

William Seward Austin

Personal War Sketches

Grand Army of the Republic

T. L. Sutphen Post No. 41, Evansville, Wisconsin

Record 14

Comrade William Seward Austin who was born the 10th day of December A. D. 1839 in Frankfort, County of Herkimer, New York. Enlisted at Utica New York, September 1864 as a private in Co. A. 1st N. Y. Light Artillery. Was discharged June 28th, 1865 at Elmira, N. Y. for reason of close of the war to preserve the Nation and my services no longer required. Battery A was with McClellan all through peninsula campaign and its guns were captured at the battle of Fair Oaks after they had fired 773 out of 775 rounds of shot and shell, not being able to save the guns from the ? 109 horses out of 129 belonging to our battery were killed. Col. G. D. [Guilford D.] Bailey, Major Van Walkenberg and Adjutant Ramsey were among the killed.

The following are names of some of my comrades. C. R. Austin, J. S.; A. F. Clark.

My battery was detailed as escort to Lincoln at Harrisburg, Pa.

A. C. Babcock

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GAYLORD GUARDS.—At the election of officers yesterday afternoon, the following were chosen :
Captain.—A. Z. Wemple, of Bradford.
1st Lieut.—W. L. Scott, of Bradford.
Sergeants.—J. H. Stickles, Center, order-ly; 2d, K. Tanner, Milton; 3d, A. C. Babcock, Magnolia; 4th, E. W. Burnham, Shopiere; 5th, L. B. Pierce, Union.
Corporals.—1st, Charles Hoyt, Clinton; 2d, John Eastwood, Union; 3d, S. P. Hayner, Rock; 4th, Wesley Wright, Johnstown; 5th, Henry C. Eldridge, Union; 6th, Oliver Crowther, Bradford; 7th, Herbert Whitford, Milton; 8th, Mathias Crall, Center.

Janesville, WI

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John Gardner Babcock and his sister, Martha on Look Out Mountain Tennessee.

Gardner visited many former Civil War Battlefields, including Gettysburg in 1938. He was 93 at the time that he visited Gettysburg and met John C. Cook, 96, Morewood, Oklahoma, the only other known survivor of Company D, Wisconsin 13th Regiment.

Evansville's 'Only Vet' Is Back Home

EVANSVILLE—John Gardner Babcock, 93, only Civil war veteran living here now, was back from Gettysburg today with memories of having talked again with the only other known survivor of Company D, 13th Wisconsin volunteers.

Although somewhat tired after his trip, Babcock told about how he and John C. Cook, 96, Morewood, Okla., the other living soldier from Company D, sat together and gripped each others hands in friendship.

The Gettysburg meeting was the first time that the men had seen each other since the war.

Babcock is today the only living member of the T. L. Sutphen post, number 41, Grand Army of the Republic, which was organized here Aug. 24, 1882. At one time the post had a membership of 212.

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Evansville's Last Civil War Vet Dies

John Gardner Babcock Passes At Age of 97; Military Burial Service

John Gardner Babcock, 97, Evansville's last Civil war veteran, died at 12:30 a.m. Monday at his farm home, three miles south of the city where he had been ill since suffering a stroke of paralysis Tuesday, June 9.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Evansville Congregational church with the Rev. Grant V. Clark officiating. The song service was presented by Mrs. William Boode who sang "Abide With Me" accompanied by Miss Arlene Johnson.

Military burial services were conducted at the West Magnolia cemetery by the members of the Evansville American Legion who also formed a military escort for the funeral. The pall bearers were Bert McCoy, Gus Keehn, John Klitzman, L. P. Eager, W. D. Brown, and Ernest Clifford.

Mr. Babcock was born October 14, 1844 in Johnstown and came to Magnolia, his home for more than ninety years, when he was three years old. He enlisted in the Civil war army, July 31, 1861, at Janesville, at the age of seventeen years. He served with Company D of the 13th Wisconsin regiment. He served his country as a soldier until he was mustered out at Nashville, Tenn., November 19, 1864.

While in the army it was the work of the regiment that he was a member of to enable the Union forces to move about the devastated areas of the South, rebuild bridges, and repair roads and railroads, much of which was accomplished under gunfire.

After his return to Magnolia he engaged in farming and was married to Miss Mary Hannah Thurman, January 7, 1874 on the Thurman homestead where Mr. and Mrs. Babcock lived their entire married life and where the former continued to reside after his wife's death about eighteen months ago. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1924 and their 65th anniversary in 1939. A daughter, Mrs. Grace Greatsinger died October 13, 1937.

The deceased is survived by three sons, Richard Babcock, a member of the Janesville police force, Benjamin Babcock, at home and Charles Albert Babcock, Los Angeles, California; eight grandchildren; ten great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

The last member of the Evansville T. L. Sutphen post, G.A.R., Mr. Babcock was active and intensely interested in his surroundings up until the time of his recent illness. He attended

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Baker, Aaron T.

Married: In Evansville. Nov. 19th, by Rev. E. Robinson, Mr. AARON T. BAKER, of the 13th regimental band, and Miss JULIA M. SOUTHWICK, both of Evansville.

