII veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, Ben Berry and Jake Ruser. Thanks to Mary Wible for providing the photos.



On October 1, Andy Waskie served as M.C. and speaker for the Annual Major Catto Honor ceremonies at City Hall and the Major Catto Medal Awards Luncheon at the Union League. You can read more about Major Catto here - <https://generalmeadesociety.org/octavius-catto-biography/>

On Sunday, October 15, Andy Waskie participated in services for, and a headstone unveiling for, Private Charles Sigmund (1847-1928), 20th PA Cavalry, GAR Post 46 at Mount Moriah Cemetery in Philadelphia. The ceremonies included performances by the Philadelphia Brigade Band, Honor Guard, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The services were covered by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. The *Inquirer* photo was provided by Bryan Sigmund, a descendant of Private Sigmund. The

cemetery photos are from Deb Goodrich.



<https://www.inquirer.com/news/civil-war-gravestone-mount-moriah-cemetery-yeadon-20221015.html>





On November 10, Albert El, Andy Waskie, and Bill Linhart were among the participants at the US Marine Corps Birthday Observance at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Photo credit to Rhonda DiMascio Executive Director of the Friends of Laurel Hill Cemetery, and courtesy of Andy Waskie.

DUVCW National Convention – Gettysburg, PA

“How Sweet It Is” by Mary Wible

We all have our favorite Philly foods, and Peanut Chews ranks right up there when it comes to candy.

In August, I attended the DUVCW National Convention in Gettysburg, PA. Our Mary Morris Husband Tent 58 was asked to provide candies from our state. This Philly girl decided to bring the hometown favorite, Goldenberg’s Peanut Chews, which were first manufactured in the late 1800s.



Gayl Downs, the head of Peanut Chews at the Northeast Philadelphia plant on State Road, graciously donated hundreds of them for our convention. So many of the women from across the country were already familiar with them, and often responded, “I love Peanut Chews.” Spoken like true candy connoisseurs.

But Gayl’s generosity didn’t stop there. She also provided them to the GAR Civil War Museum for our Open House and for us to share at the Camp William Penn Historic La Mott Day. It was no surprise to get that same smile and reaction to this Philly favorite. Everyone loves them as much today as our World War 1 troops did back in 1917 as part of their war rations.

On behalf of the DUVCW, Mary Morris Husband, Tent 58 and the GAR Civil War Museum, I send a big thank you to Gayl and Just Born, Inc., the candy company that manufactures Peanut Chews.

The next time you pass the candy counter in a store, you might want to pick up a piece of this Philly food history.

Programs Involving the Community

G.A.R. Museum, Library, and Archives Community Outreach Programs by Walt Lafty

For our members who may not be aware, the Museum has established a new community outreach program to promote the museum and its new location.

It is an initiative developed by Board Member Mary Wible. She has been reaching out to local churches, of all denominations, and to schools in the NE Philadelphia area. Mary's vision is to promote the museum and to educate about history. That should not surprise anyone since she is a retired teacher. Somewhere I heard, "once a teacher, always a teacher" - lol.

So far, since the inception of this program in early November 2022, we have visited two senior citizens' groups. One was at St. Jerome Catholic Church on November 10th. The second senior group was at St. Katherine of Sienna on December 7th.

There were over 100 people who attended each presentation which was part of their normal seniors' meeting. Mary and I both spoke to the group for about 20-25 minutes. Mary explained "Stamps for the Wounded" a program sponsored by the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War (DUVCW) of which she is a member. For more information on that program, visit their website at <https://www.stampsforthewounded.org/> or contact Mary via the museum. I then discussed the history of the G.A.R, the museum, and the Sons of Union Veterans (SUVCW) of the Civil War, of which I am a member.



In both presentations, the interest was terrific with many questions. What was also a nice experience was the number of people who came by our display table to check out the various artifacts and archival records. Many people took information about the museum with the hope of visiting in the future. Most were excited to know there is a new museum in their area.

Mary has already scheduled many more events. With the upcoming New Year, we will be visiting the seniors' groups at Christ the King Church (Chesterfield Road) on January 5th; St. Martha Church (Academy Road) on January 9th; Maternity BVM Church (Bustleton Avenue) on January 18th; and St. Hilary in Rydal, on February 15th. In addition, we will be visiting the grade school at St. Katherine to

educate those students on January 10th. The outreach program is designed to include children, seniors, and any community groups who would like to hear about the GAR Museum. There are also ongoing discussions in process with many other schools and churches to schedule events in 2023.

For any group wanting our museum to talk to them about the museum, contact us via the museum website at: <https://garmuslib.org/>

“Stamps for the Wounded” by Mary Wible

Would you like an easy way to help our veterans? Just save your stamps from the mail you receive before you discard the envelope. They can be canceled or uncanceled.

A program called “Stamps for the Wounded” was begun in 1942 to help veterans. “Stamps can give bedridden patients, long-term treatment patients, and convalescent patients, a consuming interest. They can sort and mount stamps while in bed. If ambulatory, or even in a wheel chair, they can pass happy hours soaking stamps and mounting them in albums.”

This link includes a color brochure that describes SFTW and the process.

<https://www.stampsforthewounded.org>.