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Baker, Allen Sayer

- A. S. Baker and W. H. Walker attended the reunion of the Iron Brigade at La Crosse.
 - a. September 18, 1883, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Recollections of the Re- bellion

HON. A. S. BAKER TELLS OF STIRRING DAYS AT BE- GINNING OF WAR

Slavery had been a burning question in congress and throughout the country north and south for many years.

Pulpits in the north had thundered against slavery, and for it in the south. Buchanan was President but incapable of taking a decided stand with the North or South, and did nothing during his administration to prevent the South from getting control of the United States army and munitions of war.

Rebellion was openly talked in Congress and throughout the South and was so much in evidence after Lincoln's election that he was compelled to go secretly to Washington for his inauguration, and before he had taken the reins of government the South had the Southern Confederacy well organized and was ready for war which was opened by firing on Fort Sumpter on April 14, 1861.

Lincoln made a call for 75,000 three months volunteers and more than 200,000 men responded within a week after the fall of Fort Sumpter. When the news that Fort Sumpter had been fired on reached Evansville, Waldo A. Stearns whose father had a lively mule team, offered to make a trip to Madison with three others to enlist. Theodore L. Sutphen, James Cook and A. S. Baker volunteered to go with him. The trip was made on April 20. On reaching Madison it was learned that Wisconsin's apportionment of the 75,000 call had been filled and the first regiment formed, but that another call was expected and the state in anticipation of this call would organize a second regiment. A recruiting officer drove down from Madison on April 21, and enlisted thirteen men in Evansville.

A second call for 300,000 men soon came but it wanted men for three years or during the war.

The Second Wisconsin was organized under this call and was mustered into the United States service June 11, 1861, and left for Washington a few days later.

It is difficult in this day and age to realize the turmoil and excitement these events caused in political and business interests of this country, states seceding from the Union, state banks failing, the government in the midst of a civil war without money and unprepared for the emergency.

We may well ask the question what earthly power could save the nation, and may come to realize something of strength of character and the integrity of the man chosen at such a time to guide the nation's destinies.

Gettysburg Reunion

HON. A. S. BAKER TELLS OF
FIFTIETH ANNIVER-
SARY OF BATTLE

South Glad She was Whipped to

Wisconsin furnished a train made up with twelve tourist cars, two diners and an observation car for the accommodation of old soldiers whose regiments had taken part in the battle of Gettysburg fifty years ago.

This train left Chicago Saturday evening June 28th with about three hundred and fifty veterans abroad, a happy jolly crowd notwithstanding the extreme heat.

Each man had either a double lower or upper berth at his disposal and tickets for meals in the diner for the whole trip. The dining car conductor seemed to delight seeing the men eat and every one had all they could eat.

The first day was largely spent renewing acquaintances and telling old stories and recalling things that happened in army life.

We arrived in Gettysburg Monday morning June 30th and reached camp about nine o'clock, a little too late for breakfast, but what did it matter,—others were arriving and rapidly filling up the largest camp I ever saw.

It was estimated that there were 55,000 in camp on July 3rd. This would require 157 trains as large as ours and 6,875 tents with eight in each tent to accommodate all.

There were several thousand "rebels" in the camp and they were in a happy state of mind, and glad to receive calls from the "yanks" and you can imagine that there was no small amount of visiting going on each day. There was a large assembly tent that would seat eight or ten thousand and a regular program of music and speaking each day. It was in this tent that President Wilson spoke.

C. H. McConnell, a prosperous Chicago druggist, and a member of the "Iron Brigade," erected at his own expense a large tent and made it headquarters for all members of this brigade. There at 2:30 each afternoon, was music and speaking. A thrilling account of the part Battery "B" took in the first days fight was given. Of the speakers the southerners were especially interesting, most of them acknowledge that it was a good thing for the south to lose their slaves and stay in the union.

A southern general told me the south did not believe that the north would fight when they threatened to secede, but they learned their mistake a little later, and they also soon learned that there were too many of us and that we had too much money. He said look at me,—what did I get out of the war? Nothing but the title "General" and what have you Northerners got out of it? A pension every one of you.

Many Southerners said the south is coming to her own, new business enterprises are springing up and our natural resources are being utilized and we are prospering in a way we never did before, and it is northern capital that is being invested in many of these enterprises. Many said this reunion would remove the last vestige of differences that remained between North and South.

A. S. Baker.

ALLEN S. BAKER CALLED HOME BY DEATH ANGEL

A pall of gloom settled over the community last Sunday when it was learned that the death angel had called Honorable Allen S. Baker to his eternal home, death coming at 12:15 after a brief illness from la grippe and heart trouble.

Mr. Baker, who was founder of the well-known Baker Manufacturing company, whose products are sold throughout the world, and who was the only remaining member of a company of five who first organized the great industry, was born near Evansville, January 12, 1842. Coming from an old West Virginia family, his ancestry on the paternal side runs back to England, and on the maternal side to Germany.

Daniel Baker, the grandfather of Allen S. Baker, was born in West Virginia, but in early life removed to the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he and his wife spent their lives. They had a numerous family, of whom John T. (the father of Allen S.) and Aaron were the only ones to come to Wisconsin. The former became a resident of Rock county in 1837, and the latter was also a resident of this county, but lived only a few years after coming to this state.

John T. Baker was born in Cincinnati, in October, 1806. In 1836 he came to Rock county, residing in the town of Avon until 1840, when he moved to the town of Union. He died in Evansville in April, 1876. Of his seven sons and two daughters but two brothers survive Allen S. Baker—E. J. Baker, of Maryville, Mo., and S. J. Baker, of Evansville.

In his early years Allen S. Baker served an apprenticeship to the trade of blacksmith, and that trade was his occupation for several years. When the Civil war broke out he was one of the first to respond to his country's call for troops to crush out the rebellion. On April 20, 1861, he became a member of Company H, Second Wis-

Brandywine, Del. Oct. 1844, and was a daughter of John and Sarah (Reed) Sayers. Three children blessed the union of Mr. and Mrs. Baker, all of whom survive: Mrs. Elsie Hartley, John S. Baker, both of this city, and Mrs. Bessie Biglow, of Rockford. Mrs. Baker died about two years ago.

Mr. Baker was one of the representative business men of Rock county, and an enterprising and progressive citizen of Evansville, in the welfare of which he had taken the greatest interest.

He was a republican and as such was twice elected as assemblyman for this district in 1904 and 1906. He was a strong temperance man, holding that the liquor traffic should be suppressed by the strong arm of law.

He was a member of the Congregational church and always took a very active interest in church affairs, and as deacon always lived up to the principles of the church. He was also a member of the National Congregational council and was president of the Farmers and Merchants State bank of this city. Mr. Baker was also president of the village board of trustees, and has served several terms on the county board. He acted as school treasurer of District No. 6, which includes the city of Evansville and a portion of the adjacent country, and was a member of the library board.

He was one of the organizers of the Evansville telephone exchange and at one time was its president. He was a man of rare business acumen, it being chiefly due to his ability and executive force that the Baker Manufacturing company has grown to be one of the largest manufacturers of pumps, windmills, tanks, grinders, wood saws and other goods and appliances, maintaining numerous branch offices throughout the country, and a staff of traveling salesmen. He was beloved by his employees, in whose welfare he always took exceptional interest, and no citizen of Evansville was more highly respected and numbered more warm friends than did Mr. Baker.

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blacksmith, and that trade was his occupation for several years. When the Civil war broke out he was one of the first to respond to his country's call for troops to crush out the rebellion. On April 20, 1861, he became a member of Company H, Second Wisconsin V. I., which regiment formed a part of the famous Iron Brigade, and in that gallant command he served in several of the most important battles of the war. He was at Gainesville, Fitchburg Crossing, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. At Gainesville he was severely wounded in the right shoulder and was sent to a hospital at Philadelphia, where he remained until February, 1863. By that time he had recovered his health and he rejoined his regiment, only to be again severely wounded on the first day of the great battle of Gettysburg, July 1, 1863. The facts concerning this wound were remarkable. Mr. Baker was struck in the abdomen by a minie ball, which instead of passing straight through his body, took a circular direction, striking his thigh bone, was deflected and lodged in the fleshy part of the spinal column, where it became deeply imbedded. The surgeons feared to attempt the removal of the ball from very great danger of severing an

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The following acted as pallbearers: Charles Powles, C. W. Babcock, F. G. Wilder, Charles Jenkins, John Bly and A. R. Blunt. The shop men and office force of the Baker shops attended the funeral, a part of the church being reserved for them. The shop men marched with the funeral cortege to Main and Madison streets, where with bared heads they paid homage to their departed master. All business houses and the public library were closed during the time of the funeral. Interment was in Maple Hill cemetery.

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

his home here, he engaged in carriage making.

In 1873 the Baker Manufacturing company was organized under the firm name of A. S. Baker and company. They began with a capital stock of \$6,000, which has been increased to the present capitalization of one million dollars. Mr. Baker has had the management of the company's business until recent years, when he was succeeded by his son, J. S. Baker, A. S. Baker being president of the company.

Mr. Baker conceived the profit-sharing plan that has been in vogue at the Baker plant for several years and under which the business has flourished. The plan attracted world-wide attention, for he was the first man to employ the plan in so large a business. On February 15, he was to have given an address before the Wisconsin commercial and industrial congress at the University of Wisconsin, explaining the profit-sharing plan of the Baker company.

Mr. Baker and Miss Margaret Sayre were married March 23, 1865. She was born in the historic battlefield of

Gettysburg. A natural born mechanic or takes the pains to get fully acquainted with them, may become sources of considerable annoyance.

A special course in the operation of gas engines and gas tractors to be given at the University of Wisconsin, during the Wisconsin farm and home week, Feb. 7-12, will aid him in gaining this intimate acquaintance. Farmers who register for this course will not sit in class rooms and listen to lectures, but will put on overalls and do practical work with the oil can and monkey wrench, working with some of the latest and best models of machines which manufacturers have agreed to loan for the purpose.