This is the brochure.

https://www.stampsforthewounded.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/20181226_StampsForTheWounded_Brochure.pdf

They request that a quarter of an inch border be left around the stamp to make it easier to hold and remove the stamp. Also, if possible, separate into three groups: canceled US, uncanceled US, and Foreign. Most uncanceled stamps are from a nonprofit organization. Use this photo as a guide (left side stamp is uncanceled; the right side is canceled).



You would be surprised how many stamps you can collect over time. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to pitch in. Suggest doing so for a group to which you belong. Maybe a school in your area would like to do so. Get your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews involved. They love to find ways to help others.

Yes, most mail is metered, but 'Tis the season for cards and donation requests. So, what are you waiting for? Check your mail and get started. You help a vet and recycle at the same time.

If you have any questions, please send me, Mary Wible, an email through the museum at <https://garmuslib.org>. On behalf of our veterans, thanks for considering to do this.



The Curator's Corner ... by Herb Kaufman

Thank you to all our generous members who have already renewed their museum membership for 2023.

Your continued support is most valuable and we are gratified by your response.

A special thank you to the members who have made specific donations for the conservation and preservation of our archives, documents, artifacts and relics. These donations have permitted us to purchase much needed archival and preservation boxes, supplies and materials to assure that every item is properly and safely preserved for the future.

Since the museum has moved to its new location at 8110 Frankford Avenue, we have been pleased to receive numerous donations of historic artifacts and documents. Among the new donations are:

- A collection of 100 19th century carte-de-visits (CDV) and stereoviews
- An 1863 Zouave Rifle and bayonet
- An original lock and related relics from the infamous Libby Prison
- A post-war bicycle horn

We are very honored and grateful that **Rose Boyle** has donated a significant collection of Lincoln and Civil War statues, images and pictures, along with a wonderful collection of Lincoln books from the collection of our esteemed President Emeritus, Hugh Boyle. We are indebted to Rose for her kindness in considering the museum as the depository for this superb collection of Lincoln materials.

I am also very pleased to be able to report to you that the museum continues to make significant progress in enhancing our exhibits and cataloging all of our G.A.R. records, documents, images, relics and artifacts.

Board member **Mary Wible** and Research Administrator **Walt Lafty** have continued to evaluate and reorganize our vast collection of G. A. R. Post records and related documents. They have spent many hours assessing the collection and restructuring the historic records.

Thank you to board member **Tom Donnelly** for continuing to evaluate our collection of soldier records. He recently discovered an extensive diary of a soldier for the 79th Pennsylvania Infantry.

I am also very pleased to report that I have continued the project of examining all of our historic collection of relics and archival materials. Every box is being evaluated for its content. Every relic is being rewrapped in acid-free material and properly stored in archival boxes. Each archival box is also being relabeled.

We have considerable work yet to be accomplished. If you would like to volunteer to assist in museum projects, please contact the museum.

I encourage everyone to visit the museum. I am sure you will be as excited as I am with the new exhibits.



“Archive Ancestors” by Mary Wible

As Walt Lafty, Research Administrator, and I work in the archive on the GAR post records, we help members by sometimes being able to locate special artifacts for their ancestors. It is such a thrill to find something personal for them and make these connections.

Our research library is another place where we have found them in regiment history books or GAR Encampment books. When you see your ancestor’s name in one of them, it is very moving and somehow brings you a step closer to knowing them.

In a strange way, Walt and I start to feel attached to these Civil War family men and women as well. They will forever be known as our **Archive Ancestors**.

You have already been introduced to some of them in past articles. How about a recap as a refresher course?

Descendant - Ancestor - Artifact

1. Mary Wible - Thomas Kingston, George Paul, [Descriptive Book](#);
Jacob Beck - [Personal War Sketch](#)
2. Lee Wible - Henry A. Winkel - [Descriptive Book](#)
3. Debra Grady - Lewis F. Gold - [Descriptive Book](#), [Post Application](#),
[Post Minutes](#), [Framed Certificate](#), [Post Historian Record Book Form](#)
4. Bryan Sigmund - Charles Sigmund - [Descriptive Book](#)
5. Allyn Horton - Victor Paulin - [Descriptive Book](#)
6. Michele Wallenta - John F. Conaway - You will meet him in our next issue in “Round Three - What Are the Odds?” Get ready.
7. Ellen Higgins - William Lemon and Lena Lake
See below.

In the Summer 2022 edition, Walt wrote about the Col. **William E. Lemon**, PA, Post 260. William is the ancestor of Ellen Higgins, a museum member and DUVCW, PA, Tent 58 officer. You can go to garmuslib.org to click on that edition to read about them.