Special attention will be given to gas engine ignition, carburetion, general "troubles," babbiting boxes, engine repairs, and the actual operation of farm tractors and automobiles. No charge, except a small incidental fee to cover breakage and loss will be made. As only a limited number can be accommodated in the course, F. M. White, who is in charge of the course, wishes to hear in advance from farmers who would like to take the work.

mentioned, he came to Grant county. For a short time he lived in Section 32, in what is now Patch Grove township, but in the spring of 1837 located on land he had pre-empted, there making his permanent home. His was the fifth family in what is now Patch Grove township. In his house was conducted the first school of that township, and the first post-office, he serving as postmaster; the office was given the name of Patch Grove in his honor, and later the township and village took the same name.

Mr. Patch became one of the most prominent and influential men of Grant county, and being public-spirited and progressive was called upon to fill various local offices, the duties of which he always faithfully and conscientiously discharged. He also ably represented his district in the lower branch of the State Legislature. He was a man of more than average ability, and always took a leading part in promoting those enterprises that were for the best interests of the community. Generous and sympathetic by nature, no one was ever turned from his door without assistance, and no man in the county was more highly esteemed or more sincerely respected than Henry Patch. He died in the village of Patch Grove, Jan. 2, 1867, and in his death the community realized that it had lost one of its most valued and useful citizens. As a business man he had steadily prospered, and became possessed of a large amount of land, both by pre-emption and by purchase.

The wife who had accompanied Mr. Patch from her New England home to what was then the wilds of the West departed this life March 14, 1856, and he was again married, July 24, 1858, his second union being with Mrs. Louisa Nelson McConnell, whose maiden name was Dunbar. She died June 20, 1900. By the first marriage there were eight children, four sons and four daughters, but only three are now (1901) living, Mrs. Cornelia W. Anderson, Reed Patch and Mrs. Emma Gilpatrick. Those deceased were Harriet, William H., Henry W., Thomas B. and Almira. Of the three children born to the second union only Mrs. Jennie Lewis, born in 1861, is living, Jessie and Ada L. having passed away.

STEPHEN J. BAKER, of Evansville, Rock county, holds the responsible position of foreman of the Baker Manufacturing Co., in that city, and is one of the leading men of the

community. He understands his business thoroughly, and is a straightforward and manly character.

Mr. Baker was born in Stephenson county, Ill., Feb. 13, 1840, and is a son of John T. and Jemima (Robinson) Baker, both natives of Ohio. They were the parents of seven sons and three daughters, and six of their children are now living, David, Edward, Francis, Stephen J., Allen, and Caroline (who is the wife of John Davenport, of San Rafael, Cal.). John T. Baker was a farmer, and one of the pioneer settlers of Rock county, coming to Wisconsin in 1840, and settling in the town of Union, where he improved a farm, and reared a family to be honorable men and women. He spent the last few years of his life in Evansville, dying in 1876, at the age of seventy years. His wife, the mother of Stephen J., died in the town of Union in the fall of 1851, aged thirty-nine years. John T. Baker was a man of prominence in his time, and served as town clerk, treasurer, and in other offices in the town and district during his active years. His father, Daniel Baker, was a native of West Virginia, and died in Ohio at the age of sixty-five years.

Stephen J. Baker was reared on the farm, and gained moral character and vital force from the close touch of nature and the quiet life he lived. He attended the district school, and was a young man of patriotic thought and feeling at the breaking out of the Civil war. He enlisted in Company D, 13th Wis. V. I., and followed the flag of the Union for three long and bloody years; he was on patrol duty much of the time. He was at Decatur, Ala., where his regiment was under fire four days while Gen. Hood was crossing the Tennessee at Mussels' Shoals. The 13th had a share in many expeditions; and captured many Rebel prisoners, making a good record, and the old veterans recall with pride the scenes and perils now long past. When the war was over Mr. Baker learned the blacksmith's trade, which was his occupation for a number of years. Later he went into the employ of the Evansville Manufacturing Co., principally engaged in the production of tacks, and in 1888 he became foreman of the Baker Manufacturing Co., a position he still fills. The concern is a large one, and produces many different articles largely in demand in an agricultural country, such as windmills, pumps, grinders, wood saws, and other goods in the same line.

On Oct. 6, 1868, Stephen J. Baker married Miss Flora C. Allen, daughter of Heman M. and Caroline (Anderson) Allen, and they had one child, deceased in infancy. Mrs. Baker passed away in 1874. Mr. Baker remarried March 2, 1875, Miss Clare Sherman becoming his wife, and they have an attractive home on Liberty street, Evansville. They have two children, Clarence S., born Feb. 3, 1876, and Flora Ethel, born April 14, 1881. Clarence chose a position as fireman on the Madison division of the Northwestern railroad. Ethel is fitting herself to teach school. Mr. Baker is a member of Union Lodge, No. 32, A. F. & A. M., and Chapter No. 35, R. A. M., at Evansville. He is a Republican, and was alderman of the Second ward in Evansville two terms. He has been a resident of Rock county sixty years.

Mrs. Clare (Sherman) Baker, wife of Stephen J. Baker, was born May 27, 1852, near Menasha, Wis., later moving to Evansville, Wis. Her parents, Erin and Mariam B. (Stevens) Sherman, had three children: Elisha, who died in infancy; Eva E., Mrs. Albert Snashall, of Evansville, and Clare, Mrs. Baker. Her father, Erin Sherman, was born in Le Roy, Genesee Co., N. Y., in 1820. He was a contractor and builder in his native place. Later, coming West, he settled in Milwaukee, where he owned a dry-goods store, and was proprietor of the same for several years, afterward moving onto a maple sugar farm near Menasha. At the time of the gold fever, in 1857, he, with several companions, went to the gold fields of California. In 1846 Mr. Sherman was married to Mariam B. Stevens, who was the daughter of Joseph and Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens, and was born in Concord, N. H., June 7, 1828, coming West with her mother and brothers when thirteen years of age. She died in Evansville, Wis., March 4, 1875. She joined the United Brethren Church, of which she was a member in good standing until her death. Erin Sherman's father, Thomas Sherman, was born in the State of New York. He and his wife, Sallie (Van Gilder) Sherman, were the parents of nine children, seven sons—Thomas, Benjamin, William, Walter, Erin, Elisha and Lucius—and two daughters—Clarissa and Susan. All were born in Le Roy. Joseph Stevens, father of Mrs. Mariam B. (Stevens) Sherman, was born in Andover, Essex Co., Mass., in 1784, and was engaged in the lumber

business, owning and operating a sawmill. He died in Concord, N. H., of typhus fever. He and his wife, Phoebe E. Stevens, were the parents of seven children, Joseph, Phoebe, William, Serena, John, Thomas and Mariam. Mrs. Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens was born in Londonderry, Rockingham Co., N. H., in 1785. After the death of her husband she was advised by his cousin, Charles Stevens, who lived in Janesville, Wis., to come West with her family. She did so, and bought government land situated north of the city of Janesville, where she lived several years. Two of her sons, Thomas and William, settled on farms in the town of Porter, near Fulton. John settled in Janesville, where he kept an hotel for a number of years. Serena married and went to Michigan. Later Mrs. Stevens moved to the town of Porter, where she spent the remainder of her life. She died in 1878, at the home of her son Thomas. William Eastman, father of Phoebe (Eastman) Stevens, was born in Concord, N. H., in 1757. He served in the Revolutionary war under Capt. Livermar and Col. Campbell, and was granted a pension for three years' actual service. The Eastman family were all quite patriotic.

WILLIAM ELGAR, a well-to-do and prominent citizen of Platteville, Grant county, and ex-postmaster at that place, is one of the adopted sons of America, for he was born in London, England, in 1829. His parents, William and Ann (Hambrook) Elgar, were natives of Kent, England, and the mother died in 1841, in London. The father, who was a business man in England, came to the United States in 1851, settling in Grant county, Wis., where he followed farming for some time. He died in Platteville in 1875. His children were William; John, a resident of Wisconsin; Viroqua; Stephen, who died in Platteville in 1891; Elizabeth, Mrs. William Cowduroy, who died in the same place in 1879; and Anne, Mrs. Kolb, a resident of Platteville.

The early life of William Elgar was passed in his native land, and he attended school in London. In 1851 he sailed for the New World, and after a voyage of twelve weeks landed in New York. After spending a short time in Mineral Point, Wis., he came to Grant county, where he has since made his home. For some years he was successfully engaged in mercantile business in Platteville, but on being appointed

OBITUARY

Stephen J. Baker passed away at his home on North First street Sunday afternoon, June 16, 1918, at the age of seventy-eight years.

Funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon, June 18, and were conducted by Mr. E. A. Ralph, of Green Bay.

Interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery, the service given by Mr. Claude D. Dalrymple, of Bellville, under the auspices of Union Lodge No. 32 F. & A. M.

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Issachar F. Baum

OBITUARY

Issachar F. Baum was born March 8, 1822, in Euclid township Chester County, Pa., and died in Madison, Wis., Sept. 21, 1903, being 81 years of age. In the spring of 1869 on the 5th day of April he came west to Illinois; where he lived for one year, afterward coming to Wis., to Oregon where he resided five years, from thence he went to Butts' Corners and spent twenty-six years of his life, amid pleasant surroundings; about two years ago he came to this city and during most of that time has been in failing health. He was married to Mary Ann Long, March 25, '47, and they lived together in holy matrimony until death cause a separation. This union was blessed with nine children, six of whom are living, Jacob L. of this city; William C., of Denver, Co. John E. and Wesley F. of this city; Mrs. Sarah E. O'Neal and Mrs. M. A. Johnson, both of Evansville. These with their mother mourn the decease of father.

Mr. Baum was converted at 19 years of age, and joined the Methodist Episcopal church of which he was a consistent member at the time of his death, he was a good man and much beloved by his neighbors and friends. He was a man of positive religious convictions and had the courage to assist himself in that regard.