Photo on left – Ellen Higgins holding the framed Col. William Lemon Post 260

Photo on right – Lena Lake - Record of Eligibility for the LGAR, William B. Hatch, Circle 2

RECORD OF ELIGIBILITY

NAME... Lena Lake.....
ADDRESS... 28 Park Ave.....
DATE INITIATED... June 3, 1924.....
DEPARTMENT ... New Jersey.....
CIRCLE .. William B. Hatch.....NO. ...2.....
VETERAN Wm. Lemon.....
RELATION ... Granddaughter.....
RANK.....CO. ..H...REGT.S.....
STATE.. Pennsylvania..BRANCH OF SERVICE.....
DATE ENLISTED.....
DATE DISCHARGED

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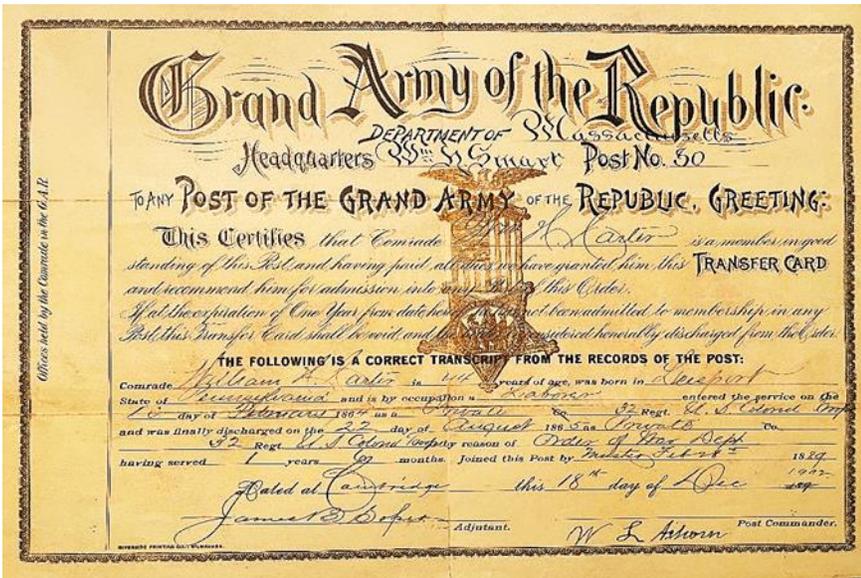
Among our treasures is a framed Col. **William E. Lemon**, Post 260 certificate which Ellen had the honor of holding.

Ladies, you are not alone. Ellen is also a descendant of **Lena Lake**. There is a typed record of Lena's application to the Ladies Grand Army of the Republic, William B. Hatch, Circle 2, in New Jersey.

Think about joining the museum as a member of our special family. You never know if your ancestors are there waiting to meet you. Even if they are not, they would be proud of you for keeping our Civil War history alive.

Maybe we can start a family reunion at the museum once a year to celebrate our Archive Ancestors. We have plenty of room in our garden. Walt and I will supply the artifacts. You supply the family stories. Let's get this party started!





*Original G.A.R.
Transfer Card
Recently Found in
Museum Archives*

*Article by
Walt Lafty*

In recent weeks, Museum Curator Herb Kaufman unearthed yet more records and artifacts that have been stored in many boxes. It has been a continuing process of finding items which have been stowed away in the old museum. Throughout the move from the old museum location to the new location, many interesting and original items have been uncovered. A few of us including Herb, Mary Wible, Tom Donnelly, and Joe Perry, have had the opportunity to sort thru many of these newfound documents.

The above document is one of those items. While it is called an original G.A.R. Post Transfer Card, it is actually a certificate about the size of an 8 x 10-inch photo or paper. The document itself provided some preliminary information to help identify the G.A.R. member. Some additional research has helped provide more details about the man.

William H. Carter was born a free black in Berks County, PA around 1844. He and his family appear in Berks County PA census records. While his military records show him as born in both Bucks and Berks Counties, most records, including his later marriage record in Massachusetts, show him as born in Berks County.

William joined Company "B" of the 32nd U.S.C.T. on 10 February 1864 in Reading, PA. He was trained locally at Camp William Penn. The 32nd U.S.C.T. served at Hilton Head and Morris Island, South Carolina. Additional duties had them at Boyd's Neck, Honey Hill, the Raid on Savannah Railroad, Devaux Neck, James Island, the occupation of Charleston, Potter's expedition, Camden, and many other places.

During their service, the Regiment lost 2 Officers and 35 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 113 Enlisted men by disease.

At some point in later years, he relocated to Massachusetts. While living there, he mustered into the William H. Smart Post No. 30 on 28 February 1889. Post 30 met in Cambridge and is one of the many Integrated GAR Posts in the country. That is according to author Barbara Gannon in her book, ***"The Won Cause : Black and White Comradeship in the Grand Army of the Republic"***. A copy of that book is in our museum library. Post 30 was named in honor of Private William H. Smart (1840-1861), Co. G, 1st Massachusetts Infantry who was KIA at Blackburn's Ford, VA, on 18 July 1861.

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William H. Carter remained in Post 30 until 18 December 1902 which is the date of his transfer card. Unfortunately, the card does not state which Post he transferred to, if in fact he did. Initial research has not been able to connect him to another GAR Post, but the research continues.

The card does however state that he ***"is a member in good standing of the Post, and having paid all dues, we have granted him this TRANSFER CARD, and recommend him for admission into any Post of this Order"***.

The 1902 date of his transfer matches information showing William back in Pennsylvania. Ultimately, he died on 15 December 1930 at the U.S. Naval Hospital, League Island, in Philadelphia. He was buried at the Philadelphia National Cemetery on 22 December 1930 and his remains are located in SECTION G SITE 1404.