The funeral services were held from the Methodist Episcopal Church on Wednesday afternoon, his pastor Rev. James Churm officiating. The text used on the occasion being John 11:25-26. And the scripture lesson Psalm 23, both of which were selected by Mr. Baum quite a long time ago. The body was laid to rest by tender loving hands in the cemetery.

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Lewis B. Beebe

LEWIS B. BEEBE, a resident of Evansville, Wis., is one of the leading dental surgeons of Rock County. He was born in the village of Union, on the 20th day of April, 1845, and is a son of Bela and Sarah A. (CHAPELL) BEEBE, both of whom were natives of New York. His parents were married in Madison County of the Empire State, May 4, 1841, and immediately afterwards started for the Territory of Wisconsin, in company with Samuel LEWIS, who was one of the prominent pioneer settlers, and Daniel O. CHAPELL, who for many years was the village blacksmith of Union. He erected the second frame house in that town, and at his home the Masonic Lodge convened for many years. Union was then a thriving little place, full of life and energy, and was the half-way station between Madison and Janesville on the old stage road.

Bela BEEBE made his first settlement near Racine, residing there till the spring of 1845, when he removed to the village of Union. Soon after he entered a farm in Rutland, Dane Co., Wis., removing his family to that claim. Purchasing the land from the Government, it was consequently in an unimproved condition. Not a furrow had been turned, a building erected or a fence made, but he at once began the work of development, and in the course of time had a fine farm of 120 acres, on which he made his home until 1864, when he removed to Evansville, where he resided until after the death of his wife, which occurred on the 25th day of March, 1870. She was laid to rest in the village cemetery of Evansville, and Mr. BEEBE then went to Kansas, where he remained until October, 1871. At that time he returned to Evansville, but after a short time removed to his present farm in Magnolia Township. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which his wife also belonged, and is a highly respected citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. BEEBE had a family of eight children, as follows: Bela W., who was born May 25, 1843, in Racine County, Wis., and is now a prominent citizen of Brodhead, enlisted in the ranks of the 2d Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry, in 1861, participated in both battles of Bull Run and in all other engagements of his regiment until the battle of South Mountain, where he was wounded, receiving his discharge in 1863, after two years service, on account of disability attendant on his injuries. Lewis B., the subject of this sketch, is the second in order of birth. Hobert D. is now in the employ of a railroad, and resides in Kansas City, Mo. Sarah A. became the wife of Edwin DELONG, a veteran of the late war, and three children survive them, both being now deceased. Melvin D. is engaged in farming in Plymouth Township. Rhoda C. is the wife of Charles E. CARVER, a resident farmer of Harding County, Iowa. Myra J. wedded Charles PATCHIN, is connected with his father in the management of the home farm.

The subject of this sketch received his education in the common schools of Union Township and in the Evansville Seminary. His early life was spent upon his father's farm until the age of nineteen years, when, in 1864, he left the parental roof and enlisted in the service of this country as a member of Battery G, 2d Illinois Light Artillery. He joined the command at Nashville, Tenn., reaching the regiment just in time to take part in the battle at that place. Battery G was then sent to Eastport, Miss., where it remained in camp until February, 1865, whence it was ordered to Cairo, Ill., and on to New Orleans, La. It then proceeded by water to Mobile, Ala., participating in the siege against that city in April, 1865. Continuing on to Montgomery, Ala., it was there encamped until August, when it was ordered to Springfield, Ill., and discharged from the service.

The winter after his return, 1865-6, Dr. BEEBE attended school at the seminary at Evansville, and the following spring went to Beloit, where he worked at the painter's trade until autumn. He then again entered the seminary, continuing his studies until the winter of 1869-70, when he engaged in teaching school in Spring Valley. While following that profession, he made the acquaintance of Mrs. Sylvia M. (SPRAGUE) PALMER, and on the 15th of September, 1870, they were united in marriage. Mrs. BEEBE is the daughter of Almerin and Asenath (NOYCE) SPRAGUE (who were early settlers of Spring Valley, formerly from New York State), sister of Hon. Burr SPRAGUE, of Green County, and Mrs. Nellie A. PALMER, wife of N. N. PALMER, of Spring Valley, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this work. The young couple began their domestic life upon a farm on section 33, Magnolia Township, Mr. BEEBE teaching school for several successive winters. In the spring of 1879, Mr. BEEBE, desiring to follow a professional career, then abandoned agricultural pursuits, and accepted the position of student in the dental office of Drs. A. H. ROBINSON and

Geo. ROLLOCK, under whom he pursued his studies for two and a half years. In the fall of 1882 he purchased his present office and established business for himself. He is a close student, well posted on everything pertaining to his profession, has all the latest improved appliances, and is conversant with the newest methods. For the past ten years he has been actively engaged in the practice of his profession, and has won for himself a liberal share of the public patronage.

Two children grace the union of Dr. and Mrs. BEEBE---Helen June, who was born June 15, 1882; and Gordon A., born Aug. 27, 1886. He also supplies a father's place to the three orphan children of his sister, Mrs. DELONG, who died in one of the southwestern counties of Missouri. At her death he went to the bereaved home, bringing back the remains of the loved sister, whom he laid to rest by the side of their mother in the Evansville cemetery. Socially, Dr. BEEBE is a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the I.O.O.F., the Modern Woodmen of America, and T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G.A.R., all of Evansville, and his wife is a member of the W.R.C., No. 28, Auxiliary to Post No. 41. The Doctor has not only been an eye-witness of the many changes that have taken place since his birth in the little village of Union, but has been an active participant in the great work of transformation. Where once the wild and undeveloped prairie stretched away to the horizon are now rich and fertile farms; school houses, churches and business institutions have been erected, and the county is populated with an intelligent and contented people. To the pioneers this change is largely due, and to Dr. BEEBE belongs a large share of the public gratitude. Politically he is, and ever has been, an ardent supporter of the Republican party, and has filled various township offices of trust, serving now as Notary Public, Village Trustee and Pension Agent. He is one of the leading and enterprising business men of Evansville, and is a member of the Business Men's Association, and a respected citizen, and while he is yet young in years, he is really one of the oldest settlers of Rock County, and is now living within three miles of his birthplace.

Taken from "The Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock County, Wis." (c)1889, pp. 384-385.
<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.com/~wirockbios/Bios/bios2074.html>

Lewis Barnard Beebe 1845-1924

Lewis Barnard Beebe, son of Bela and Sarah A. Chapel Beebe was born in the village of Union, Apr. 20, 1845.

Enlisted in 186?, Battery G, 2nd Illinois Light Artillery. Took part in the battle of Nashville and Siege of Mobile, Ala, in April of '65. Discharged at Springfield with his regiment in Aug. 1865.

Married Mrs. Sylvia Sprauge Palmer, Sept.15, 1870, who died in Mar. 1913.

Married Mrs. Ella Keys April 1916. She survives him.

He is survived by his daughter Mrs. Helen Marston of Turtle and his son, Gordon A. Beebe of Madison and by four grandsons, Lewis C., Gordon A. and Merton S. Marston and Lewis E. Beebe also by 2 brothers, Melvin of Orfordville and Hubert of Kansas City.

As a young man he taught school for several years, following marriage he and his wife resided on a farm in Magnolia until 1879 when he entered dental office in Evansville as a student and in 1882 began his professional life and practiced dentistry in Evansville until 1907, when he moved onto a farm In Turtle township where he resided until his death.

He was a Mason and member of the Eastern Star, I.O.O.F., Modern Woodmen and T. L. Sutphen Post No. 41, G.A.R. of Evansville and at the time of his death was health officer of the Town of Turtle and Chaplain of Turtle Grange, a member of the Methodist church of Evansville for many years up to the time of his death.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church of this city, Rev. Churm of Port Edwards, officiating, the body

being laid to rest in its final resting place in Maple Hill cemetery according to Masonic rites

November 6, 1924, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

Martin C. Benway:

Martin C. Benway, born November 16, 1831, died April 13, 1912, Civil War Veteran from Company F. 42nd Wisconsin Volunteers

George Bidwell

Mr. George Bidwell

Born Oct. 12, 1838, died Oct. 16, 1919. His birthplace was Columbus Co. New York. Later he moved to Racine, Wis., then to Walworth, going from there to Elcator, Iowa, where he enlisted as a private in Co. F., 16th Infantry in 1861. He was wounded in the battle of Shiloh on April 7, 1862. On returning he came to Hyde Park, Illinois where he was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Thomas, Nov. 24, 1862. He was discharged from service early in 1863.

Ten children were born to the couple. He is survived by his wife, a sister, Mrs. Ellen Greatsinger, three daughters, Mrs. Lucy Hubbard, Mrs. Stella Conger, Mrs. Hattie Ryan and three sons, Frank A. Bidwell, George Bidwell and Earnest Bidwell. There are also ten grandchildren and five great grandchildren who mourn his loss.

The deceased came to Evansville in July 1871 and has lived here since that time.

October 23, 1919, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

J. W. BLAKE ENTERS VALLEY OF DEATH

Josiah W. Blake, a civil war veteran, passed away Saturday, May 27. He was born June 21, 1832, in Hope, Hamilton Co., New York. He located here before the civil war, coming to this place with his mother, brothers and sisters.

Mr. Blake was united in marriage to Nancy Aller, a daughter of Jesse Aller, of near Evansville, in 1875. His wife died September 9, 1888. The deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. Caroline Bryan, of Spokane, Wash.; Mrs. Mary Bevier, of Minneapolis, Minn., and Mrs. Harriet Lay, of Evansville, and a son, Jesse Blake, of Beloit. A son, John Blake, died in Troutdale, Oregon, February 1, 1916, and a sister died in infancy. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Hattie Owen, of Helena, Mont., and Mrs. Mary Adams, of Trempealeau; a brother, Dr. John Blake, of Helena, Mont., and an aunt, Mrs. Nancy Sayles, of Whitewater.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church this afternoon at 2:30, Rev. Charles E. Coon officiating. Pallbearers will be selected from the ranks of the G. A. R., which, assisted by the Sons of Veterans, will have charge of the services. Interment at Maple Hill cemetery.