32 U.S.C.T.
 William Carter
 Appears with rank of *Sgt.* on
Muster and Descriptive Roll of a Detachment of U. S. Vols. forwarded
for the 9. Reg't U. S. Col'd Infantry. Roll dated
Cpt. Perry Pa. Feb. 17, 1864.
 Where born *Berks Co. Pa.*
 Age *20* y'rs; occupation *Boatman*
 When enlisted *Feb. 10, 1864*
 Where enlisted *Reading Pa.*
 For what period enlisted *3* years.
 Eyes *Blue*; hair *Black*
 Complexion *Yellow*; height *5* ft. *5* in.
 When mustered in *Feb. 10, 1864*
 Where mustered in *Reading Pa.*
 Bounty paid \$ *100*; due \$ *100*
 Where credited *300th Dist. S. Dist.*
 Company to which assigned *A*
 Remarks: *Assigned to Co. B, 32nd U.S.C.T.*
 Book mark: *2*
 (310) *Ca. doge* Copyist.

32 U.S.C.T.
 William Carter
 Co. *B*, 32 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.
 Appears on
Company Descriptive Book
 of the organization named above.
DESCRIPTION.
 Age *20* years; height *5* feet *5* inches.
 Complexion *Yellow*
 Eyes *Black*; hair *Dark*
 Where born *Bucks Co. Pa.*
 Occupation *Boatman*
ENLISTMENT.
 When *Feb. 10, 1864*
 Where *Reading, Pa.*
 By whom *Krupp*; term *3* y'rs.
 Remarks:
 (3882) *Y. W. Chase* Copyist.

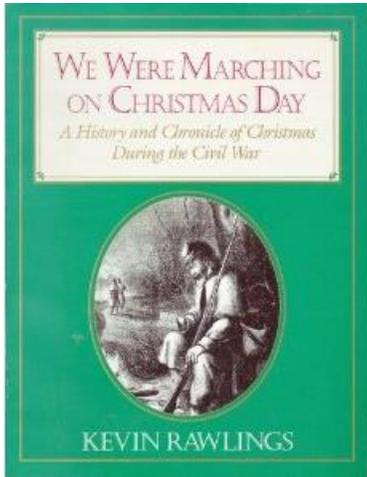


FROM THE MUSEUM'S BOOKSHELF by Pat Caldwell

***We Were Marching on Christmas Day – A History and Chronicle
of Christmas During the Civil War***

By Kevin Rawlings

Toomey Press, Baltimore, 1995, 2011, 169 pages



If you have an ongoing interest in the origins of Santa Claus and the observance of Christmas traditions, you might want to try to pick up a copy of Kevin Rawlings' classic volume *We Were Marching on Christmas Day* – if you're lucky, that is. This book is a hard-to-find treasure trove of all things Victorian Christmas.

As Rawlings states in his introduction, “by the time of the Civil War, the majority of our present day Christmas customs and traditions were already established.” This history is woven in rich detail in the first chapter of the book. We read about the early Dutch and German immigrants, the Christmas tree, St. Nicholas in his various manifestations, the Yule log, holly and mistletoe, caroling, and the Christmas card. We're introduced in detail to Clement C. Moore, author of the well-loved poem, *A Visit from St. Nicholas*, and cartoonist Thomas Nast, the famous Santa Claus illustrator for *Harpers Weekly*. Nor does Rawlings ignore that other holiday tradition – the Christmas feast. Through various vignettes we're treated to Christmas 1860 – the last peaceful holiday the country will see for five years.

The next four chapters are dedicated to each of the war years. True to his mission of describing the Christmas season during the war, Rawlings sprinkles each chapter with first-person accounts of the soldiers both North & South. In diary accounts and letters home, the soldiers detail Christmas day on the front lines, what they're doing, what they're eating – or wish they were eating – what they're feeling, and yes, in many instances they really were “marching on Christmas Day”. Nor does Rawlings forget the folks at home, with inclusion of civilian accounts from the homefront – from the humblest wife and mother trying to support her family, to the recollections of Varina Davis, the First Lady of the Confederacy.

In the final chapter of the book, Rawlings shows a more relaxed America, yet there is a sense of sadness. Families North and South feel the loss of loved ones who will never return, and Southern families in particular are left to find ways to celebrate while recovering from defeat.

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Rawlings, who is well-known for his portrayal of a patriotic Santa Claus, complete with his red, white and blue starred-and-striped version of the traditional Santa costume, rounds out the book with a look at the growth in popularity of Christmas festivities in the immediate post-war years.

Rawlings' book is profusely illustrated with photographs and sketches originally published in the newspapers and magazines of the time, which adds an extra touch to the fascinating text. This book is a treasure, so be sure to put the book on your Christmas wish list, and maybe Santa Claus or Kris Kringle will leave you a copy under your Christmas tree.



*Kevin Rawlings dressed as a Civil War era patriotic Santa Claus put in an appearance at a meeting of the Delaware Valley CWRT a number of years ago
[Photo by Pat Caldwell]*

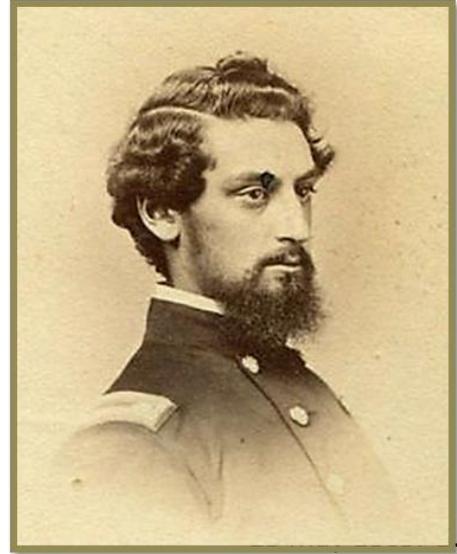


Stories of Posts of the Grand Army.....by Walt Lafty

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

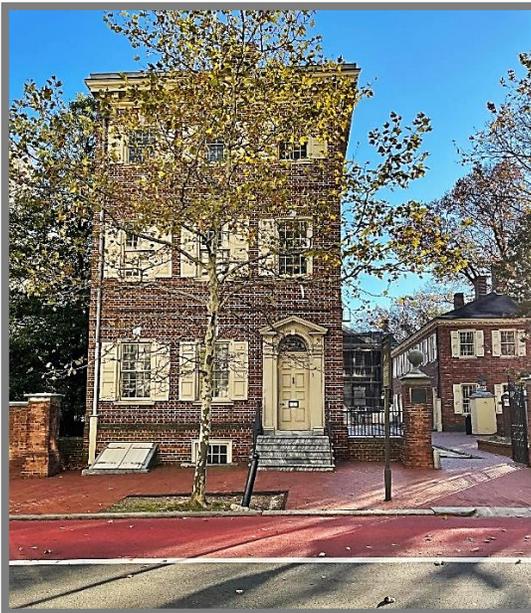
Colonel Gus W. Town G.A.R. Post 46 Philadelphia, PA Department of Pennsylvania

***A GAR Post still connected to
Philadelphia history***



A.R.

Gustavus Washington Town was born in Philadelphia, PA on 28 August 1839. His parents were Gustavus Vasa Town and Mary Anna Hart. He had at least five siblings, including three brothers and two sisters. His brothers were Thomas Jefferson Town, Samuel Hart Town, and Andrew Jackson Town. Sisters Mary Elizabeth Town and Anna Catherine Town died as young children between 1848 and 1850.



The senior Gustavus V. Town and his sons all applied their trades as successful printers. Their business was located for many years at 320 Chestnut Street. The address is currently the building on Chestnut street in front of Carpenter's Hall and its adjoining building known as the New Hall Military Museum (photo left).

Gustavus W. Town enlisted in the military at the start of the Civil War, as did his brother Thomas. Both were officers in the 95th PA Volunteer Infantry which was organized at Philadelphia under the command of Colonel John M. Gosline, Lieutenant Colonel Gustavus W. Town, and Major William B. Hubbs. At Gaines Mills in 1862, the 95th suffered 169 officers and men killed or wounded. Among those casualties was Colonel Gosline who was KIA. Gustavus W. Town assumed command and was promoted to Colonel.

In between campaigns, Gustavus was able to marry his sweetheart, Grace Ann Bourquin. They were married on 15 February 1863 at the Fifth Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Grace and Gustavus Town would have no children together.

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At the battle of Chancellorsville, Va. on 3 May 1863, Colonel Town was killed while leading his regiment. His brother Thomas Jefferson Town then assumed command of the 95th. His body was brought home to Philadelphia, and he was buried at West Laurel Hill Cemetery.

Grace Ann Town, widow of Colonel Town, was able to receive a pension after his death. She received it from August of 1863 up until her death in May of 1896. Mrs. Town also appeared on the 1890 Veterans Census as widow of Colonel Town.

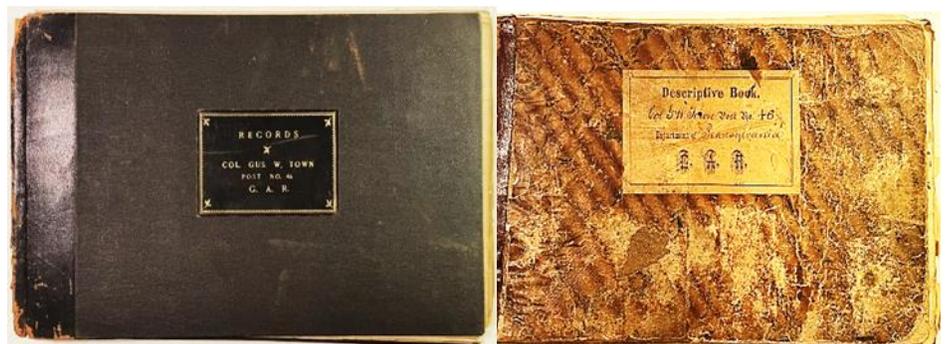
On 17 June 1874, GAR Post 46, Department of Pennsylvania was organized and named in honor of Colonel Gustavus Town. The Post met at various locations over the years starting at 1352 Lombard Street during its first few years. In the later years of the Post during the 1910s and 1920s, the Post met at 1421 South Street. But from around 1883 up through at least 1898, the Post met at 730 S. Broad Street (photo right). The original building still exists. Built in 1849, it was originally the home of the Harmony Volunteer Fire Company No. 6, one of the few remaining 19th century volunteer firehouses in Philadelphia. When the Philadelphia Fire Department became paid in March 1871, the city took over the building. Over the years it served many other uses including a Police Station in the 1870s, a warehouse, and was used by GAR Post 46 as its meeting place for about 15 years.



Today the building is home to Brandywine Workshop and Archives (BWA) which is a diversity-driven, nonprofit cultural institution. It is on the National Register of Historic Places due to the historic architecture as an early American firehouse.

In 1883, the membership of Post 46 was at 300. By the 1920s it had increased to 873 members. It was an active Post in all GAR affairs including the commemoration of Memorial Day. Like most Posts of the time, they were assigned to various cemeteries to conduct memorial services. For many years, Post 46 was dedicated to Ronaldson Cemetery 9th & Bainbridge, Philanthropic Cemetery Passyunk Avenue & Cross Street, and the Presbyterian Cemetery at 12th & Lombard.

Two Descriptive record books of Gus Town Post 46 survive. Both records are held by the GAR Museum, Library, and Archives at 8110 Frankford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19136.



“Round Two of What Are the Odds?” ...by Mary Wible

In a previous issue, I wrote about the uncanny connections of the DUVCW Tent 58 sisters who are members of our GAR Museum.

Get ready for round two, only this time with some GAR Museum members whose ancestors belonged to the Col. G. W. Town Post 46 in Philadelphia. Our researcher Walt Lafty told you all about that post.

My great, great grandfather Thomas Kingston, who served in the Union Navy, was a member of that post, and it was in the records from the museum archive that I found him. I was doing research to determine his birth year so I could get his grave marker from the US Department of Veterans Affairs.

I searched blindly in the archive going through boxes of various posts hoping for the best. When I turned the page in that Gus Town Descriptive Book and saw his name, I was beyond excited. It was the last piece of the puzzle that I needed.

No.	NAME.	Age.	Birthplace.	Residence.	Occupation.	ENTRY INTO THE SERVICE.				FINAL DISCHARGE.			
						Date.	Rank.	Co.	Regiment.	Date.	Rank.	Co.	Regiment.
273	Clemson Robinson	37	Philada	Philada	Machinist	8/30/62	Private	G.	119th P.V.	6/19/65	Private	G.	119th P.V.
274	Alan M. Farland	30	Philada	"	Moulder	5/15/64	Private	E.	198th P.V.	4/30/65	Private	E.	198th P.V.
275	John T. Kulp	34	Elkton, Md.	"	Cabinet Maker	11/20/62	Private	F.	5th Maine	8/10/63	Private	F.	5th Maine
276	Abram Cace	36	Lisbon, N.Y.	"	Cabinet Maker	7/25/62	Private	B.	106th N.Y.	5/22/65	Captain	B.	106th N.Y.
277	Wm. H. Sharp	44	Buffalo, N.Y.	"	Boatman	6/28/61	Captain	G.	99th P.V.	12/31/62	Captain	G.	99th P.V.
278	A. R. Stugart	53	Philada	"	Undertaker	7/21/61	Sergeant	A.	8th P.V.	7/21/64	Sergeant	A.	8th P.V.
279	Edmund Lichtenburg	36	"	"	Copper Smith	7/10/61	Private	H.	29th P.V.	7/10/64	Private	H.	29th P.V.
280	Truman Miller	48	"	"	Conductor	4/27/61	Private	H.	71st P.V.	7/20/64	Captain	H.	71st P.V.
281	James Bennett	43	Wilmington, Del.	"	Marocco Driver	8/13/62	Private	G.	1st Del.	6/7/65	Sergeant	G.	1st Del.
282	George Smith	40	Philada	"	Seiler	4/20/61	"	M.	4th Reg. Art.	4/27/64	Private	M.	4th Reg. Art.
283	Henry A. Sheff	50	Phila.	"	Painter	1/1/61	Captain	D.	9th P.V.	4/27/65	Sergeant	E.	188th P.V.
284	Thomas Kingston	56	Phila.	"	Carpenter	7/12/61	C. Seaman	U.S.S.	Sequelant	4/6/64	Captain	U.S.S.	Phila. Reg.

As I rushed downstairs to share my good news, Walt shouted, “She found her guy!” I have come to learn that “your guy” and “my guy” are expressions used in this Civil War community to refer to one’s ancestor. If only Mary Wells knew this back in 1964. It gives her hit song new meaning for me.

My family genealogy expanded with my 2nd great-granduncle, George Paul, who fought in the 82nd PA and 9th NJ. George was also in the Gus Town Post along with his brother-in-law, my Thomas Kingston. **What are the odds?**

George also served with Walt Lafty’s “guy” in the 9th NJ. **What are the odds?**

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Moving right along to my sister-in-law Lee's great grandfather, Henry A. Winkle. Lo and behold, I found him in this post. That means that my brother Bill and his wife Lee both had ancestors from Gus Town. **What are the odds?**

That brings us to two more people whose "guy" was found in the Post 46 records.

Bryan Sigmund, a GAR Museum member, came by on our Members Day. He had been working on a headstone unveiling service for his relative Charles Sigmund to take place on October 15 at Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Bryan had no idea if Charles even belonged to a GAR post until Walt worked his magic and found out it was Post 46. I couldn't believe it, although I should be getting used to this by now. I knew just where to go for that box. Sure enough, we found Charles Sigmund. Again, **what are the odds?**

That left one more Gus Town Post member to be discovered. Allyn Horton and a friend came up from Baltimore to our Open House in September. Walt had done some preliminary work for her about Victor Paulin. I asked her if she knew if he was in a GAR Post. She told me his obituary mentioned Post 46.



Should I be surprised? Of course not. A quick search found him in the records. **What are the odds?**

But wait, there is one more special connection. Allyn also has a Charles Sigmund in her family, and Bryan has a Paulin in his. It was later found that her Charles Sigmund is the uncle of his Charles Sigmund. Seriously, **what in the world are those odds?**

Bryan and Allyn did not know one another, so I connected them through email to verify this, and these newly found cousins met each other at Mt. Moriah Cemetery for the Civil War Memorial Service on October 15.

Our archive held one more treasure for all of us. It was a ribbon of the Gus Town Post 46 from the 26th GAR National Encampment. Very cool piece of history!

That about does it for the Gus Town Post 46 ancestors. I think it's now time for some Motown music. "My Guy" by Mary Wells is talking. 'Care to sing along with me?

[Editor's note – see page 16 for more on the Mt. Moriah Cemetery event.]



RESEARCHING FREE RECORDS AT ANCESTRY.COM



By Walt Lafty

Many researchers are familiar with and use many of the mainstream on-line genealogy subscription sites. For those who do not have, or are not able to have a paid subscription, there is one which offers free access to certain records, at least for “some” Pennsylvania records.

The Pennsylvania State Archives has a partnership with Ancestry.com to digitize family history records in the State Archives and make them available online. Free access to **Ancestry.com Pennsylvania** is available to Pennsylvania State residents. This access requires a free Ancestry.com Pennsylvania account. You will have free access only to the records available through **Ancestry.com Pennsylvania**, not to the entire Ancestry database.

The following are currently the free records available through that system:

Included data collections:

- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Burial Cards, 1777-2012](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Births, 1852-1854](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Oyer and Terminer Court Papers, 1757-1787](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Spanish War Compensation, 1898-1934](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Naturalization Records from Supreme and District Courts, 1794-1908](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., War of 1812 Pensions, 1866-1879](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Land Warrants, 1733-1987](#)

- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Civil War Border Claims, 1868-1879](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Marriages, 1852-1854](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Deaths, 1852-1854](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Marriage Registers, 1885-1889](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Tax and Exoneration, 1768-1801](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Septennial Census, 1779-1863](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., WPA Church Archives, 1937-1940](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Veteran Compensation Application Files, WWII, 1950-1966](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1968](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Civil War Muster Rolls, 1860-1869](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Birth Certificates, 1906-1913](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., World War I Veterans Service and Compensation Files, 1917-1919, 1934-1948](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Prison, Reformatory, and Workhouse Records, 1829-1971](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1845-1963](#)
- [Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Card Files, 1775-1916](#)

The list is limited but is free and can be helpful in conducting research for Pennsylvania. For those with a paid subscription to ancestry.com, these records above are already part of your subscription so this tip is of no help to you. Again, this suggestion is for those who do not have a subscription and are doing research on Pennsylvania records only.

You can access this site of the Pennsylvania State Archives via the website of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission at:

<https://www.phmc.pa.gov/Archives/Research-Online/Pages/Ancestry-PA.aspx>

*Good Luck with your research,
Walt*



GRAND ARMY SCOUT



*Guard-Tent Second Massachusetts, Camp Hicks, near Frederick, MD, 3 ½ o'clock, A.M.
December 25, 1861*

Dearest Mother,

It is Christmas morning, and I hope it will be a happy and merry one for you all, though, it looks so stormy for our poor country, one can hardly be in a merry humour.

I should be very sorry to have a war with England, even if we had a fine army, instead of a pack of politicians for officers, with their constituents for rank and file; and all the more so, of course, thinking that we shall have to take many "whoppings" before we are worth much. War isn't declared yet, but doesn't it look very much like it to every one at home? Here, we have made up our minds that we shall have much more soldiering to do than we expected when we started. I think we may as well consider ourselves settled for life, if we are to have a war with England!

My Christmas Eve has been very much like many other eves during the last six months. On the whole, I have passed quite a pleasant night, though what our men call the "fore-part" of it was principally occupied in taking care of two drunken men (one of them with a broken pate), and in tying a sober one to a tree. After this was over, I did a good deal of reading, and, towards 1 o'clock, A.M., had some toast and hot coffee, —having previously invited my Sergeant to take a nap, so that I might not be troubled by hungry eyes, and made to feel mean, for these wasn't enough to give any away. The drummer (who, with the Sergeant of the Guard, for some reason which I never discovered, sits and sleeps in the officers' tent) kept groaning in his sleep; and I couldn't help imagining that his groan always came in just as I took a bite of toast, of a large gulp of coffee. This diminished my enjoyment; and when he suddenly said, "Martha! There isn't any breakfast", I was certain that my proceedings were influencing his dreams!

It began to snow about midnight, and I suppose no one ever had a better chance of seeing "Santa Claus"; but, as I had my stockings on, he probably thought it not worth his while to come down to the guard-tent. I didn't see any of the guard's stockings pinned up outside their tent, and indeed it is contrary to army regulations for them to divest themselves of any part of their clothing during the twenty-four hours.

Please ask Father to bring me a pocket-revolver, if he can get it, when he comes,—one small enough to carry in the breast-pocket. Also, tell the girls that Harry would be very much obliged if they would send him seventy or eighty pairs of mittens. I heard him say he would like to have some. The men were all glad to get them, though, as usual, they didn't express their thanks. They get so many things that they are spoilt, and think they have a right to all these extras. Thirteen dollars per month, with board, lodging, and clothes, is more than nine men out of ten could make at home. Poor soldiers! Poor drumsticks! But this is not the sort of language for me to use, who am supposed to stand in the light of half mother to the men of my company. I should like about fifteen more pairs mittens; and some warm flannel shirts and drawers would be very useful, if there are any spare ones. "Uncle Sam's" are miserable things. "Merry Christmas" and love to all, dear Mother. I suppose Sue is at Mrs. Schuyler's. I am so glad she is coming with you next month! Alex. And Annie will be here next week.

Your loving son, Robert Gould Shaw

***THE CIVIL WAR INSTITUTE & HISTORY INSTITUTE
AT MANOR COLLEGE
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE DELAWARE VALLEY CWRT***

While Manor College has reopened for in-person instruction, at the present time the Civil War and History Institutes will continue virtually only via ZOOM for the foreseeable future. However, the Round Table will be working with Manor College to determine if and when we can again offer in-person classes, in addition to our virtual ZOOM classes.



Del Val CWRT's Education Committee is in the process of scheduling classes for the Spring 2023 session. That information will be shared via the Manor College Continuing Education webpage as soon as the slate of programs has been finalized. You may also contact Pat Caldwell at pabc0808@aol.com to request information on the classes, and to be added to the email distribution list for the Institutes.

Look for NEW programs on Civil War topics, along with Early American history, America's mysteries, espionage, and a Roman Empire installment.

You can register for classes on the Manor College Continuing Education website <https://manor.edu/academics/adult-continuing-education/history-institute/>

You will be sent a link with a password that will enable you to access the program. A reminder email will be sent again within 24 hours of the start of the class.

DID YOU KNOW????????

The Museum has a Facebook Page.

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

**SOME ORGANIZATIONS AND VENUES MAY STILL BE CANCELLING SOME EVENTS.
BEFORE ATTENDING ANY EVENT,
PLEASE CHECK WITH ORGANIZERS TO MAKE SURE THE EVENT IS STILL ON!!!**

Holidays at the Eisenhower Home

All Throughout December

Celebrate the holiday season with a festive tour of Dwight and Mamie Eisenhower's home and farm. Inside you'll find Mamie's holiday touches throughout the home including wreaths, poinsettias, mistletoe and of course, the living room Christmas tree. Visitors must ride the shuttle from the Gettysburg National Military Park Museum and Visitor Center to tour the Eisenhower home during the Christmas season. For info and shuttle schedules

<https://www.nps.gov/eise/planyourvisit/eisenhower-farm.htm>

Annual General Meade Birthday Celebration with Meade Society at Historic Laurel Hill Cemetery

Saturday, December 31, 2022 at 11:30 am

3822 Ridge Avenue, Philadelphia

Parade and ceremony to mark the 207th anniversary of his birth will begin at 12 noon at General Meade's gravesite. All are asked to gather at the Gatehouse at 11:30 AM. Military and civilian living historians are encouraged to participate! A champagne toast and reception will follow the program.

For info and registration contact Dr. Andy Waskie at awaski01@gmail.com

GAR Museum, Library & Archive First Sunday Program

Sunday, January 8, 2023 – 1:00 pm via ZOOM – NOTE SECOND SUNDAY THIS MONTH

A FREE Virtual Online Program

“Meet General Gibbon, Hero of Gettysburg”

First person presentation of MG John Gibbon by local historian and re-enactor Bob Hanrahan

An overview of his military career focusing primarily on the Civil War years, allowing enough time for questions at the conclusion.

Please send a request to reserve a virtual seat by e-mail to garmuslib1866@gmail.com

Requests to reserve a virtual seat that are sent the day of the Program may not arrive in time. We will make every effort to reply, but Gmail may be slow, and our volunteer may be called away. 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.

Details and Updates on Upcoming Programs will be available on the Museum website

<https://garmuslib.org>

Annual Lincoln Birthday Celebration

Friday, February 10, 2023 at 10:00 am

Sponsored by the Union League of Philadelphia. Civil War military units, civilians, and heritage groups are welcome and encouraged to march in the parade through Philadelphia to Independence Hall to honor President Lincoln on his birthday. Participants will gather at the Union League, 140 S. Broad St. by 10:00 am. Complimentary parking available at Laz Garage on the NW corner of 15th & Sansom St. ONLY. There are no reimbursements for those who park elsewhere. Arrive between 9:00 and 10:00 am and obtain a parking pass from a guard at the Sansom St. entrance, opposite the Union League garage. Proceed to Laz garage at 114 S. 15th St to park. Return to the Union League.

To register: Contact: Dr. Andy Waskie 215-423-3930 or awaski01@gmail.com



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The cost of these lectures has increased over the years to the point that we now need to ask for your help to continue bringing speakers to our museum and luncheon. A requested donation of \$100.00 is an essential part of the support that enables The GAR Civil War Museum and Library to function as a strong resource that brings informative and engaging speakers to our community.

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