Edwin Blakely

DIED—Edwin Blakely died at his home on Madison street Monday night Aug. 19 '95. Mr. Blakely was 69 years, has been a patient sufferer of chronic heart trouble, funeral will be held at his former residence at 10 o'clock Thursday, and at the Congregational church at 10:30 under the directions of the Masons.

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August 20, 1895, Tribune, p. 4, col.

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DIED
Edwin Blakley

On Monday, August 19th, occurred the death of Edwin Blakely one of our prominent citizens and for many years a prosperous farmer in this vicinity. He was born in Erie County, N. Y., April 8th, 1826, left when 18 and went to Ohio, where he resided until 1854 when he came to Rock County, Wisconsin, residing in this vicinity ever since, with the exception of a few years which he spent in Kansas. He was a veteran of the 44th Wisconsin, and a prominent Mason. He has been ailing for some time, but was able to be up the day of his death, which was due to heart disease. The funeral was held this (Thursday) morning at 10:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the Masons at the Congregational church.

August 22, 1895, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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DIED:—At his home in this city, Monday, Aug. 19, 1895, Mr. Edwin Blakeley, aged 69 years.

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Mr. Blakeley came to Wisconsin in 1854, and has since lived in or near Evansville. His death resulted from heart trouble, with which he has been afflicted for some time. A wife, one daughter and three sons survive him.

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Mr. Blakeley was a prominent mason and the funeral was conducted by that fraternity. It was held from the Congregational church Thursday, at 10:30 A. M., the Rev. John Scholfield officiating.

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August 24, 1895, The Badger, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Richard Blodgett,

Richard Blodgett, Union, enlisted September 11, 1861, U. S. Sharp Shooters, 1st Reg. Co. G. Prisoner at Mechanicsville; died aug. 29, 1862, Richmond, Va. Disease.
Roster, Wisconsin Volunteers

James R. Brown:

Died -- Feb. 16th 1884, Mr. James R. Brown, aged 52 years. The deceased has long been one of our most social citizens and known far and near as a jovial good natured fellow whom all were pleased to meet and share in the good feelings originating from his ready wit. He was a mason by trade, a hard worker, and industrious citizen whose familiar countenance will be greatly missed upon our streets. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy on July 20th 1864, and served on the Reviewing ship Constellation from which he was honorably discharged. About four weeks since he was taken sick with rheumatism which ripened into a complication of diseases resulting his death. His funeral services were held at the F. W. Baptist church yesterday at 2:30 o'clock, under the management of the G. A. R., of which he was a member in good standing. Rev. A. J. Marshall, Chaplin of the Post, officiating, Commander J. R. West taking charge of the procession. The services were attended by a large audience of sorrowing friends, who sympathized with the relatives, especially the widowed wife, who is in very poor health, and will see that their sufferings are made as light as possible. This is the first death from T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G. A. R., which has now been in existence over two years, and has a membership of over eighty, and we wish to add that the management for the first was very satisfactorily conducted, and the impressive ceremony beautifully rendered. Another comrade has fought the good fight and ended his battles on earth, and gone to render his account to the great commander of all--Enterprise,

February 22, 1884, Evansville Review, p. ,3 col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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	FRIEND AND FOE.	

March 15, 1884, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. James Brown is hopelessly insane and is a great care. A committee from the G. A. R. Post visited her last Tuesday evening to ascertain her condition and provide for her needs as far as possible. We have not learned their report, but from our own judgment should think the best place for her was in the asylum.

April 22, 1884, The Enterprise, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Wilson Brown:

Gone to his Reward

After a long lingering illness, from disease contracted in the service of his country, comrade Wilson Brown, aged 58 years, passed to his final reward on Sunday morning, Nov. 6, 1898. Comrade Brown was born in Scotland, became a member of Co. D., 13th Regt. Wis. Vol. Inft. Nov. 1, 1861, was honorably discharged from this service in 1864. He was mustered into T. L. Sutphen G. A. R. Post No. 41, of this city on March 8, 1883, of which he remained a most faithful and valiant member until his death. He was not only highly prized by this society, but a host of friends in this city and at his home in Magnolia, where his funeral was held under the auspices of the Grant Army of the Republic on Monday, Nov. 7, at 1:30 o'clock Rev. Newton officiating clergyman.

A large number were in attendance from this city, especially of the G. A. R. and W. R. C., members of the former society have been rapidly passing away of late, until its ranks which were once near one hundred strong have been reduced to less than one-half that number, and it will not be long before the last one must respond to this final call and the society become extinct, unless perpetuated in some manner by the veterans' sons; the writer being about the youngest member left, and we sometimes feel that our final summons is not far distant.

Comrade Brown leaves a most devoted and highly respected wife, one daughter and three sons, who have the sympathy of this entire community in their great loss, for no greater loss can come upon a family than the taking away of such a husband and father.

November 8, 1898, p. 1, col. 7, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin