

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> N. Y. Light Artillery. Was discharged June 28<sup>th</sup>, 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

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, orderly; 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.

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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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1939. A daughter, Mrs. Grace Greetsinger 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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Name:	Aaron T Baker
Residence:	Evansville, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	26 Sep 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	Wisconsin
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in <a href="#">Company D, Wisconsin 13th Infantry Regiment</a> on 26 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 16 Aug 1862.
Sources:	Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers: War of the Rebellion National Archives: Index to Federal Pension Records



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 Rebellion

### HON. A. S. BAKER TELLS OF STIRRING DAYS AT BEGINNING 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 ANNIVERSARY OF BATTLE

South Glad She was Whipped

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.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at the Congregational church. Rev. D. Q. Grabill and Rev. Edwin A. Ralph, both former pastors of the church, spoke tenderly of the deceased and extolled his many virtues in fitting language. A con-



or 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. If a farmer does not know the 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.

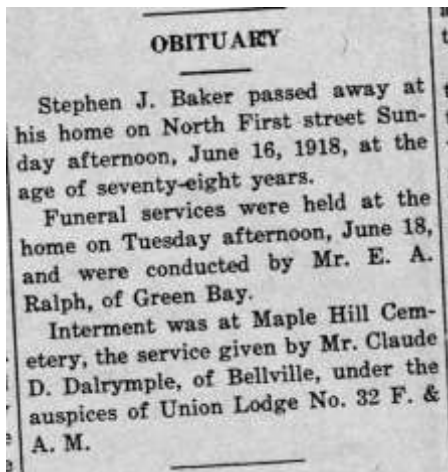
On Oct. 6, 1868, Stephen J. Baker married Miss Flora C. Allen, daughter of Heman M. and Caroline (Anderson) Allen, and they had one child, deceased in infancy. Mrs. Baker passed away in 1874. Mr. Baker remarried March 2, 1875, Miss Clare Sherman becoming his wife, and they have an attractive home on 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



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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.

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—Dr. L. B. Beebe calls our attention to a very flattering description of the reunion of Battery G, 2d Ill. Light Artillery published in the Rochelle, Ill., Register of June 28, '90, which occurred on the 29th inst. near Rochelle, Ill., at the home of Mr. Wm. McDowell, a comrade of the Doctor's in the above named battery. From the reading of the article we should judge that the Dr. and his comrades enjoyed a very pleasant meeting with the number which they could muster after twenty-five years of separation being only thirteen. The old soldiers will soon be out of your way boys and the clamor for their rights or wrongs will soon cease, but there will always be a political element left to fight the battles of their wrongs which every son and daughter of them should be taught to understand thoroughly and remember long after their parents and grand parents have ceased to exist. The misrepresentations of the large amount now paid to soldiers must soon in accordance with natural events be reduced to so insignificant an amount that the meanest copper head grumbler must cease his grumbling, and our curses comrades should ever be upon this class of grumblers.

July 1, 1890, the Tribune, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

g A large number of the members of  
a- the G. A. R. and W. R. C. surprised  
h Comrade L. B. Beebe, Monday evening,  
it being the occasion of his 57th birth-  
e day, and made him a present of a beau-  
tiful hat rack, made by Comrade W. S.  
Austin, of polished horns. The Doctor  
was in bed when the party arrived, be-  
g ing somewhat more fatigued than usual  
from riding to Spring Valley and back  
the day previous and the party arrived  
rather late, but he was soon up and  
dressed and enjoyed the complete sur-  
prise very much.

April 22, 1902, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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

### ***Josiah W. Blake***

# 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.

June 1, 1916, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

✓ **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 Blakely

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.

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.

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, 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Co. G. Prisoner at Mechanicsville; died aug. 29, 1862, Richmond, Va. Disease.  
Roster, Wisconsin Volunteers

***ALVA T. BRIDGMAN***

Mr. and Mrs. Alva T. Bridgman, of Springfield, S. D., were guests of old friends here Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Bridgman were residents of this city 28 years ago, and Mr. Bridgman enlisted in the 13<sup>th</sup> Reg. from this city, in which he served during the war of '61 to '65 and has many warm friends and comrades still residing here.

***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

way	Resolutions of T. L. Sutphen Post. No. 14. G. A. R. Dept. of Wisconsin.	The C
	WHEREAS, Our comrade James R. Brown, having by the hand of death passed from his labor and suffering here to be mustered into the ranks of the Grand Army above, it is meet, that we as a Post, give an expression of our appreciation of his worth and our sorrowful feelings under this dispensation of Providence. Therefore.	If tl and vi in the to feel we thi ing. these over t and tl into d sure c aband oldest opene of yes by m seeme the lo state their lation sire to by tr Meet but Year one v till a forlo state sent what prop offer now a lar the b
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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



## DR. GRAVES DIES AT 93; NATIVE OF ROCK COUNTY

Dr. E. L. Graves, 93, formerly of Rock county, one of the last of Chicago's Civil war veterans, died Saturday at a nursing home there. Dr. Graves was a practicing dentist until a few months ago and founder of the tooth powder company bearing his name.

He was born in Fulton, Feb. 13, 1844, and lived a number of years near Milton. He studied dentistry and practiced in Magnolia, Albany, Janesville, and Edgerton, going from there to Chicago about 60 years ago. He married Etta Crawford, Magnolia, who died 29 years ago.

Dr. Graves served with the celebrated Eagle regiment, the 8th Wisconsin Volunteers, and was decorated many times for bravery. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ada Blaine, Chicago; a son, Walter D. Graves, Seattle, Wash., three grandchildren; and one great grandson. One grandson works on a newspaper in Honolulu.

Dr. Graves was one of the last four members of U. S. Grant Post No. 28 G. A. R. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in a chapel on Michigan avenue and burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Chicago. His late wife was a half sister of William and Oliver Brown, Evansville, and Mrs. Adria Cain, Caledonia, Ill.

The Civil war played a prominent part in the life of Dr. Graves' wife. She was the late Etta Crawford, the daughter of a Civil war veteran, the step-daughter of a Civil war veteran and she herself married a Civil war veteran. Her father's name was Sam Crawford, Magnolia. He was a member of the 22nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and died at Nashville, Tenn., in 1862, leaving his wife and two small daughters in Magnolia. Mrs. Graves' mother later married another Civil war veteran, Wilson Brown, also of Magnolia, who returned there after the war. Wilson Brown was the father of William and Oliver Brown, Evansville, and Mrs. Adria Cain, Caledonia, Ill.

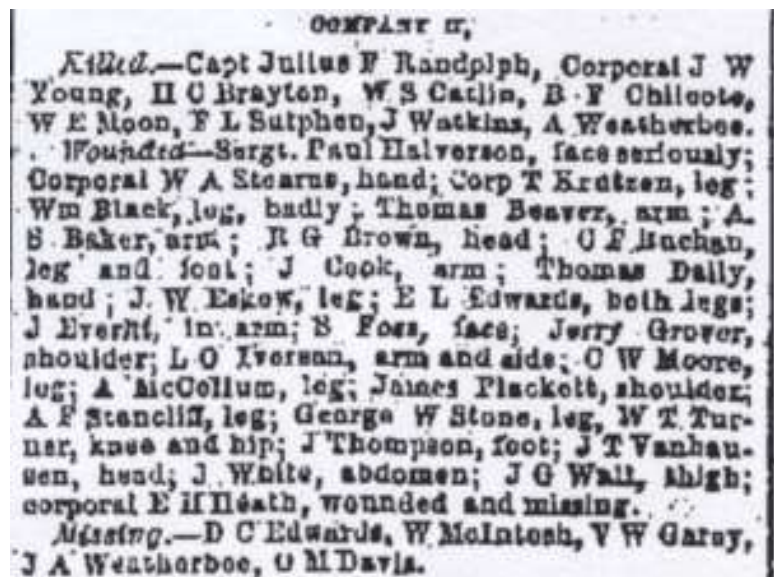
## Edgar S. Casler

Record 27

Edgar S. Casler who was born ? day of ? A.D. 18? In Watertown, County of Jefferson, State of New York. March 18, 1864, at Madison Wisconsin as Corporal in co. B. [37 Regt. Wis. Vol. Inf.](#) March 1<sup>st</sup> 1864 promoted to Sergeant. Discharged as Sergeant at Delang House D. C. July 27, 1865 by reason of closing of War. Participated in [Battle of Weldon Railroad](#) June 16, 1864 and at the siege of [Petersburge](#). Confined in hospital at Washington D. C., July 10, 1864. [Findley \[Finley\] Hospital](#) The following are some of my comrades: Frank Parker, C. E. Rice, W[illiam] A. Barber, James Devine, George Graham. The most important events in my service was the charge of Fort Mohave better know as Fort Hell. I was on detached special duty at Washington D. C. about four months was on provost duty at Georgetown after Sherman came back for six weeks I learned more human nature in this time than I ever did before or since. I certify that the sketch of my war service as above written is true as I verily believe. Date, December 17, 1890, Signed, Edgar S. Casler. Joined t. L. Sutphen Post No. 41, Department of Wisconsin.

Name:	Edgar Casler
Residence:	Rutland, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	18 Mar 1864
Side Served:	Union
State Served:	Wisconsin
Service Record:	Promoted to Full Sergeant.  Enlisted as a Corporal on 18 March 1864.  Enlisted in <a href="#">Company B, 37th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin</a> on 18 Mar 1864.  Mustered Out <a href="#">Company B, 37th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin</a> on 27 Jul 1865.
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## W. S. Catlin



September 10, 1862, p. 2, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

***Charles Conine***

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Record 11

Charles Conine

Enlisted June 16, 1862 at Milwaukee. Mustered in at Racine, Wis. Served nearly two years. Then in February 1864 re-enlisted. Wounded at the Battle of Fair Oakes in front of Richmond, Va, Oct. 27, 1864. Taken prisoner and carried from the field as a disabled prisoner.

Held in Libby prison for six months and eleven days. Exchanged March 8<sup>th</sup> 1865. Sent to hospital at Milwaukee and discharged there from for disabilities In July 1865. Making a service of about three years and six months in Co. E, 19<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Inf. Regt. Veteranized at Newburn, N. C. Feb. 8, 1864 My rank was Corporal.

Some of my intimate comrades Revillo Moffitt, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut.; Thomas Burns, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieut. And Dr. Devendorf Reg. Surg.



Charles Conine passed quietly away Friday afternoon, in his seventy-sixth year.

For over thirty years Mr. Conine has made Evansville his home. Coming with his wife from Sparta, he has identified himself with the unbuilding of the city ever since. About ten years ago his wife was buried in Maple Hill cemetery, and since her death he has made his home with Ellis A. Robinson and family.

The life of Mr. Conine has been a somewhat checkered one, sorrows and trials playing a most important factor. During the breaking out of the civil war, he was one of the first to join an eastern regiment, leaving a young wife and family. Wounded many times in the battles, he at last was captured and spent dreary months in the Libby prison until paroled. Returning to his home, found his wife dead, children separated and he reported killed.

Coming west he lived in Milwaukee for some time, thence at Sparta and finally at Evansville. Three children from his first wife are supposed to be living.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church. The Knights of Pythias and the Grand Army societies, of which he was a member, attended in a body, the former society having charge of the remains at the grave.

Nov. 1, 1906 ER.

## *Cornelius Cook*

A postmortem examination was held on the remains of Mr. Cornelius Cook, whose death was mentioned last week, by Drs. Evans, Smith and Griswold, at the request of Mrs. Cook, carrying out the desires of her husband before his death.

We understand that the examination revealed a very bad condition of his vital organs; and it was surprising that the man lived so long as he did. His heart was enlarged to double the ordinary size, and coated with heavy oleaginous matter. His liver could be easily crushed between the fingers, showing no muscular force; and other portions of the vitals exhibited marks of intense sufferings at some time of his life. The Drs. pronounced his disease a fatty degeneration of the heart.

Mr. Cook lost a brother some years ago with a similar disease, and other members of his family have passed away under like circumstances, and it was the desire of Mr. Cook, before his death, that his case should be fully understood for the benefit of his surviving household, and that science might be advanced by a more perfect understanding of his condition than what a mere diagnosis could determine.

March 20, 1878, Evansville Review, p. 2, co. 1, Evansville,

Wisconsin 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, enlisted, Sept. 13, 1861. Mustered out, November 24, 1865

**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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<sup>1</sup>July 10, 1938, p. 22, col. 1, Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, Wisconsin

Name:	<b>Simon Cook</b>
Enlistment Date:	28 Aug 1861
Side Served:	Union
State Served:	Ohio
Service Record:	Enlisted as a Private on 28 August 1861 at the age of 18. Enlisted in <a href="#">Company K, 19th Infantry Regiment Ohio</a> on 28 Aug 1861. Mustered Out <a href="#">Company K, 19th Infantry Regiment Ohio</a> on 5 Oct 1864 at Marietta, GA.
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Personal Sketches of Civil War Veterans, T. L. Sutphen Post: Record 32

Simon L. Cook who was born the 5<sup>th</sup> day of April A. D. 1843 in Hudston County of the state of Ohio. Enlisted April 17<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1861 at Cleveland, Ohio in Co. K. [19<sup>th</sup> Ohio Vol. Inf.](#) Discharged Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1861 by reason of expiration of three months service time for which I enlisted at Columbus Ohio. Re-enlisted Oct. 5, 1861 in same Co. and Regt. at Alliance, Ohio. The first battle in which I was engaged was at Rich Mountain, West. Va. I participated in the following battles. First Bull Run, Shilo or Pitsburge Landing; Stone's River; Chickamauga; Mission ridge; Strawberry Plains; Buzzard Roost; Resaca; Rome; Altona Pass; Pickets Mills; Pumpkin Vine Creek; Lost Mountain and Jonesboro. I was wounded at Stone's river, Dec. 31, 1862. Also slightly wounded at Pickett's Mills and Jonesboro. Was in Hospital at Nashville, Tenn., in Spring of 1863. In H. G. E., No. 19; was taken prisoner by Longs troops about 5 p.m. Was held about four hours when I made my escape. The following are some of my comrades; Ed. Demp; J. J. Wiseheart; Jos Martin, A. M. Allen. The most important events of my service was the campaign through Georgia where we were under fire continuously every day. Some of the most severe fighting was Marietta and Chatahoocha, Geo. Peach Tree; Altona; Rough and Ready Jonesbourough and the last Altona Pass again. Date, Jan. 7, 1891. Recorded by L. B. Beebe Librarian. Post No. 41,

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August 22, 1862, p. 6, Janesville Daily Gazette,

## ***Albert Crichfield***

### **Albert Crichfield is Called by Death after Week's Illness; Buried Here Friday**

Albert Crichfield, 83 Civil war veteran and resident of this city for the past 28 years, died in his home here at 11:30 p.m. Wednesday May 29 following a week's illness. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday in the Free Methodist Church with a brief prayer service at the home, the Rev. E. A. Wolfe officiating. Burial was made in Maple Hill cemetery.

Mr. Crichfield was born in Pennsylvania Aug. 20, 1854, and at the age of eight moved with his parents to McClean County, Illinois, where he grew to young manhood. He entered the service of the Union army at the age of 19 and served until the close of the Civil War.

He married Miss Sarah Jane Bovee on January 23, 1868 and to this union were born four children two daughters, Mrs. Josie Behner and Mrs. Lydia Munns, having preceded him in death. Mr. and Mrs. Crichfield moved to Evansville 28 years ago from a farm in Iowa.

The deceased was converted in 1875 and united with the Free Methodist Church to which he had always given his loyal support. Survivors are his widow, a son, Clarence, Milwaukee; a daughter, Mrs. James Upton, this city; a brother, Gephart Crichfield, Heyworth, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great grandchildren.

June 6, 1929, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

## ***Henry Delfinrich***

Delfinrich, Henry: Died: At his home Wednesday, July 5, Mr. Henry Delphany, aged 76 year. The deceased was only ill a few hours. He was a native of Prussia. Served three years in the Rebellion, being a member of Co. G. 88, Ill. Inf. The funeral occurred yesterday at 2 p. m. at the M. E. Church under the auspices of the G.A.R.

## ***Jerome Dimick***

Name:	<b>Jerome B Dimick</b>
Residence:	Dunkirk, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	9 Sep 1861

Rank at enlistment:	Private
State Served:	U.S. Volunteers
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in <a href="#">Company G, U.S. Volunteers 1st Sharp Shooter Regiment</a> on 09 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 15 Sep 1863.
Sources:	Berdan's US Sharpshooters in the Army of the Potomac Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers: War of the Rebellion

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sweet of Le Roy, Minn., who were visiting relatives and friends in this place and vicinity received the unfortunate news by telegram Saturday that their home was destroyed by a cyclone, necessitating their immediate return. Mr. Sweet was one of the first to enlist in the Berdans Sharp Shooters when the civil war broke out, from Union Village north of this place, and served faithfully and well in the same company with our townsmen Jarome Demic and J. H. Elwood. They had only been here since Thursday and were visiting their aunt Mrs. Henry Bevier when the sad news arrived. It is with much regret that their many friends learn of their great loss and sudden necessity of return. We note a mention of their loss in the Evening Wisconsin of Saturday last.

September 29. 1894, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



## W. W. Eastman

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The death of W. W. Eastman occurred some time during the night. He had been suffering for fifteen weeks past from a general breakdown following an attack of grippe. Yesterday evening after supper he was out in the yard talking with the neighbors but retired a little earlier than usual as he complained of not feeling very well. This morning he was found dead in his bed. While this was a great shock to the family, yet they are thankful he could pass away so easily without suffering.

Mr. Eastman was born in Wales, Erie county, New York, seventy-nine years ago the first of last February. He came to Wisconsin in 1848 and settled near Magnolia, Rock county, where his home was until a few years ago.

He was married February 20, 1855, to Miss Anne E. Dunbar of Albany, who survives him, together with two children, S. B. Eastman, and Mrs. Linda Collier of Evansville, and three grandchildren.

Mr. Eastman served in the army during the Civil war for three years and sixteen days as a member of the 33rd Wisconsin Volunteers. He was a member of T. L. Sutphen Post No. 41, G. A. R. of this city.

The funeral will be held at the home on Cherry street Saturday afternoon at two o'clock and will be in charge of Rev. C. H. Myers of the Free Baptist church of which Mr. Eastman had been a regular attendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Eastman have made their home in Evansville for the past nine years and have made for themselves many good friends here.

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Evansville Planing Mill. The subscriber having leased the entire interest in the Planing Mill and Sash Factory, of Preston, Eastwood & Co., intends to add new machinery and be pre in preparation at all times to do first-class work. A continuation of former patronage is earnestly solicited. Shop foot of Main Street. John Eastwood. Evansville, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1866.

September 4, 1866, Evansville Citizen, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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Wisconsin Regimental List of Service Men in Civil War; U. S. Sharp Shooters, 1<sup>st</sup> Reg. Co. G

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### Grand Army of the Republic Record 33

#### Personal War Sketch of

James Henry Elwood who was born the 23 day of October A. D. 1831 in Union County of Livingston, state of N. Y. Enlisted Sept. 1861 at Madison, Wis. as private in Co. G. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. U. S. Sharp Shooters. Discharged Sept. 23, 1864 at Petersburg, Va. By reason of expiration of service. First battle was the Siege of York Town. Also engaged in seven days battle before Richmond in Aug. 1862. I was engaged in ? was detailed to drive regimental baggage wagons. Confined in hospital in fall of 1863 at Alexandria Heights, VA. The battle of Gettysburg was the most important work of my service. Some of my most intimate comrades: Wm. Stewart; Lieutenant [Frank E.] Marble; [Caleb] Nels Jacobs; Richard Blodgett; Henry Shafer. I certify that the sketch of my war service as above written is true as I verify believe. Date, Dec. 24, 1906. James Henry Elwood. We certify that Comrade James Henry Elwood joined T. L. Sutphen Post. No. 41, Department of Wisconsin.

Last Saturday afternoon James Henry Ellwood died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Lyman Johnson, in this city of heart failure at the ripe old age of 78 years.

Mr. Ellwood was born in New York state, coming to Wisconsin in 1851, settling in Reedsburg. In 1852 he was married to Miss Sarah Johnson, and soon moved to Mitchell, Ia., where they resided six years. At the end of that time returned here and purchased a farm in the town of Union, having resided there and in Evansville ever since, except the years spent in the south in the service of his country, having served from 1861 to 1864, and passed through the scathing fire of the battles of Bull Run and the Wilderness.



He was a man of strong integrity, public spirited and always interested in educational affairs, or any enterprise having for its object the public good. He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. August Freuchen, Mrs. Lyman Johnson and Mrs. Freedus Johnson of Evansville; one son, D. Ray Ellwood of Fairchild, Wis., two brothers, Samuel of Iowa, and Thomas of Michigan; and one sister who resides in Neillsville, Wis.

Funeral services were held from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Johnson on Garfield Avenue, Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. J. L. Webster officiating. The pall bearers were all comrades of the local G. A. R. of which he was a member and the interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery.

February 24, 1909, The Enterprise and The Tribune, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

[Note this surname is also spelled Elwood]

### ***Nelson Everson***

**Old Comrade Gone to His Reward.**

Nelson Everson died at his home in this city, on Wednesday, July 27th, 1910, after an illness of some months duration. Mr. Everson was born in Jefferson county, New York, on Oct. 15th, 1839. He came to Wisconsin when a lad; at the age of 21, in response to his country's call for help, he enlisted in the 18th Wisconsin at Portage, and served until mustered out in 1865.

He was united in marriage in 1864 to Miss Emily Rogers and is survived by his wife, one daughter Mrs. Ella Howard and grand-son Donald Howard of Chicago. Also two brothers, John of Oxford, and Alexander of Elroy. The funeral services were held from the late residence, on the east side, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. T.W. North officiating. Miss Fannie Powles rendered the song service. The pall-bearers were members of the T. L. Sutphen Post G. A. R., of which the deceased was an honored member. Interment was made in Maple Hill cemetery. Undertaker W. F. Biglow had charge of the funeral.

August 3, 1910, The Enterprise and Tribune, p. 1, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Marcus E. Fish

### MARCUS E. FISH.

The death of Mr. Marcus Fish, which occurred on Saturday morning, Aug. 30, 1884, though not unexpected, is mourned by his parents, his comrades in the Post, the friends of his childhood and all others who knew him, alike, for his upright honorable life was admired by all.

Marcus E. Fish was born in New York State in March, 1847, came to this place two years afterward and has resided here ever since, excepting the time he was in the army, and a short time he spent in California for his health.

He enlisted in company with L. B. Beebe and Eugene Bullock in the fall of 1864 in Battery G. 2d Ill's Lt. Art. and went into camp at Springfield, Ill., where they remained a short time and were then sent to join the army of Tennessee, and were shortly afterward engaged in the battle at Nashville. From that point they marched to Eastport, Miss., where for six days all the provision they had was a portion of the corn which the horses unhesitatingly shared with them, and during that time Marcus was greatly enfeebled and took a severe cold which settled upon his lungs, which was the beginning of the disease that caused his death. After spending a month at that place they were ordered by boat to Cairo, where Marcus met his cousin, Mr. Hook, who now resides near Oregon, who urged him to go to the hospital, but he was anxious to remain with the company and would not give up. Mr. Beebe promised to take the best care of him he possibly could under the circumstances and he went with him to Vicksburg, but there was compelled to leave the company and go to the hospital, from which place he was soon afterward discharged as being unfit for service.

His comrades state that his army life was as pure and christian-like as was his home life; that he never engaged in anything that would belittle him or that he would have been ashamed to do at home, and was always ready to perform all duties assigned to him during his army life while in health.

The funeral was held at 3 o'clock Sunday at the house, conducted by Rev. H. Sewell, and at the M. E. church at 3:30, where T. L. Sutphen Post took charge of the exercises. Forty-three members of the Post were present. The flowers contributed by sympathetic friends were beautiful and abundant and showed, as did the large attendance at the funeral, the high esteem in which the deceased was held by our citizens.

### ***James A. Flowers:***

#### **CRUSHED UNDER THE WHEELS**

Mr. James A. Flowers was killed at the coal shed here at about 15 minutes to twelve o'clock, Tuesday night, but falling beneath a coal box car he was riding down the incline track of the coal shed to the track below. The car was without a properly working break, a fact he probably was not aware of when he climbed upon it, hence he could not control its motion and it went crushing down upon the cars that already stood upon the track and the sudden concussion threw him off, falling forward the car passed over his body crushing in his head and producing instant death.

Mr. Charles Lowery was at work with him and the moment he heard the crash called out to Mr. Flowers but receiving no reply went to his assistance and found him midway beneath the car, dead. He notified the depot men and sent for the Co.'s surgeon, Dr. Quivey, but he had passed beyond all human skill, for his skull was broken and a heavy wheel of the car lay upon his right leg. His body was taken to the freight house, and at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning Justice of the Peace, W. S. Smith summoned a jury and held an inquest. The jurors were M. V. Pratt, G. S. Plaisted, C. E. Wood, D. M. Rowley and Wm. Stevens. The jury visited the spot, examined several witnesses, and brought in a verdict that James A. Flowers came to his death by falling off a coal box car of the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad Company, on the night of Tuesday, May 31; and that said railraod company was derelect in not having suitable and efficient breaks upon their car, and were in a measure responsible for the death of Mr. Flowers. (We have not the jury's verdict and are unable to state its verbatim. Ed. Rev.)

The remains were properly taken care of by the Co.,'s agent, Mr. P. H. Noel, and placed in Undertaker Potter's hands for interment. His funeral was held at the M. E. church Thursday, and he was buried in G.A.R. memorial lot in the cemetery, with all the care and consolation that order could bestow. He leaves a wife and two children in poor circumstances.

Friday, June 3, 1887, Weekly Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

### ***Salmon W. Foster,***

Salmon W. Foster, son of Warren and Phoebe (Garfield) Foster.

BURIAL: Maple Hill Cemetery Lot O-1-209-8

MILITARY: Joined Co K, 40th Wisconsin Infantry at Madison, May 9, 1864.

Died U. S. General Hospital, Memphis Tenn, July 11, 1864 of Chronic Diarrhea.



## Ephraim France

### IN MEMORIAM.

At the meeting of T. L. Sutphen Post, October 22d, 1885 in answer to the question: Has any comrade died since our last meeting? Comrade Jones arose and said: Comander and Comrades:—"I rise to make formal announcement of what every comrade knows, that since our last meeting, Comrade Ephraim France has been mustered into the Grand Army on high.

He died Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1885, and was buried with honors Monday Oct. 12.

Comrades: I pronounce no eulogy on comrade France. His life was a better eulogy than I can present. His unfailing good nature, his strict integrity, his faithful preformance of every duty assigned him by the Post, or by the World, his interest in the Post, and his regular attendance on its meetings; his love and care for his family, as demonstrated on so many occasions; these are his eulogy, and present an example it well becomes us to emulate.

And may we not also learn a lesson from his adherence to, and exemplification of, those principles that bind us in comradeship? Who that knew him has not remarked the fraternal spirit in which he met and greeted every member of our order, from the highest to the lowest. Did a comrade desire succor and support in time of trial, his hand was ever outstretched, his words were words of cheer. Did the widow and the fatherless need assistance, his purse was open, his charity abundant and unrestrained. Did disloyalty and treason seek the light; his denunciation of the viper showed that, in the heart, the honor of his country found a defender.

Comrade France was born in Ross township, Monroe Co., Pa., March 23, 1841. He came to Wisconsin in 1849, with his parents, and settled on the farm where his mother and sisters now live. In August 1864 he enlisted, as a private, in Co F., 42d Regt., Wis. Vol. Inf., from which he was discharged in June 1865, by reason of the close of the war. March 1st 1868 he married Miss Antoine'te

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I met Comrade France on the street on Saturday, one week before he died. To the salutation "Hello Eph., are you well and happy, today?" he replied—"I am always happy, but I don't feel first-rate today, I guess I have caught cold." It was too true. The next day he was quite ill; and he continued to grow worse till a few minutes before one o'clock, on Saturday, came the bugle call to summon him to join the ranks of that great army of comrades who are camped on the "Beautiful Hills" just on the other shore, and he answered "Here!"

## *Personal War Sketches*

*T. L. Sutphen Post No. 41, Department of Wisconsin,  
Grand Army of the Republic*

### *Record 20*

Ephraim France who was born the 23 day of March A. D. 1841 entered the U. S. Service sept. 10, 1864 at Madison, Wis as private in Co. F. 42 Regt. Wis. Vol. Inf. Discharged June 20, 1865 by reason of I lose ? was confined in hospital at Davis, Ill. from Dec. 1, 1864 until discharged June 20, 1865. The following are some of my most intimate comrades. John Burgess, Hugh Allen, Albert Hook, William Aller. I have never fully recovered from my sickness and after feel that my army trouble may never leave me as good in health as I was prior to my enlistment.

January 2, 1890.

### *Albert Freehoff*

**VETERAN SOLDIER  
ANSWERS ROLL CALL**

Last Monday there was laid to rest in the Maple Hill Cemetery one of the old veterans of the civil war, few of whom remain, in the person of Albert Freehoff, a veteran who participated in twenty-one battles while following the flag in the sixties, and who, although a German, was patriotic to the core.

Mr. Freehoff has been a widower since October, 1911, and he is survived by six children, as follows: Mrs. Ed. Ahare, of Magnolia; George, of Porter; Charles, of Minneapolis; Mrs. Mary Watts, of Dearwood, Minnesota; Mill Ella, Williston, North Dakota, and Mrs. Emma Sorg, of Waverly, Iowa.

The deceased had lived in this locality for a great many years and was a man who was respected by all who knew him.

The funeral was held at the Baptist church in this city, the Rev. Dr. Pearce officiating.

March 21, 1918, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

### *Samuel S. Gard*

Mr. Samuel Gard, who some four years and a half since married a daughter of Mr. Daniel Doolittle, of this place, and after living with her a few weeks, left for parts unknown until Sunday last, when he appeared, took his faithful bride again and are now on their way to a home in the West.

July 8, 1868, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

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## DEATH OF FIRST TEACHER IN EVANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

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The death of S. S. Gard occurred last week at his home in Wyandot, Mich. The body was brought to Evansville Tuesday noon and buried in Maple Hill cemetery.

He was at one time a student in Evansville seminary. Afterwards he taught the first term of school in the Evansville high school.

He was married to Miss Augusta Doolittle, who died a few years ago. The body was accompanied Tuesday by the third wife.

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September 25, 1913, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

### JAMES E. GLEAVE

#### Grand Army of the Republic Personal War Sketch

James E. Gleave, who was born the 19 day of July A. D. 1841 in England. First enlisted Aug. 9, 1861 at Janesville Wis. as private in Co. F – 13 Regt. Wis. Inft. Discharged on or about the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 15 of June 1862 at Lawrence, Kan. On account of sickness supposed to be consumption. Enlisted again in Co. L, 1<sup>st</sup> Wis. Heavy Art. And discharged therefrom about July 10<sup>th</sup> 1865. Held office in said Bat. Gun Sergeant. Final discharge was on account of close of war. First was sick in Janesville, Wis. with measles soon after first enlistment in 1861. Again was sick in hospital at Fort Scott, Kan. In spring of 1862 also at Lawrence, Kan. And again at hospital at Leavenworth, Kan. During my second enlistment was sick at Fort Lyons, Va. Capt. F. F. Stevens was my Capt. In 13 Regt.; First Sergt. Chas Stank; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sergt. Jerome Briggs. Second enlistment, Capt. P. H. Ray; Lieu. Edwin Goodwin; First Sergt. James Stewart. But my health would not permit in first enlistment. Think my sickness in Janesville before left state (sickness measles) was the whole cause of my poor condition until after I came home and recovered of same. Then I re-enlisted. Health was some better but I was compelled to go to the hospital once. I certify that the sketch of my service as above written is true as I verify believe. Date Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. 1906; signed, James E. Gleave. We certify that Comrad James E. Gleave joined T. L. Stuphen Post. No. 41, Department of Wisconsin.



## DR. GRAVES DIES AT 93; NATIVE OF ROCK COUNTY

Dr. E. L. Graves, 93, formerly of Rock county, one of the last of Chicago's Civil war veterans, died Saturday at a nursing home there. Dr. Graves was a practicing dentist until a few months ago and founder of the tooth powder company bearing his name.

He was born in Fulton, Feb. 13, 1844, and lived a number of years near Milton. He studied dentistry and practiced in Magnolia, Albany, Janesville, and Edgerton, going from there to Chicago about 60 years ago. He married Etta Crawford, Magnolia, who died 29 years ago.

Dr. Graves served with the celebrated Eagle regiment, the 8th Wisconsin Volunteers, and was decorated many times for bravery. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Ada Blaine, Chicago; a son, Walter D. Graves, Seattle, Wash., three grandchildren; and one great grandson. One grandson works on a newspaper in Honolulu.

Dr. Graves was one of the last four members of U. S. Grant Post No. 28 G. A. R. Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in a chapel on Michigan avenue and burial was in Elmwood cemetery, Chicago. His late wife was a half sister of William and Oliver Brown, Evansville, and Mrs. Adria Cain, Caledonia, Ill.

The Civil war played a prominent part in the life of Dr. Graves' wife. She was the late Etta Crawford, the daughter of a Civil war veteran, the step-daughter of a Civil war veteran and she herself married a Civil war veteran. Her father's name was Sam Crawford, Magnolia. He was a member of the 22nd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and died at Nashville, Tenn., in 1862, leaving his wife and two small daughters in Magnolia. Mrs. Graves' mother later married another Civil war veteran, Wilson Brown, also of Magnolia, who returned there after the war. Wilson Brown was the father of William and Oliver Brown, Evansville, and Mrs. Adria Cain, Caledonia, Ill.



*William R. Green*

J. M. EVANS.  
✓ Mr. Wm. R. Green is confined to his bed and is rapidly failing from disease which was undoubtedly contracted during his army services. The citizens of this place and vicinity, as far as requested have kindly signed a petition to the Commissioner of Pensions to have his pension case, which is now before the department, made special, and it is hoped that an early action in this direction may be obtained to relieve his sufferings in a measure during his few remaining days in this world.

January 9, 1891, *The Enterprise*, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

*Alonzo Halstead*

✓ DIED—Monday Jan. 4, 1892, of consumption, Mr. Alonzo Halstead aged 55 years. Mr. Halstead came from Penn. to Wis. when quite a young man and settled in Oregon from which place he moved here several years since and was married to Miss Julia Powers whom he leaves with four children to mourn their sad loss of a kind, industrious husband and father. They have the deepest sympathy of their many friends in this their sad bereavement. The funeral will be held at the house on North Madison St. at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning under the auspices of the G. A. R. Rev. J. Scholfield officiating clergyman. All members of G. A. R. are requested to meet at hall at 9 o'clock a. m.

January 8, 1892, *The Enterprise*, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. L. B. Beebe has just succeeded in getting an increase of pension for Alonzo Halstead, deceased, amounting to \$17 per month, this is a very liberal pension, but came too late to benefit the worthy veteran, as Mr. Halstead was summoned to "bivouac among the dead: ere it reached him. The amount will be made payable to the order of his widow. Thus helping her to some of the comforts due a soldier's widowed wife.

April 5, 1892, *Evansville Review*, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Jerry Ham

Jerry Ham was born in Schoharry, N. Y., 73 years ago, but moved with his parents to Pennsylvania when six months old. After the death of his mother he came to Wisconsin when seventeen years of age with his father and two sisters and made his home in Dayton until about thirty years of age, since when he has resided in Union.

Mr. Ham was a member of the famous 8th Wisconsin Regiment, enlisting August 27, 1861, and after serving three years he enlisted again and served until the close of the war.

He took part in forty battles and skirmishes. Among the more important were the battles at Corinth, Tuka and Jackson, also in the assault on Vicksburg. The 8th Wisconsin was the regiment that carried the great eagle known as Old Abe.

Mr. Ham is survived by his wife and nine children, Mrs. Sylvia Bullock and Emmet of Evansville, Gus of Belleville, and James of Beach, N. D., by his first wife, also Carley, Kate, Maud, Emily and Addie, who with their mother reside at the home.

The funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at the Union church and was in charge of Rev. J. L. Taber, pastor of the church. A very large number of old friends were in attendance to pay the last tribute to the memory of their friend. Interment in Maple Hill Cemetery.

April 25, 1912, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

### Civil War Record of Jerry Ham from Muster and Descriptive Roll:

Jerry Ham, rank, Private, Born in the state of New York, age 26, a farmer, single, Enlisted, September 11, 1861 in Madison Wisconsin by Capt. Este, term of service, 3 years.

Blue Eyes, black hair, dark complected, height 6 ft. Muster into service, September 11, 1861, Madison, Wisconsin, B. F. Whom: Maj. Brooks, Town of Residence, Exeter, Green County, Town where credited, Exeter, Green County. Was in the Battle of Fredricktown, Mo. Mo October 21, 1861, Island No. 10, April 1864, Farmington, Miss, May 9, 186; Corinth, Miss, May 28, 1862, Isaka, Mis, Sept. 19, 1862, Corinth, 28<sup>th</sup> Col. 31, & , Jackson, Miss. May 14, 1862, Assault on Vicksburg, Miss, May 22, 1863, Ft. De Russy, La, April 1864; Pleasant Hill, La, April 5, 1864, Mansura & Yellow Bayou, La, Mar. 1864; Lake Chicot, Ark, June 6, 1864; Abbeville, Miss, May 23, 1864; Promoted to Corp. July 1<sup>st</sup> 1865.

Jerry Ham, Vet. Vol., Corp. August 27, 1861, Camp Randall, by Capt. Estee, 3 years enlistment, September 11, 1861, mustered in at Camp Randall, Reenlisted February 29, 1864 at camp in field by Lt. T. A. Fellows. March 9, 1864, Vicksburg, Miss, to date, February 29, 1864. Mustered out Sept. 5, 1865.

M11/64 Ab. Without leave. M12/64 to M6/65 & BM 12/64 & Bm2/65. Ab. In Div, ? Corps. M7/65. Ab. Div. Hd.Qrs. BM6/65. Prom. Corp. July 1/65 VM" Mus. Out with Col. As Corp. Sept. 5, 65, Demopolis, Ala. D. B. Was in battle Fredericktown, Mo. Ox. 21, 61; [Island #10](#), Apr. 62, Farmington, miss, May 9, 62; Corinth, Miss, May 28/62, Iuka, Miss. Sept. 19/62; Corinth 2<sup>nd</sup>, Oct. 3 & 4/62; Jackson, Miss, May 14/63 Assault on Vicksburg, Miss, May 22/63; p Fort De Russy, La, Apr/64; Pleasant Hill, La, Apr 9/64; Mansura & Yellow Bayou, La, May /64, Lake chicott, Ak. June 6/64, Abbeyville, Miss. Aug. 23/64.

Regiment:	8th Infantry Regiment Wisconsin
Date of Organization:	13 Sep 1861
Muster Date:	5 Sep 1865
Regiment State:	Wisconsin
Regiment Type:	Infantry
Regiment Number:	8th
Officers Killed or Mortally Wounded:	6
Officers Died of Disease or Accident:	2
Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded:	53
Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident:	219
Regimental Soldiers and History:	<p><a href="#">List of Soldiers</a></p> <p>Regimental History</p> <p>Eighth Infantry WISCONSIN (3-YEARS)</p> <p>Eighth Infantry. -- Cols., Robert C. Murphy, George W. Robbins John W. Jefferson, William B. Britton; Lieut.-Cols., George W. Robbins John W. Jefferson, William B. Britton, James O. Bartlett, Duncan A. Kennedy.</p> <p>This regiment, known as the "Eagle Regiment" was organized Sept. 4, 1861, with a numerical strength of 973. It was mustered in Sept. 13 and left the state Oct. 12 for the lower Mississippi.</p> <p>It took part in the actions at Greenville, Island No. 10, Farmington, Corinth, Iuka, Henderson's Hill, Pleasant Hill, Cloutierville, Bayou Lamourie Atchafalaya River, Lake Chicot,</p>

Jackson, Haynes' Bluff, Vicksburg Richmond, La., and Nashville.

The general commanding at Farmington, in general orders, said, "The Badger State may feel proud to have the honor of being represented by so gallant a regiment as the 8th Wisconsin."

Gen. Sherman highly complimented the regiment for doing "its whole duty in the camp, on the march and in battle," for "Peculiar courage and gallantry at Jackson and throughout the siege of Vicksburg," and for other services.

The original strength of 973 was augmented to a total enrollment of 1,643. Losses by death 255, missing 3, desertion 60, transfer 41, discharge 320. It was mustered out at Demopolis, Ala., Sept. 5, 1865, with 964 men.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 4

#### Battles Fought

[Fought on 9 May 1862 at Farmington, MS.](#)

[Fought on 28 May 1862 at Corinth, MS.](#)

Fought on 12 Sep 1862 at Iuka, MS.

[Fought on 13 Sep 1862 at Iuka, MS.](#)

Fought on 14 Sep 1862 at Iuka, MS.

[Fought on 19 Sep 1862 at Iuka, MS.](#)

[Fought on 3 Oct 1862 at Corinth, MS.](#)

[Fought on 4 Oct 1862 at Corinth, MS.](#)

[Fought on 20 Dec 1862 at Holly Springs, MS.](#)

[Fought on 22 May 1863 at Vicksburg, MS.](#)

[Fought on 4 Jun 1863 at Mechanicsburg, MS.](#)

Fought on 20 Aug 1863 at Bear Creek, MS.

Fought on 1 Mar 1864.

[Fought on 16 May 1864 at Mansura, LA.](#)

Fought on 19 May 1864 at Yellow Bayou, LA.

[Fought on 6 Jun 1864 at Lake Chicot, AR.](#)

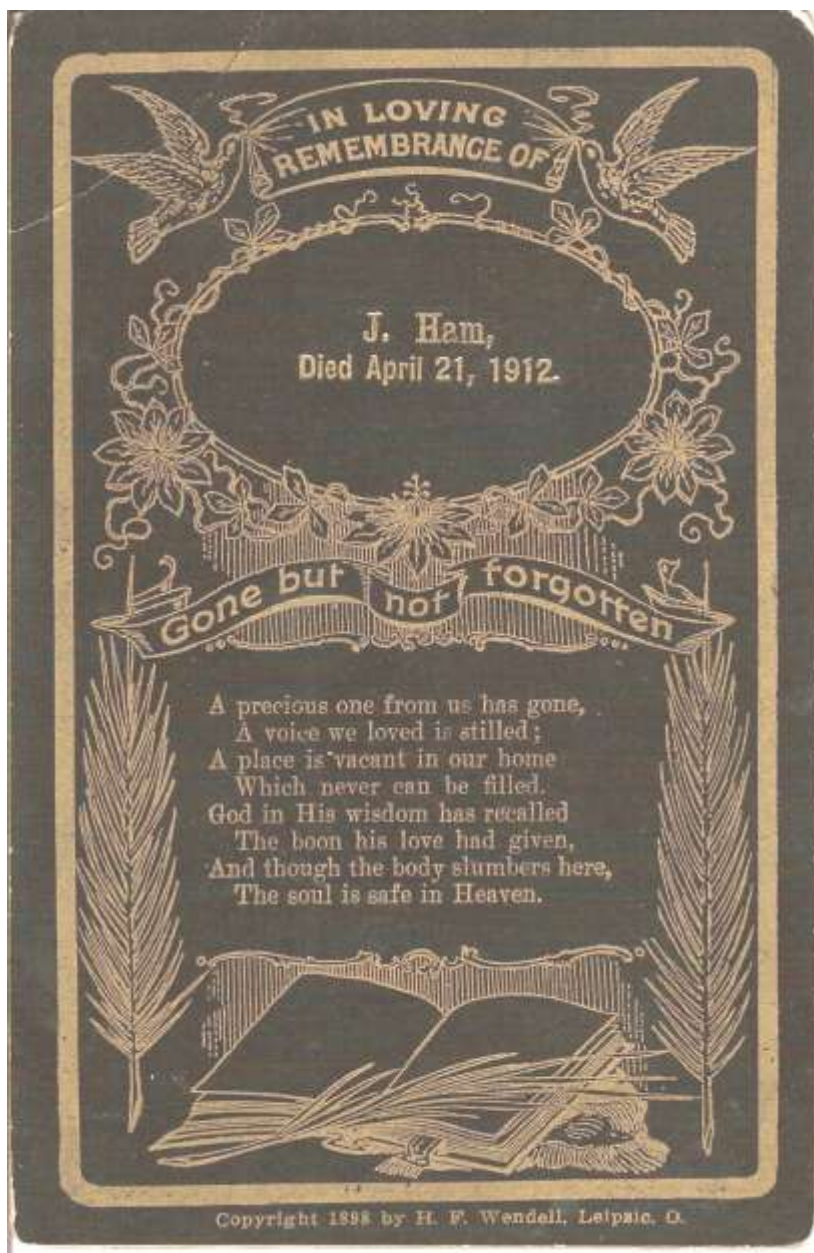
Fought on 15 Jul 1864.

Fought on 7 Aug 1864 at Waterford, MS.

[Fought on 13 Aug 1864 at Hurricane Creek, MS.](#)



	<p>Fought on 22 Aug 1864 at Tupelo, MS.</p> <p><a href="#">Fought on 23 Aug 1864 at Abbeville, MS.</a></p> <p>Fought on 21 Sep 1864.</p> <p>Fought on 9 Dec 1864.</p> <p><a href="#">Fought on 15 Dec 1864 at Nashville, TN.</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fought on 16 Dec 1864 at Nashville, TN.</a></p> <p>Fought on 27 Mar 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.</p> <p>Fought on 29 Mar 1865 at Spanish Fort, AL.</p>
Name:	Jerry Ham
Residence:	Exeter, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	27 Aug 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Corporal
State Served:	Wisconsin
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	<p>Enlisted in <a href="#">Company H, Wisconsin 8th Infantry Regiment</a> on 27 Aug 1861.</p> <p>Mustered out on 05 Sep 1865 at Demopolis, AL.</p>
Sources:	<p>Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers: War of the Rebellion</p> <p>GAR Dept of Massachusetts 1866-1947 (Sargent)</p>



## ***HENRY HAMILTON***

For Sale – My residence, known as the Henry Hamilton place. It will be sold at a bargain. Call and get price.  
Geo. Rodd

February 12, 1884, The Enterprise, p. 4, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

Levi Leonard to Henry W. Hamilton, lots 1, 2, and 3 in block 2, in Leonard and Mygatt's addition to Evansville, \$400.

September 10, 1884, Janesville Gazette, Buying and Selling Transfers of Rock County Real Estate"  
Janesville, Wisconsin

Henry W. Hamilton recently bought three lots in Leonard & Mygatt's addition, for \$400. Property in the vicinity of the Park is rapidly changing hands, and another season will see a number of new residences in that vicinity.

September 13, 1884, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

—Mr Henry Hamilton, who has been with Col. G. W. Hall's show for the past three weeks returned Sunday morning apperantly satisfied with his show experience but reports that the Col. is doing a profitable business.

September 24, 1887, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

Henry W. Hamilton to Sarah A. Martin, part of lot 3 In block 2, of Leonard & Mygatt's addition to Evansville, \$700.

August 1, 1888, Janesville daily Gazette, p. 4, Transfers of rock County Real Estate. Janesville, Wisconsin

Mr. H. W. Hamilton was elected street commissioner, J. M. Ballard, sexton, and F. M. Crow, A. A. Snashall and E. J. Ballard, members of the board of health, at the last meeting of the village board.

April 20, 1895, The Badger, p.1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

H. W. Hamilton of this city claims the unique distinction of being the fourth man to enlist in the state of Wisconsin in response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 volunteers to put down the rebellion.

In April, 1861, Mr. Hamilton was living in Baraboo, but the week previous to his enlistment had been working in Rockton, Ill., a few miles from Beloit.

The evening of the day that the telegraph announced the exciting news that the President had called for volunteers, Mr. Hamilton, a mere youth, instantly formed his war-like resolution, and the following morning at an early hour was standing before the little semi-military office in Beloit, where Mr. Thomas Northrup took the names of the applicants in the order in which they came.

William Stone and James Quinn of Beloit, and Philip Morse of Newark, Ill. had preceded Mr. Hamilton by a few minutes. Mr. Northrup afterwards became First Lieutenant Co. F. 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin three months volunteers. Mr. Hamilton believes himself to be the last one of the group now living.

The record of the old soldier who saw active service in the civil war is a most honorable one, but to be one of the first in the great state of Wisconsin to answer the call of the Great Emancipator is, indeed, a rare distinction.

Mr. Hamilton is proud of the fact and well he may be.

October 12, 1911, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Suffering a stroke of paralysis early Wednesday, Henry Hamilton, 90, one of the three surviving members of the local post of the G. A. R., is sinking rapidly at the Hotel Central. He still remains unconscious and little hope is held for his recovery. His son, William Hamilton, arrived from Baraboo Wednesday morning. Mr. Hamilton participated in the Memorial day exercise here last Saturday.

June 4, 1931, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

### ***THOMAS HARVEY***

As doubts have been expressed about Mr. Thomas Harvey having served in the army and having a discharge therefrom, we wish to say in his behalf that upon the 12<sup>th</sup> day of January 1901 we saw and read an honorable discharge given Mr. Harvey from his service in the civil war of '61 to '65, and he is entitled to a pension.

January 15, 1901, p. 3, col. 3, The Tribune, Evansville, Wisconsin

[note: the editor of the Tribune, Caleb Libby, was also the veterans pension agent in Evansville, Wisconsin.]

***George Hayward***



## GEORGE HAYWARD DIES AT BERLIN

George Hayward, aged 92, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. D. Wood, Berlin, Wis. Funeral services will be held in Berlin and the remains will be brought to Evansville for burial Saturday. Rev. O. W. Smith will conduct short services at the cemetery Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Hayward was an early settler, coming from Vermont as a young man, and farming near Cooksville. He served his country in the Civil War, and was afterward a loyal member of the L. T. Sutphen post, G.A.R. After the war, he moved into Evansville, living on Madison street until after the death of his wife he went to live with his only daughter, Mrs. Jennie Wood in Berlin. As a carpenter he had a share in building Evansville. He is survived by his daughter, Jennie Wood, and a son Julian, who with his family,—a son and two daughters, lives in Virginia, Minn. Harry Hayward is a nephew.

July 17, 1924, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

### *Amos Hoisington*

DIED at the hospital, Evansville, Indiana, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 1863, AMOS HOYSINGTON, of Magnolia, belonging to Co. D., 13<sup>th</sup> Reg't W. V., aged 23 years.

January 29, 1864, p. 22, col. 1, Janesville Weekly Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

## OBITUARY

Cassius C. Howard was born September 20, 1845, in Herkemerr County, New York, moving to Wisconsin with his parents in 1848, settling in Magnolia, where he lived until 1900, at that time moving to Madison, having been appointed Messenger Clerk in the office of the State Board of Control; being appointed to that office by Governor La Follette.

His health failing him, in 1908, he resigned and moved to Evansville, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Howard served in the Civil War as a member of the Forty-second Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

He was married to Mary A. Robson of Magnolia, January 1, 1867, she departing this life, September 4, 1916. To this union was born two children, Jesse M. Gillman of this city and Howard of Madison.

Mr. Howard answered the last roll call last Tuesday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Fred Gillman. The interment will be in Maple Hill Cemetery this afternoon, the Rev. William Bird, of Magnolia, officiating.

November 11, 1920, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

# Magnolia News

Betty Ann Eubanks

Phone: 882-5132



When Cassius C. Howard was but three years of age, his father, Nathaniel B. Howard, purchased 240 acres on section 22 of Magnolia Township, Wisconsin being yet a territory. Sixty acres of this original purchase was deeded to Cassius. Father, Nathaniel's residence was built in 1847 by Joseph Prentice, but was made a home by Mr. N. B. Howard in 1848. Cassius was the eldest son of a family of eleven children.

Cassius came with his parents from Herkimer, Co., N.Y. and when nineteen years of age enlisted in the 42nd Wisconsin Infantry and served with them un-

til the close of the War. His father, Nathaniel B. had taken an active part in the war, paying bounties out of his own pocket to induce volunteers to enlist. Two of his sons and one son-in-law served their country during this period. The son-in-law was killed in battle.

Cassius C. Howard married Miss Alice Rolsen of Magnolia Township, December 31, 1867 and is said to have had one child, Jessie. Cassius followed the example of his father and was Republican politically. Besides the 60 acres in section 22, Cassius owned and resided in a house in Section 15 in Magnolia.

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## **ALVA BEACH HUBBARD**

Alva Beach Hubbard was born Nov. 8th, 1834, in Windham, New York. At the age of two, removed with his parents to Mount Morris where he grew to sturdy young manhood, working on the farm summers and attending district school winters. When 18 years of age he enjoyed two terms of high school in the village, acquiring that thirst for reading which remained with him throughout his life. When 19 years of age, or in October, 1853, he came, with his parents, to Wisconsin, stopping in Spring Prairie. The next year, November, 1854, he removed to Lacon, Ill., and followed railroading until July, 1857, when he came back to Spring Prairie, helped with the harvest, going to Windham, N. Y., the last of October, where on the 7th of the month he married Miss Clara Force, returning with his bride to Spring Prairie and engaging in farming until the call of his country caused him to enlist in Co. I, 28th Wisconsin Infantry. he served with honors for three years, until the close of the war, and was mustered out in October, 1865, returning gladly to the farm. In the spring of 1871 he went to Minnesota and took up a homestead in Brown county. Helped to organize the township, the school district and built the first school house. Was superintendent of the first Sunday school and a charter member of the Congregational church he helped organize, serving in some official capacity until he sold out, coming to Evansville. A year later, in July, 1897, he moved to Mentour, Iowa, and bought a home, but returned shortly to Wisconsin where he resided continuously until his death, which took place April 2nd, 1923, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Carrie E. Bestor. His wife having preceded him in death four years, there remains to mourn his passing two daughters: Mrs. Carrie E. Bestor of Evansville and Mrs. Helen Z. May of Bloomington, Ill., and one son, Clifford W. Hubbard of Omaha, Neb. There are also ten grandchildren. For the last years of his life Mr. Hubbard was afflicted with deafness, hearing only by the aid of a speaking trumpet, and with near blindness; still he delighted to talk with friends, especially of the stirring times immediately preceding and during the Civil War. Always intensely patriotic, he could not brook slighting remarks regarding the flag of his country. Religion and patriotism were close akin with him. Naturally he was a member of the local Congregational Churching, coming by letter. Always he carried his church letter with him. The funeral took place from the home of Mrs. Carrie E. Bestor on Third street Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. O. W. Smith of the Congregational church officiating. Beside the many relatives and friends gathered to pay him honor was the little group of Civil War veterans, a pitiful remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic, who with representatives of the American Legion Post, laid the body to rest in the cemetery. Hail and farewell, comrade and brother.

April 5, 1923, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

James Monroe Ingalls (1837-1927) was an American soldier and an authority on ballistics. His ballistic tables were the authoritative source for over 100 years.

James Monroe Ingalls moved to Madison, Wisconsin with his parents about 1856. He became a professor of mathematics in the Evansville Seminary, Wisconsin, 1860-1863. He enlisted in the regular army, January 2, 1864 during the Civil War, and was assigned to the 16th Infantry; was promoted corporal and served as commissary and quartermaster-sergeant until May 21, 1865. He was promoted 2d and 1st lieutenant May 3, 1865, accepting the promotions May 21, 1865. On April 17, 1869, he was transferred to the 2d Infantry; on Jan. 1, 1871, to the 1st artillery; was Commandant of Cadets and Professor of Military Science and Tactics and Mathematics at West Virginia University 1877-78. He was a very popular professor. He was promoted captain of artillery July 1, 1880; major June 1, 1897, and lieutenant-colonel October 5, 1900. He served in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia, and other points in the south 1864-71, and was then sent to the artillery school, Fort Monroe, graduating in the class of 1872. He was next stationed successively at Plattsburgh barracks, and Forts Jefferson and Barrancas, and in July 1880, was assigned to the command of Battery A, Governor's Island, New York Harbor, and thence transferred to San Francisco Harbor, where he served until ordered to Battery G at Fort Munroe 1882. He suggested and organized the department of ballistics at the artillery school, Fort Monroe, and was made the first instructor Dec. 19, 1882, which position he held until the school suspended operations in the spring of 1898 on account of the war with Spain. He was also senior instructor in practical artillery exercises, class of 1884; in engineering, class of 1888; in electricity and defensive torpedoes, classes of 1884, 1886, 1888, and 1890; and in signaling, 1884-88. Lieutenant Colonel Ingalls retired from the Army in 1901; in 1904, he was made colonel retired. James Monroe Ingalls died May 1, 1927 in Providence, Rhode Island.



## LOCAL CIVIL WAR VET GIVES EARLY HISTORY OF U. W.

Melvin Ingraham, 83, one of the five surviving members of the local post of the G. A. R., attended the University of Wisconsin when it boasted of only 600 students.



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"At that time the school had three buildings, two dormitories, one for girls and one for boys, and a chapel which were heated by wood burning stoves. The faculty was comprised of not more than three teachers at the most," he said.

Born in Hamden, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1847, Mr. Ingraham celebrated his 83rd birthday here on Wednesday of last week. He came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1885 and was one of the first settlers in Union township. He enlisted in the Civil war Feb. 14, 1865 at the age of 18 and was honorably discharged from the Benton Barricks hospital at St. Louis, Sept. 29, 1865. He was a member of the 49th Wisconsin infantry.

Mr. Ingraham well remembers the early history of Evansville and often speaks of the time he built the first fence around the old grade school building. He is residing at the residence of Miss Statia Henneberry, 4 Railroad street, with whom he has made his home for the past 18 years.

**Melvin Ingraham**

February 27, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

## CIVIL WAR VETERAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

**Melvin Ingraham, 83, One of  
Five Survivors, Dies Here  
Friday; Buried in Oregon**

Melvin Ingraham, 83, one of the five surviving members of the local post of the G. A. R. died in the home of Miss Stacia Henneberry, 14 Railroad street, at 11:45 a. m. Friday following a lingering illness of heart disease.



Melvin Ingraham



Mr. Ingraham was born in Hampton, Ohio, Feb. 12, 1847 and moved with his parents to Wisconsin in 1855. He enlisted in the Civil war Feb. 14, 1865 at the age of 18 in the 49th Wisconsin infantry and was honorably discharged from the Benton Barricks hospital at St. Louis, Sept. 29, 1865.

Following the war, the veteran entered the University of Wisconsin when it had only 600 students. Like many of the other students he worked for his board, room, and tuition clearing the campus which was then a forest grown up with underbrush.

After attending college for a year, he bought a farm in the township of Rutland, Dane county. This he sold 15 years ago and retired to the village of Oregon where he lived several years making his home with Miss

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## CIVIL WAR VETERAN CLAIMED BY DEATH

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Stacia Henneberry and her brother, Richard. When the Henneberrys moved to Evansville, several years ago, he came with them and continued to make his home with them until his death.

Mr. Ingraham well remembered the early history of Evansville and often spoke of the time he built the first fence around the old gray school. He was a man of lovable personality, naturally patriotic, always enthusiastic, and hopeful for the welfare of his country. His particular delight was in the story of Lincoln and the Civil war.

He loved the sight of the flag, the sentiments of Decoration day, the

life and character of the men and women whose devotion and sacrifices have made our country what it is. He was a kind neighbor, a lovable companion, always upright and honest in his dealings with his fellow men. All who knew him mourn his loss.

Funeral services were held here in the Baptist church Sunday afternoon, the Rev. G. C. Saunderson of the Methodist church officiating. The song service was presented by Mrs. William Bewick. Following the services the funeral procession, escorted by the Boy Scouts of Evansville accompanied by Scoutmaster Arthur Devine, moved to the village of Oregon where D. H. McGill sang and A. H. Sholts gave a short address. The remains were interred in Prairie Mound cemetery, Oregon.

In closing his address, Mr. Sholts quoted, as applicable to Melvin Ingraham and his comrades of the Civil war, the oration over the Athenian dead: "Their glory shall never die, the whole wide world is their sepulchre, their epitaphs are written in the hearts of mankind and wherever there is speech and noble deeds, their names shall be held in remembrance."

May 15, 1930, Evansville Review, p. 1 & 8, Evansville, Wisconsin

### Lee, Caleb

Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, p. 880.

CALEB E. LEE, Lieut. of Engineers U.S.N., Sec. 12; P.O. Evansville; born Nov. 19, 1835, in Crawford Co., Penn.; came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1847, and worked for his father till 1853, when he went to Janesville and learned a mechanic's trade with the Western Novelty Works; in the spring of 1856, he went to Minnesota, and worked at his profession as engineer on the river and in a sawmill; in the fall of 1858, he went to New York City and followed his trade till April, 1861, when he received the appointment of Third Assistant Engineer; U.S.N.; in January, 1863, was promoted Second Assistant Engineer, and in January, 1865, First Assistant Engineer, now called Past Assistant Engineer, with the assimilated rank of Lieutenant; from the 3d of May, 1861, to the 16th of June, 1865, Mr. LEE served continuously through the war; he was on the U.S.S. Anacosta, on the Potomac River, on picket duty principally, but they fought and silenced the rebel battery on Atacquia Creek; he served on the Pocahontas, under Admiral Dupont, at the taking of Port Royal, S.C., in the fall of 1861; went on this station till the following summer, fighting several engagements along the coast; in the fall of 1862, they joined Admiral Farragut's fleet in a blockade off Mobile, Ala., where they captured several blockade runners; on the Tacony, he served under Admirals Lee and Porter with the North Atlantic Squadron; fought both engagements at Fort Fisher, and was at the surrender and retaking of Plymouth on the Roanoke River, N.C., and was on blockade duty on the Albermarle and Pamlico Sounds; he returned with this ship to Boston, Mass., which went out of commission at the close of the war; in August, 1865, he joined the U.S.S. Wasp, at Philadelphia, and went with the Brazilian Squadron, visiting the whole east coast of South America, the Falkland Islands, the west coast of Africa, from Cape Town to the Congo River, St. Helena, etc.; he returned home in the fall of 1868; in the spring of 1869, he was ordered to the Mound City Navy Yard, Illinois, for iron-clad duty, remaining there and at New Orleans for two and one-half years; in the fall of 1871, he joined the

U.S.S. Pensacola, at San Francisco, cruising on the west coast of South America; in September, 1872, he was sent home from Panama, sick, and was on sick leave till the fall of 1875, when he joined the iron-clad steamer Mahopac, at Pensacola, Fla., but in three months was sent home by medical survey; in December, 1876, he was placed on the retired list, and is at present living on his farm of 280 acres, in Magnolia Township, Rock Co., Wis.; he is a member of Lodge No. 32, Chapter NO. 35, Masons.

*Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, pp. 879-880.*

## OBITUARY

Caleb E. Lee

The death of Caleb E. Lee occurred at the home on First Street Tuesday morning at two o'clock, following a short illness. Mr. Lee has been in failing health for a number of years, and for a number of months had been confined to the house. During all these years he has suffered uncomplainingly, keeping that cheerful, courteous disposition which ever characterized him.

Mr. Lee was a native of Crawford county, Pennsylvania and was born November 19, 1835. He was descended from good New England ancestry. His people were thrifty, of high ideals, and of strong religious faith.

In the spring of 1848, the family moved to Wisconsin and in 1851 to Rock County. Here he learned the machinists trade in the Budd Foundry and Machine Works. In 1858 he became chief engineer of the North Star steamer on the Mississippi river. This was followed by employment in steamboat work in New York until the spring of 1861 when he entered the United States naval service as assistant engineer.

During the war he served on some of the best known vessels of the navy, the Anacosta, Pochahontas, Tacony, Warp, Kansas, and the Huron. On the latter vessel he was chief engineer and at the close of the war cruised through the West India Islands, on the north and east coast of South America, the Falkland Islands, and the west coast of Africa.

In December, 1876, he was placed on the retired list of naval officers. During these years he took part in many important engagements, proving himself a brave soldier, loyal to his flag and country, never shirking any duty.

At the close of his active naval life he withdrew from the service and returned to Rock county and turned his attention to farming until 1885. During that year he settled in Evansville and engaged in the harness trade. Here he built up a successful business and took an active part in all local affairs. For six years he served as a member of the Board of Supervisors of Rock County and was president of the village board for four years. He brought to these offices the same integrity and enterprise that are essential alike to the soldier and the private citizen.

He was married February 6, 1889, to Miss Belle Shurrum of Evansville. Their home has ever been the center of a fine domestic and social life. Mr. Lee loved his home, and all that made for better homes in the community. He was a lover of good books and possessed a wide range of information gathered from extensive traveling and reading.

April 13, 1911, he was appointed as Chief Engineer in the Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, on the retired list. Among the many local friends he was familiarly known and accosted as "Captain."

He was a member of Union Lodge No. 32, F. & A. M., Evansville Chapter No. 35. R. A. M. and was also a Knight Templar,, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Knights of Pythias.

The funeral will be held at the home tomorrow at two o'clock. The service will be read by Mr. D. Quincy Grabill. The interment will be in Maple Hill cemetery.

The many friends express for Mrs. Lee their deepest sympathy. She has been loyal and faithful and no one could be more appreciative of such loyalty than Captain Lee.

Evansville Review, May 23, 1912, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

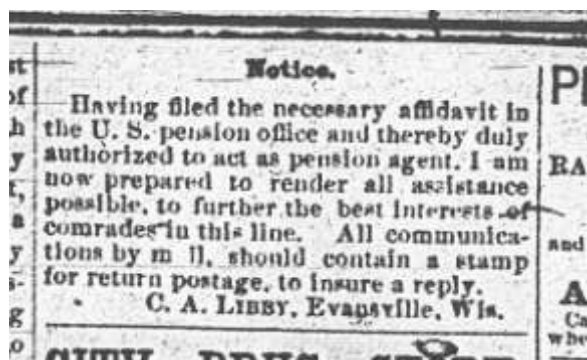
***John M. Lee***



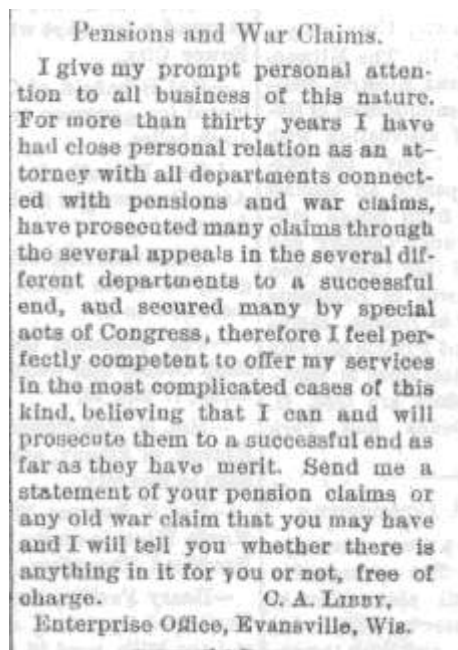
JOHN M. LEE, farmer, Sec. 1; P.O. Evansville; born July 26, 1841, in Crawford Co., Penn.; came to Wisconsin with his parents in 1847; enlisted in Co. D, 13th W.V.I., Nov. 21, 1860, and was discharged Dec. 24, 1864, when he returned home; in 1866, bought his farm of eighty acres of land. Married Miss Lottie DONALDSON, of Rock Co., Nov. 28, 1869; they have two children - Harry and Eugene. He is a member of Excelsior Grange, No. 108; he and his wife are members of the Congregational Church.

*Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, p. 880.*

## Caleb Libby



January 29, 1884, p. 4, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin



August 11, 1896, p. 1, Tribune, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

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## OBITUARY

### CALEB ANCEL LIBBY

The community was shocked last Wednesday, Oct. 17, 1906, upon hearing of the death of Mr. C. A. Libby. He was in the East, where he and his wife went some six weeks ago for a visit with relatives and friends. He was not well when he left home, and later pneumonia settled down upon him. No one thought his condition was dangerous, and no one dreamed of such an untimely death. His last days were spent at the home of his niece, Mrs. Mary Staples at Newfield, Maine, and she, with other relatives did all that loving hands could do to relieve his sufferings, and make his last hours peaceful.

Mr. Libby, the proprietor and editor of the Evansville Enterprise and Tribune for about twenty-six years, was a native of New Hampshire and was born at Great Falls, Nov. 6, 1846. He lived in his native state until he was nine years of age and came west with his parents to Evansville, Wis., in 1855. His primary education, received in the common schools was supplemented by a course in Evansville Seminary. In 1864 he enlisted in the army and became a member of the Company D, 40th Wis. V. I. He remained in the service until honorably discharged by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. During that time he had a sun-stroke and contracted a chronic disease which permanently affected his health.

On Nov. 6, 1869, Mr. Libby was united in marriage with Miss Lucilla Crandall. After their marriage they moved to Kansas, where they lived three years. Then they returned to Evansville and here they have since resided with the exception of one year, 1895-1896 spent in Chicago. Since 1881 he has been in successful newspaper work, having developed two papers, The Enterprise and The Tribune. He was a charter member of T. L. Sutphen Post, No. 41, G.A.R. He was also a Pension Attorney, Real estate agent, and agent for other concerns.

Besides his wife, he leaves three sons and one daughter: Fred, who entered the United States Pension office in 1895 and is now located in Portland, Oregon; Burr, who is in San Francisco, California; Almon M., who was with his father in newspaper work; and Mary Alice, Mrs. Frank Turrell, who resides in Belvidere, Ill. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Byron Campbell, and one brother, Nathaniel Libby, both of whom reside here.

The funeral was held at the Libby residence, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 21, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Edwin A. Ralph, pastor of the Congregational church officiated.

The funeral was very largely attended by the citizens of Evansville and neighboring region. The W. R. C. and G. A. R. escorted the body to the cemetery, where the G. A. R. burial service was read by Commander Gray and the flag planted by Comrade Beebe.

These are the few details that give out a meager outline of a busy life of nearly sixty years. They but suggest the things which received his attention. Mr. Libby may well be called a man who grew gradually into the hearts of his fellow citizens, especially during the last fifteen years. He became more and more a representative business man, a successful editor and conscientious citizen. His business ability resulted in his accumulation of considerable property. As a newspaper man he succeeded in publishing a local paper that contained the news, that was read by a large number of people. It was read by numbers of former citizens who in this way kept posted on the things that were going on in their home town.

It is as a man and a citizen though that he was best known. He did not hold any office in the community but he made it his rule to be the kind of a man the city needed, to be a safe man for any boy to pattern after and to stand for all that made the city life strong and right. He was a man of good habits having given up many habits of earlier years, as he said, that no boy or young man should ever have his example as his excuse for bad habits. His pen was often directed against the use of tobacco and intoxicating liquors. He never hesitated to single out any person or any group of persons whom he thought a menace to the community and print his condemnation of them. For this one aim to be a good example to the boys in the city he deserves much praise.

In matters of politics he had his convictions and stood for them through thick and thin. He published many articles that dealt with the political situation in the town, in a forceful, even though a partisan manner. So successful were his thrusts that people were made to see both sides of the question before the public.

He was deeply interested in the schools, those supported by the city, and the Seminary. He always urged attendance of the citizens at the annual school meetings and paid his compliments to the complainers who remained at home.

He was interested in the churches, every one of them, and gave much space in his paper to the discussion of church matters. He offered each church all the space it wished, free of charge. He was a strong temperance agitator and came out in the strongest terms against the proposition of licensing a saloon in our city.

He was the children's friend. They often visited his office, where they received a warm welcome. He enjoyed the children's services in the church and always had a word of encouragement for them.

Though sharing with the rest of us many short comings, he was nevertheless a man who carried the interests of the city and its people upon his heart and who did much to better things. As an earnest citizen, newspaper man, and business man, he will be greatly missed by the majority of our citizens, but the soldiers, and the soldiers' widows, whose pensions he looked after. The man who does his best never fails to win a place for himself. He will surely be misunderstood, and sometimes cordially maligned; but in the end his earnestness will win for him the respect of the people. We believe that Mr. Libby was this sort of man. His family receives the sympathy of the community in this sad affliction.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to sincerely thank all those who rendered assistance and extended sympathy to us during our sad affliction, in the death of beloved husband and father. Especially do we wish to thank the G.A.R. and W.R.C. societies; Rev. E. A. Ralph for the excellent words spoken; the choir, especially Mrs. Wilder for the solo rendered; and to those who gave beautiful floral offerings.

#### ***Daniel B. Lovejoy***

October 26, 1906, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

September 26, 1862

Hickman, Kt.

My Dear Friend

Presuming that you are with the Reg't. at Ft. Donalsen, I address you at that place. How is the health of yourself and family?

As you have been to Wisconsin, you must have lots of news from Evansville and vicinity. I wish to learn from you, something about the good people of said city.

What did Reuben and Nelson Winston have to say about the war &c? Is Major Kelly, still enthusiastic and does he continue to glow with patriotic ardor? Does Henry Spencer think the war too expensive? How does Wm. C. Lovejoy flourish &c?

With your "little friend" things are running smoothly.

We are pleasantly located and under the command of Capt. E. W. Blake, whose name is often signed, Capt. E. W. Blake, Comd'g Post.

The boys are living very well upon the neighbors sweet potatoes, melons &c. They confiscate a "heap" of such property.

What do you think of the anti strategic movements of Gen. Pope, and the success of Gen. McClellan in Maryland?

Dr. I must tell you about the boarding place of our mess. We take our rations to an old lady who cooks them for \$1.00 pr month each. This old lady chews snuff, and has four daughters, one of which uses the same week, and all of them have the fever and ague. The said lady goes around the house chewing and spitting while the girls take turns at shaking. This morning I asked one of the fair damsels if they took turns at being sick; to this she made no reply, but looked as black as a thunder cloud. These people tell us much about things "plumb down in Mississippi war they rais costton."

Hoping that this war will soon close and you, I and all of us return to our respective home. I close remaining Yours Respectfully. D. B. Lovejoy.

## ***Albert C. Mason***

Albert C. Mason is buried in the Original Plat, Block 1, lot, 14 5-a (or at least the tombstone is there). It reads as follows:

Albert C. Mason, son of G. C. & H., age 24 years, died November 23, 1864, Civil War. of the US Gun Boat LaFayette who died at Memphis Tennessee.

## **AMBROSE MOORE**

AMBROSE MOORE, the fourth child of Phila (WRIGHT) MOORE and her husband William Moore, was born in the town of Durham, Greene County, New York on March 1, 1815. He was a boy who always made the best of his opportunities. He was a boy who devoted his leisure moments in thoroughly learning the various sciences, with the result that in many instances would today make ashamed many college bred young men and women who had far greater learning opportunities. Ambrose MOORE was a man that needed only the knowledge that an advanced education gives to have placed him among the leaders of the great movements that engross the minds of our statesmen and philanthropists. As it was, the man stood foremost among his associates and commanded the respect and admiration of all his acquaintances. When he was twenty-one years old in 1836, Ambrose moved with his uncle Ezra WRIGHT to Wisconsin, traveling all the way from Greene County, New York to Rock County, Wisconsin with an ox team. Mr. MOORE selected a farm in Magnolia Township near Evansville, Wisconsin (at that time called "The Grove") and his uncle selected one at Beaver Dam, in Dodge County, Wisconsin. Mr. MOORE served twice in the war for the Union. At its beginning, he enlisted in the 3rd Minnesota Volunteers, in which he served for about one year, when his company was taken prisoner at Hurfreesboro, Tennessee. Being paroled, Ambrose was sent back to Minnesota to fight the Indians. There he was discharged for physical disability, caused by incipient cataract. Before the war, Mr. MOORE had rented his farm in Wisconsin and moved with his family to Winnebago, Minnesota, near which place he preempted another far. On that farm there stood a church known as "The Busy Church." Selling this farm, he returned to his farm in Wisconsin, when he again enlisted (with his eldest son) in the 42nd Wisconsin Volunteers, serving as Corporal until the close of the war. Mr. MOORE made another pioneering venture. This time he took his son Milton MOORE and went to Kansas, where he located his son upon a farm and returned to his home in Wisconsin where he lived until his death, which occurred March 21, 1877. His loss was keenly felt by all who knew him, being regarded in all the enterprises of the town where he so long had made his home, as their leader, and as one whose integrity was without blemish, whose unselfishness as a neighbor and friend was almost without parallel. His patriotism could not be questioned, as he and his son, whom he took with him in the army, were not included within the limits of age, and although his permanent physical disability was contracted during his service, and the fine residence he had built for the home of his family was destroyed by fire while he was away at the front, he never applied for a pension. At the time of his death, he was engaged in making extensive preparations for the breeding of fine stock. Ambrose Moore is buried at Maple Grove Cemetery, West Magnolia, Wisconsin. His actions in life were guided by Christian convictions, but he never was connected with any church organizations. His restless, intrepid nature made him a good instance of that class of heroic men who pioneered the great West and paved the way for the millions who now make it their home. Ambrose MOORE was married twice. In 1840 he married Lucy Ann PUTNAM, by whom he had four children, namely:



- Milton MOORE, who married Elizabeth NORMAN
- John MOORE
- Phila MOORE
- Marie MOORE who married Albert DILLREE

In 1857 Mrs. Moore died, and about one year later, Ambrose married Sarah C. Cole, by whom he had nine children:

- Belle MOORE, who first married Henry CASFORD, and who second married C. W. BROOKS
- Amelia MOORE, who married James D. HARVEY
- Adelaide MOORE
- Elizabeth MOORE, who married F. S. WOOD
- William MOORE, who married Alice FOX
- Effie MOORE, who married William CARLSON
- Charles E. MOORE, who married Emma CAMPBELL
- Maude MOORE, who married Harvey WOOD
- Clara L. MOORE

A photograph of Ambrose MOORE can be found in the book "There Stands Old Rock" by Thomas Waltermann (on the back cover and on p. 296).

*Courtesy of [Donald Moore](#)*

## CLINTON W. MOORE

CLINTON W. MOORE, farmer, Sec. 8 [Union Township]; P.O. Evansville; born Sept. 8, 1836, in Durham, Greene Co., N.Y.; came to Wisconsin Nov. 7, 1853, and worked for his father until 1806, when he bought his farm of eighty-three and one-half acres. In the fall of 1864, he enlisted in the 44th W.V.I., and served with them till the fall of 1865, when he received his discharge. The land was wild when he purchased it, but it is now thoroughly cultivated, and he has built a large barn, enlarged and improved the house, and made many other improvements. He raises general farm produce, stock, grain, hay, etc. Married Miss Abbie J. BABCOCK, of Magnolia Township, Nov. 10, 1856. Had five children - Phila, born Sept. 17, 1859, died April 16, 1860; Albert O., born June 17, 1861; Myrtie, born Aug. 5, 1867; Guy, born October 25, 1875; Arthur, born Jan. 22, 1879. He is a Director of the School District, has served as Pathmaster five years, and is a member of the Evansville Grange.

*Taken from "The History of Rock County, Wis." (c)1879, p. 880.*

Clinton W. MOORE, the tenth child of Phila (WRIGHT) MOORE and her husband, William MOORE, was born at Cobleskill, Schoharie County, New York, September 8, 1837. When a small child, he moved with his parents to Goversville, Fulton County, New York. The next move was also made with his parents to Johnstown, Fulton County, New York. There he received early education on the farm and at the District School, both of which trainings were of the greatest benefit to him as he grew to manhood. Again, Clinton moved with his parents from Fulton County, New York to Durham, Greene county, New York, where he finished his school days.



In 1855, with his parents, he moved to Magnolia, Wisconsin, and remained with them on a farm for one year. In either 1856 or 1857 he married Abby Jane BABCOCK of Magnolia. This event was the beginning of a new career for Clinton. He chose farming for his occupation and settled with his wife on a farm in Magnolia, where he lived and prospered.

Early in 1865, he enlisted in the war for the Union at Magnolia, Wisconsin, under Captain Leonard House, for six months or one year, and went immediately to Nashville, Tennessee. During his stay of six months, he was twice called into line of battle, but no engagement followed. From Nashville, they were called to East Port, Mississippi, to capture Jefferson Davis, but were ordered back to Nashville before the capture. Arriving at Nashville again, Mr. MOORE was assigned Orderly Sergeant Clerk, which office he filled with credit.

From Nashville they were ordered to Paducah, Kentucky, relieving 15,000 colored troops at that place. General Meredith, commander of that Division, was dishonorably discharged for letting General Hood and staff into the city of Paducah. Colonel Simms of the 44th Wisconsin Volunteers took General Meredith's place at Paducah.

Here Clinton sickened of Malarial Fever and was ordered to the hospital, where he remained three weeks, at the expiration of which his Company was ordered to Prairie Du Chien, and thence to Madison, Wisconsin, where he was honorable discharged.

Clinton returned to his home at Magnolia, where his wife had remained on the farm during her husband's absence, and where they continued to live in prosperity, making the best of circumstances. Mr. MOORE would have become morose and discouraged had he been less of a Christian. His simple-minded and unsuspecting nature had caused him to suffer much at the hands of the dishonest and evil-minded. But he far preferred to be imposed upon than to be the imposer. This view of such matters assisted him to bear losses, which he never allowed to affect his good-natured, jolly, impulsive and sympathetic soul. He never tired of making sacrifices for the comfort and pleasure of his wife and children. In politics, Clinton MOORE was a decided Democrat, and in Religion he was a Methodist, which church he joined in 1881. Mr. and Mrs. MOORE had five children, who were named respectively:

- Frances Phila MOORE
- Albert Oconnor MOORE, who married Etta W. DAVIS
- Myrtie G. MOORE, who married Arthur SPENCER
- Guy E. MOORE, who married Lulu M. BABCOCK
- Arthur C. MOORE, who married Lydia ARGON

Clinton Moore died in 1916 and is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville, Wisconsin.

Courtesy of [Donald Moore](#)

## ***Zeba C. MOORE***

ZEBAR CLARK MOORE, a representative farmer of Magnolia Township, residing on section 8, has been a resident of this county since the early days of its history. He was born in the town of Montgomery, N.Y., February 28, 1834, and is a son of William and Phila (WRIGHT) MOORE, the father is a native of Germany, and the mother of New York. William MOORE received his education in his native land and after his emigration turned his attention to farming, which occupation he followed until his death. He was married in this country, and in 1858, emigrated with his family to Rock County, Wis., locating first in Johnstown Township, where he made his home until 1861, when he removed to Magnolia Township. Purchasing 140 acres of land on section 8, the family removed to their new home, a little log cabin which is still standing and is used as a side building by our subject. The father there continued to reside, engaged in agricultural pursuits, until his death, which occurred on the 18th day of February, 1873. He was one of the highly respected and honored citizens of the community, and his death was a loss not only to his family but to many friends. His excellent wife survived her husband until November, 1879, when she too was called to her final rest. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and took great interest in church work, training their children to love and respect the teachings of the Bible. This early instruction has not been forgotten by them for all have become respectable men and women, occupying useful and responsible positions in life. Their family numbered nine sons and two daughters, all of whom attained to mature years - Philander W. is now living in New York in the town of Gloversville; Montgomery, one of the first settlers of Wisconsin, died in this State; Ambrose, who was a leading citizen of Magnolia, died in 1877; William died in Black River County, N.Y.; Philip was a resident of this State during its pioneer days, but later returned to New York, where his death occurred many years ago; Betsy M. became the wife of Peter MERRITT, of Albany County, N.Y.; John E. is a minister of the Adventist faith, now in Otter Tail County, Minn.; Caroline became the wife of James CHRISTIE, and died in 1870, her husband's death occurring in 1872; Francis O. died in Los Angeles, Cal., in 1883; Clinton W. is engaged in farming in the town of Magnolia.

Our subject was twenty years of age at the time of the removal of the family from New York to Rock County, since which time, he has been numbered among its citizens. He assisted his father in the cultivation of the farm until the 12th day of February, 1865, when he enlisted in Company I, of the 44th Wisconsin Infantry, but was discharged in July the same year on account of disability caused from the exposure and hardships incident to army life. While in the service he did duty at Nashville, Tenn., Paducah, Ky., and at Eastport, Ala. After his return, being broken down in health, he was compelled to lay aside the duties of the farm for some time.

On the 1st day of January, 1862, Mr. MOORE and Miss Fannie B. RODD were united in marriage. The lady was born on Prince Edward Island, January, 4, 1846, and is a daughter of John and Caroline (HORN) RODD, whose sketch appears on another page of this volume. Six children have been born unto Mr. and Mrs. MOORE, all born on the old homestead. Phila M., the eldest, is the wife of Harry BLAKELY, a farmer of Nebraska; Carrie E. is now the wife of Herman SCHRODER, of Center township, Weltha E., Edith A., Mary F. and Zelia D. complete the family. Mr. MOORE is now the owner of the old homestead consisting of 120 acres of arable land. Since coming into his possessions he has made improvements upon it, and the farm is considered one of the best in Magnolia Township. The stock is of the best grades, the barns and outbuildings are well kept and every thing about the place denotes the thrift and industry of the owner. In his pleasant home he is surrounded by all the comforts of life, and he has become one of the well-to-do farmers of the community. Mr. MOORE casts his ballot with the Democratic party, and has been called upon to fill various township offices, and discharges his duties in a manner satisfactory to all concerned. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity of Evansville. Energetic and progressive, he has made his life a success, and has won the respect of all with whom business or pleasure have brought him in contact.

*Taken from "The Portrait and Biographical Album of Rock County, Wis." (c)1889, pp. 814-815.*



Zeba Clark MOORE, the ninth child of Phila (WRIGHT) MOORE and her husband William MOORE, was born in Jefferson, Erie County, New York on February 29, 1836. As a young boy he manifested an appreciation of those qualities of heart and mind that go to form a manly character. This standard of rigor seemed naturally to be based upon the Golden Rule. All with whom he associated loved him as a friend, knowing that they could trust him as an honorable character. He was a serious man of a talkative, argumentative, thinking mind, a man of steady purpose and calm judgment. In politics Zeba MOORE was a Democrat. He went to Wisconsin and settled in the vicinity of his older brother's homes on a farm. He made the acquaintance of Rhoda RODD, a native of Prince Edwards Island, where she was born January 4, 1846. She moved with her father to Wisconsin where she met and married Zeba MOORE on January 1, 1868. This was a happy marriage and Mrs. MOORE was the "bright particular star" of this harmonious household.

February 2, 1865 Zeba C. MOORE was enrolled as a Union Soldier in Company I, 44th regiment of Wisconsin Infantry, under Captain Leonard House, to serve one year, or during the war. He contracted Rheumatism almost immediately after joining the army, and was treated in the hospital at Paducah, Kentucky and at Jefferson in Indiana. Mr. MOORE was corporal after February 18, 1865. He was honorably discharged from U.S. service July 10, 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky, in consequence of ill health, after which he returned to his home and settled at Evansville, Wisconsin, where he prospered as a farmer, but was always afterwards a sufferer of rheumatism, contracted in the army.

Zeba C. MOORE had six children, namely:

- Phila M. MOORE, who married Harry A. BLAKELY
- Carrie E. MOORE, who married Herman SCHROEDER
- Wealthy E. MOORE, who married George FERRIS
- Edith A. MOORE, who married Arthur WOODSTOCK
- Mary F. MOORE
- Zelie D. MOORE

Zeba C. MOORE died in 1916 and is buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville, Wisconsin.

*Courtesy of [Donald Moore](#)*

### ***Grand Army of the Republic Personal War Sketch***

Zeba Clark Moore who was born the 29 day of February A. D. 1836 in County of Jefferson, State of New York. Enlisted on the second day of February 1865 at Madison, Wisconsin as a private in co. I – 44 Regt. Wisconsin Inf. Was made Corporal during the month of Feb. 1865 and was confined in hospital at Paducah, Ky at Jeffersonville Ind. Discharged July 10, 1865 at Louisville, Ky. For disability. I certify that the sketch of my war service as above written is true as I verify believe. Date. April 21, 1906, Zeba Clark Moore by L. B. Beebe, Post Librarian. We certify that Comrade Zeba Clark Moore joined.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Moore Married Fifty Years**

Mr. and Mrs. Z. C. Moore, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday, January 1, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. A. Blakeley, 345 Second Street, Evansville, Wisconsin. There were between fifty and sixty guests present. Four of the six daughters were present, Mrs. Phila M. Blakely, the hostess, Mrs. Caroline E. Schroeder, of Marshall, Minnesota, Mrs. Edith A. Woodstock of Afton, and Miss May F. Moore of



Beloit. The other two daughters, Mrs. Wealthie E. Ferrir of Los Angeles, Cal., and Mrs. Zelia D. Lindon of Philadelphia, Penn., were not able to be present.

At twelve-thirty, Mrs. C. H. Myers truck the first notes of Lohengrin's Bridal Chorus to the strains of which the bride and groom of fifty years, accompanied by Miss Elva Moore, ring bearer, and Master Zeba Woodstock, the only grandson, as best man found their places fronting the assembled guests and facing the minister, Rev. C. H. Myers, who after charging the groom with taking advantage of the absence of other young men, who in 1863 were in the army, to pick out the prettiest and brightest young lady in the town, declared that under the new marriage laws they ought to be married again for the next fifty years, and then proceded to read the modern ring service, to which the proper response was made and the happy couple pronounced husband and wife for a second fifty years. Following congratulations, Miss Edith Myers sang the touching song, "There is Silver, Now Where Once was Gold," after which all sat down to a bountiful dinner.

The house was beautifully decorated with green and gold, intermingled with pressed fall leaves.

Following dinner the social intercourse was sandwiched with a reading, "An Old Fashioned Medley," by Mrs. John Tullar, and an original poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Schroeder, and read by Miss Lenora Casford of Janesville.

Among those present from out of town were Mr. Arthur Woodstock, Afton, Robert Horn of Janesville, Mrs. Richmond and Charlie Moore, wife and daughter of Magnolia.

Among the guests were some who were present at the first wedding, Jan. 1, 1863, fifty years ago.

Zeba Clark, son of William Moore of Germany and Phila Wright of Vermont, was born Feb. 29, 1836 in Fulton county, Johnston, N. Y. At young manhood he went to western New York, Erie county, and attended Clarence Hollow academy. After three years journeyed to Johnston, Wis., and joined his old parents at farming. During the next three years they journeyed to West Magnolia, Wis., to their final farm home. Here he met Miss Fanny Rodd and three years later they were married.

With a younger brother, Clinton, Zeba enlisted Feb. 2, 1865, in U. S. Service at Janesville, as a private, under Capt. Leonard House and became a member of Wisconsin volunteers in Company I. He joined his regiment at Madison and went into Camp Randall and thence to Nashville. He was honorably discharged July 10, 1865, at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore remained on the farm until, March, 1906. Since retirement they have resided in Evansville.

To this union were born six children, Phila M., Evansville, Wis. Caroline E., Marshall, Minn., Wealthie E., Los Angeles, Cal., Edith A. Afton, Wis., Mary F. Beloit, Wis., Zelia D., Philadelphia, Penn.

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After an illness that dated from last February, Zeba Clark Moore, a highly respected citizen of this city, passed away last Monday morning at 11:40, death resulting from a general breaking down.

Mr. Moore was born in Montgomery, N. Y., February 28, 1836, and came to Wisconsin in 1858, locating at Johnstown Center. In 1861 he purchased a farm in Magnolia township, living there until 1906, when he came to this city. He was united in marriage to Miss Fannie B. Rodd, of Magnolia, January 1, 1862, and to this union were born six daughters, Mrs. Phila M. Blakely, of this city; Mrs. Carrie M. Schroeder, of Marshall Minn.; Mrs. Lena Ferris, of Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss M. Frances Moore, librarian at Redwood Falls, Minn.; Mrs. Edith Woodstock, of Afton, and Mrs. Dr. George Lindow, of Watertown, all of whom survive. The deceased is also survived by his widow and a brother, Clinton Moore, of this city.

Mr. Moore served in the Civil war, enlisting in February, 1865, and was honorably discharged the following July. He was a member of the Masonic order, which will have charge of the funeral services, which will be held at his late residence at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and at the church at 2:30, being conducted by the Rev. Mrs. Copp, of Janesville, former pastor of the local Baptist church, of which Mr. Moore was a member. Interment will be at Maple Hill cemetery.

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# OBITUARY.

After a long and lingering illness with great suffering borne with great patience our old friend and comrade, Mr. L. S. Palmer passed away at 11:40 Tuesday morning, July 31, 1900.

Comrade Palmer was born in Littleton, N. H. on Feb. 24, 1830. He came to Evansville, Wis. in June 1855 and taught the first district school that ye editor ever attended in this place, in the winter of 1855; he was married to Miss Emma J. Rowley on Nov. 23, 1856, after which Comrade Palmer and his wife both taught school in the same building here, it becoming necessary to divide the school into two departments.

He enlisted in Co. F, 16th Regt. Wis. Vol. Inf., Jan. 4, 1861; served through the Atlanta campaign, was with Sherman in his noted march to the sea, participating in the battles of Big Shanty, Kennesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Leggett's Hill, Atlanta, Ezra Church, Jonesboro, Lovejoy Station, Siege of Atlanta and Siege of Savannah; he was at the grand review of the Union troops in Washington, D. C. when the army was disbanded at the close of the war. His comrades all loved and respected him as a quite unassuming good soldier, always willing and ready for duty.

After the war he purchased a farm in the town of Magnolia, which occupation he followed until failing health compelled him to dispose of his farm and move into this city in 1888, where he has since resided still tilling the soil of a few acres until last fall, when he purchased a residence on Liberty street which he had nicely remodeled to his liking intending to spend the remainder of his days in comparative ease with the hard toil of the past. But it appears that one who knows better than any of us had prepared a place for him better than could be in this world for his comfort and reward.

Early in life he became a Christian and member of the M. E. church to which he was faithful to the end, as in all things else, and we don't know that we can say more for Mr. Palmer than that he was a good man in all and everything that the word good implies, and if he leaves any but friends in this world we certainly cannot tell why. He leaves

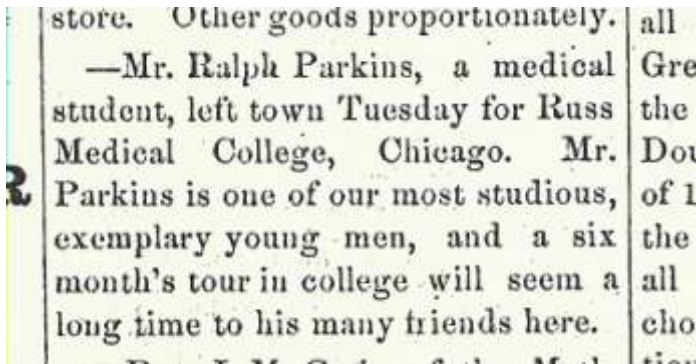
a loving wife and two daughters to mourn their sad loss of one of the best of husbands and fathers that ever lived, who showed their devotion by bestowing upon him their tenderest care to the last.

The funeral was held under the auspices of the G. A. R., of which he has been a valuable member for a number of years, meeting with friends at the home at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday and at the

## ***Ralph Parkin***

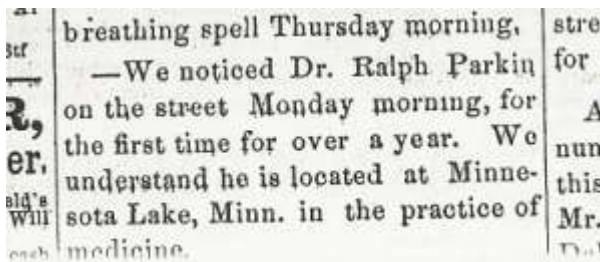
Just wanted to let you know that through sheer unadulterated luck, I found an Ancestry.com site that lists the marriage of Ralph Parkins and Mary H. Eldridge on 25 Dec. 1876 - not in Chicago or Cook County, but in De Kalb County. This really surprised me since Ralph went to Reed Medical School in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. However, I probably wouldn't have found it if you hadn't sent me the newspaper article giving the information that they were married in Illinois. Thanks again.

Pat



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understand he is located at Minne- this  
sota Lake, Minn. in the practice of Mr.  
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July 14, 1875, Evansville Review, p. 1, col.. 2, Evansville,

Wisconsin

### **DR. RALPH PARKIN**

Born February 11, 1848, in Auckland District Durham Co., England

Died April 16, 1882 in Minnesota Lake, MN

Mother: Effie Canote

Father: William Albert Parkin - both born in England

### **MARY ELDREDGE**

Born December 18, 1851 in the State of New York

Died April 12, 1916 in Blue Earth, MN

Dr. Ralph Parkin and Mary Eldredge were married December 25, 1877 in DeKalb, IL. To this union was born one child, Genevieve Lurline Parkin. She was born August 21, 1881, in Minnesota Lake, MN

Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin January 10, 1877

Dr. Ralph Parkin, of Minnesota Lake, Minn. and his bride, have been spending some days in Evansville. His wife was Miss Mary Eldredge. They were married Christmas in Illinois and have many friends in this place. We understand Dr. Parkin is working into a lucrative practice at his profession.

Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 4, April 22, 1882



The remains of Dr. Ralph Parkin were brought here for interment Monday night. Funeral at the Baptist church Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Parkin was formerly an Evansville boy, studied medicine here and after graduating at Rush Medical College, Chicago, went to Minnesota Lake, Minn. and established himself in the practice of his chosen profession. Recently, he began to fail, from hard labor, and having a sore upon his leg, and instead of its discharging properly, was absorbed into his enfeebled system and pymeal or blood poison setting in, soon carried him beyond recovery. His remains were accompanied by his wife and her mother, and who met other members of his family here--several brothers, two sisters and his mother, to attend the funeral. While a citizen here, he was much respected and many gazed on his pale and shrunken features for the last time, with feelings of deepest sadness.

(Buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Evansville WI Orig. 1/129/8

Newspaper Article - A Remarkable Surgical Operation

We were witness Monday night last to what has been considered, even by the profession, rather a remarkable surgical operation. It is that of drawing the blood from an animal and returning the same again without the loss of life, or infusing blood into another person to save life where it has become nearly extinct by accident or otherwise.

A dog was selected on this occasion, and Drs. Parkin and Griswold, of this place, resolved they would test the experiment even at the expense of one of the canine race, if it should prove an unsuccessful experiment.

Chloroform was administered until the dog became insensible to pain, and lay perfectly motionless upon the table, when Dr. Parkin made a long and deep incision in the side of the animal's neck exposing the jugular vein, in which an incision was made and a glass tube inserted. The blood flowed into a receptacle surrounded, and so as to keep its contents warm, by water being poured into it. When enough had been taken without venturing too much upon the dog's life, the vein was tied and the tube inserted in a different direction. A large tube was now employed into which the warm blood was drawn, and by connecting it with a flexible tube to the one already in the vein, the blood flowed back into the animal's body of its own gravity, quite rapidly. When the blood was all returned, the vein was properly tied and the outside incision sewed up. The animal was now allowed to recover, and soon began to show real dog life.

We saw the animal again Tuesday morning, and it appeared to be rapidly recovering, and destined to enjoy another season of dog days, unless some less skillful hands should repeat the experiment.

About sixteen ounces of blood was taken, and the operation lasted nearly an hour.

Drs. Parkin and Griswold are young men in the profession; but possess nerve and skill quite equal to many older ones. The operation took place in the rear room of Mr. Lehman's cabinet store, and was witnessed by the writer, Mr. Case of the Spencer House and Mr. Lehman.

### DR. RALPH PARKIN OBITUARY

Dr. Parkin was born in England in the year 1849. His parents made their home in Wis. after their removal from England to the United States. He pursued a thorough course of medical study at Rush College, Chicago. How he applied himself, his success in his profession clearly proves, for no real success is achieved in any vocation without close application and active labor. After receiving his diploma at this college, he immediately sought a location in the west. He was not long in establishing a good practice at Minnesota Lake, the place chosen for his field of action. The future looming with bright prospects, he returned to Evansville, Wis., full of hope, youth and vigor, and there married Miss Mary Eldredge, Dec. 25, 1877. From that time until his death, four short years, he came to be regarded by the people of Minnesota Lake as almost indispensable to their welfare, both public and private. Possessed of a generous, sympathetic spirit, he was ever ready to aid in advancing the public good, and responded quickly to the calls of the suffering and needy. A zealous christian, he was a pillar of strength and help in the church. His untiring efforts in the Sabbath school, over which he was superintendent during his residence at the Lake, kept it oft from sinking into nothingness. The loss which the S.S. as well as the church sustain, cannot be estimated. As a physician he was sought far and near, his practice was very large

and daily increasing, indeed we may say, the cause of his death was owing directly to overwork in his profession. For weeks previous to his illness, he was with the sick night and day, taking but little rest, bad roads and bad weather completely prostrated him. Just in the prime of manhood, a large practice fully established, a pleasant home just completed, a baby prattler but eight months old to crown domestic happiness, a brilliant future before him, and lo! the destroying angel comes.

His remains were immediately taken to Wis. for burial. Mrs. Parkin, in this, her great bereavement, has the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

#### DR. RALPH PARKIN OBITUARY

It with feelings of deep regret that we are called upon to record the death our esteemed friend and brother, Dr. Ralph Parkin, who died at his home in Minnesota on Sunday morning, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1882, from the effects of blood poison.

He was born in Durham Co. England, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1848, and came to this county with his parents when but two years of age. By his own exertion he obtained a good education, and when but sixteen years of age enlisted in the 43d Wis. Regiment of volunteers, and served until the close of war. Following his services in the army, he lived five years in Beloit, Wis., working at the wagon makers trade, and pursuing his studies for a physician at the same time, ending by graduating after two years study in Chicago at Rush Medical College. He located in Minnesota and followed his chosen profession until his death.

He was a strict temperance man and organized a Good Templar's lodge in the town where he lived, which was the means of reclaiming a number of men from a drunkard's grave. He was a sincere christian, a superintendent in the Sunday school and a leader in religious meetings. His sympathy and skill in relieving the ills of his fellow man, and his ardent piety in the service of his divine Master, endeared him to a host of warm-hearted friends. Conscious to the last moment, he spoke of the blessings of a future life, yet desiring to live that he might be a benefit of those around him. But above all considerations, the wish to be in submission to him, "who doth all things well."

To the wife whose "silver cord" has been broken, to the little child who is left fatherless, to the widowed mother who was so proud of her boy, to the brothers and sisters; and to all his friends and acquaintances, we offer our heart-felt sympathy in their bereavement; and trust that the mantle of consolation from a Father's loving hand may assuage their grief in the hope of a blessed reunion.

The funeral was held at Evansville, Wis. Tuesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and largely attended.

#### DR. RALPH PARKIN OBITUARY

Evansville WI paper

Dr. Ralph Parkin, who died at Minnesota Lake, Minn., on Sunday, the 16<sup>th</sup> last, and was buried in this place on the following Tuesday, was born in England and came with his parents to this country when quite young. About 1870 he came to Evansville and engaged in wagon making with A. S. Baker, and at the same time studied medicine. Having graduated from Rush College, Chicago in 1874, he went to Minnesota and was very soon established in the practice of medicine at the place where he died. His noble manly nature, coupled with professional skill, soon secured for him the confidence and respect of the people and a medical practice quite satisfactory to him, which was never more appreciated than when disease laid him aside. He was married five years ago last Christmas to Miss Mary Eldredge of this place, who is left with an infant child, to mourn the loss of a kind and loving husband, and bear alone the burden and responsibility of caring for the little one.

About five years ago Dr. P. made a public profession of religion, from which time he took a decided stand on the side of Christ and his cause, both at home and in public. While there was no church organization in the place to which he felt he could join, he nevertheless entered heartily into every work which favored a decided Christian advance. He was early elected superintendent of the Sabbath School, which place he held when called to his long home; and the love of the children was so great for him, that they mourned his death, as the death of

a father. He also found it convenient to meet with praying ones in the prayer circle and was truly a leader.

About six weeks before his death he was attacked with a pain below his knee, which developed into an abscess, and it was supposed resulted in blood poisoning, from which he died. He was at no time conscious of his condition, and left no words of his happy future, but his life was the very best evidence. The friends at his home were exceedingly kind, showing all the sympathy and attention possible; and the friends here manifested their respect by a profusion of flowers and a good congregation at the funeral notwithstanding the drenching rain.

Though Dr. P. had lived only 33 years, yet he has left the evidence that he lived for a noble purpose and was triumphantly successful.

We desire to express our sincere thanks to the many friends, who so kindly assisted in paying the last tribute of love and respect to our dear and cherished dead.

Mrs. Dr. R. Parkin

Mrs. C. B. Eldredge

## THE REVIEW

Mankato, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1882

Memoir of Ralph Parkin, M.D. of Minnesota Lake, Minn.

By E. J. Davis, M.D. of Mankato, and read before the Minn. Valley Med. Society at Waseca, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1882.

We had but just entered upon the second year of our existence as a society, when the fell destroyer entered our ranks and claimed for its victim one of the youngest, yet in point of professional attainments, the peer of any of our members, Dr. Ralph Parkin of Minnesota Lake, whose death it is to-day my painful duty to report to this society. And for the information of those present who were not fortunate enough to have had a personal and intimate acquaintance with him, and for the benefit of those who have but recently engaged in our noble calling, and they that contemplate doing so, let me mention a few of his noble, manly traits of character, all worthy of emulating.

In peaceful sorrow there is sometimes joy, and by nature, we love to share our sorrows rather than keep them locked in the seclusion of our own breasts. In accordance with this principle, and suggested no less by a sincere respect for our deceased friend, I have undertaken to prepare this brief and imperfect sketch of the life of him who has passed from this world of toil to receive his reward for the good and profitable use he made of the talents committed to his charge, until the Master shall come and reckon with him.

Dr. Parkin was born in Derhamshire, England, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1848. His parents came to this country when he was but two years old, making their home in Wisconsin. His father died when he was but eight years old, leaving the widow with four small children and expecting to be a mother again in about a month. Thus in his early boyhood was he left fatherless and at that age when a father's advice and counsel is so greatly needed. But from his strict habit of industry, integrity and morality we are convinced that some person of superior mind and heart exerted their influence upon his character, in his youthful days, and believe such an one to have been his mother. We are one of those who entertain the belief that God never gave to woman a higher, nobler, grander and more holy mission in this life, than the care and culture of her offspring and the consequent moulding of their character.

After this sad event he was compelled to leave the parental hearthstone, work out, and obtain his daily bread by the sweat of his brow, also contribute his portion towards supplying it to other members of the family. Thus at an age when most boys, these days, do but little else than go to school, the stern hand of necessity deprived him of his boon; hence his advantages for obtaining an education were at best but meager, yet he was a lover of books, and succeeded by his own exertion in acquiring a fair, if not a liberal education. Although the doctor, in his youthful days, could not boast of academic honors or college lore, yet he looked beyond the wreath that entwined the brow of the learned as well as beyond the wealth, fame and applause of the world. By

observation, study and experience, he improved his intellectual powers and accumulated a vast amount of practical knowledge, which qualified him for almost any emergency and particularly so for filling his chosen profession--the medical.

His preparatory medical studies were pursued under the tutelage of Dr. Evans, of Evansville, Wis., entering his office in the year 1870. In order to pursue, to completion, his studies he was compelled even now to work a portion of his time, which he did at carriage making for a gentleman in that village. He entered Rush Medical College, pursued a thorough and complete course, and graduated with honors from that institution in the spring of 1874. After receiving his diploma he sought immediately for a field to labor in, and having his attention called to the rapidly developing northwest, decided to come here, and selected as his future home the village of Minnesota Lake, Faribault county, Minn. Dr. Parkin was most emphatically, "a self-made man." in the ordinary acceptance of the phrase.

During the first few years of his practice he encountered some of the trials that many young practitioners meet with, but his noble, manly nature, close habits of study, careful attention to his patients, and undoubted professional skill, soon secured for him the confidence and respect of the people of Minnesota Lake and vicinity; also a practice that was quite satisfactory to him and never more remunerative than at the time of his death. About five years ago he made a public profession of religion, from which time he took a decided stand on the side of Christ and his cause, both at home and in public. He was early elected superintendent of the Sabbath school, which place he held when called to his long home; and the love of the children was so great for him that they mourned his death as that of a father. While there was no church organization in the place to which he felt he could join, he always made it convenient to meet with praying ones in the prayer circle and was truly a leader.

The future looming with bright prospects before him, he returned to Evansville, Wis., the place of his early student home, full of hope, youth and vigor, and there married Miss Mary Eldredge, on Christmas day, 1877. This union was blessed by the birth of a daughter who like himself is left early fatherless.

In the very prime of manhood and of professional usefulness, having a large practice fully established, a pleasant home just completed, for which he had worked hard, a baby prattler but eight months old to crown domestic happiness, a large circle of professional brethren who greatly admired and honored him, a brilliant future before him, and lo! the destroying angel comes.

About five weeks before his death a circumscribed swelling manifested itself in the calf of the right leg, quite painful and developed into an abscess, which he lanced. During its progress he continued to attend to his professional duties, getting about on crutches and being helped in and out of his buggy. Not taking, at this time, the rest that his system so greatly needed, because of his anxiety for his patients, and having a large number, he was soon confined to his bed, and rheumatoid arthritis manifested itself in the left knee joint, and in spite of all that could be done for him, a septic condition of his whole system was developed shortly before his death. He began to show signs of delirium towards the last week of his sickness, and died in an unconscious condition on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, having been confined to his bed just four weeks, leaving no parting word to his wife, child, kindred and friends. He had been for weeks previous to his illness with the sick day and night, thereby unable to take the rest that he so greatly needed, hence the immediate cause of his death was owing to overwork in his profession. His remains were taken for burial, to his former Wisconsin home, and the large circle of friends there manifested their respect by a profusion of flowers and attendance at his funeral. The unremitting attention of his wife, during his sickness, expressed in language stronger than words her attachment and love for him, and his solicitude for her showed that their love was mutual.

He never regarded wealth as the ultimate reward of labor and incessant toil. With him it was an inferior consideration when contrasted with the reward that follows the satisfaction of being successful in his calling, having the ability to relieve suffering, and the privilege of doing acts of charity and benevolence.



In the death of Dr. Parkin our profession has lost a consistent and useful member, and the people of Minnesota Lake and vicinity a careful, conscientious and successful physician and useful citizen. From his reserved and reticent habits he gave no indications to the superficial observer of the gifts and high qualities of mind and heart which he possessed, and were only observable upon a more intimate acquaintance with him. With a judgment of rare maturity for one of his years, patient in his investigations, logical in his conclusions, and for the advantages had fertile in resource, he had become to be considered the peer of many his seniors in his profession.

Being inured from early boyhood to labor, both physical and mental, it developed a self-reticent manner, though undemonstrative, and a closer friendship reveled the fact that he was always cordial and frank with his friends.

But scant justice can be done his memory in the brief space allotted us. Yet it is a privilege that we highly prize to be permitted to pay even this imperfect tribute to one who, whether as a man or physician, was equally admired and loved. He lived only thirty-three years, yet has left the evidence that he lived for a noble purpose, and that his brief, yet brilliant career was triumphantly successful.

We earnestly hope that our society may be spared another such a bereavement for many long years, but when we are taken, whether it be at the meridian or sunset of life, may we each strive to so live that we may be able to leave as good a record as Dr. Ralph Parkin has left.

Resolutions adopted by the Minnesota Valley Medical Association  
of Waseca Sept. 5, 1882, on the death of  
Dr. Ralph Parkin of Minnesota Lake

Resolved: In the Providence of God, our friend and associate, Ralph Parkin, has been called away from us in the height of his usefulness.

Resolved: That as a body, we hearby place on record one deep sense of the rare combination of qualities which endowed Dr. Parkin to us as a man, and commanded our confidence in him as a Physician.

Resolved: That by the decors of an inscrutable Providence we are berift of a true friend and benefactor and we will ever cherish his memory with reverent love and rehearse as we console with each other the rare qualities of heart and mind which he possessed.

Resolved: That fully sensible to the loss that both our profession and the public have sustained in the death of Dr. Parkin, we deplore the event which has removed from us one so worthy in every way, the respect and esteem which he always inspired.

Resolved: That we tender to the wife and family of our friend, our heartfelt sympathy in their great sorrow and commend them for consolation to Him who is the only source of all true comfort.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of Dr. Parkin and that they be entered upon the records of this society and be furnished for publication to the papers at this city.

W. A. Jones, M.D.

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Following the death of Dr. Ralph Parkin, Mary Eldredge returned to Evansville, Wis. until she was united in marriage to John W. Vance of Minnesota Lake, Minn., on May 8, 1895, at the home of Mr. And Mrs. E. J. Ballard. They lived in Minnesota Lake until which time John W. Vance was appointed judge of probate of Faribault County. They then moved to Blue Earth, Minn.

### ***David Patchin***

Maple Hill Cemetery Records: David Patchen, died November 10, 1864. David was born in Wisconsin, the son of George and Harriet Patchin. In 1850, the family was living in Primrose, Dane county, Wisconsin. In 1860, the family was living in Magnolia township. George and an older brother Cyrus were farming. David was listed as 15 years old in 1860 and had attended school within the year of the census.

## ***Horatio Patchin***

Maple Hill Cemetery Records: Horatio Patchin, 15 years, 07 months and 10 days, died June 19, 1864 at Claysville, Alabama, Civil War, Co. D. 13th Reg. Wis. Vol. Born in Wisconsin the son of George and Saphrona Patchin. In 1850 the family was living in Primrose, Dane county, Wisconsin. In 1860, the family was living in Magnolia township. George and an older brother Cyrus were farming. Horatio was listed as 12 years old in 1860 and had attended school within the year of the census.

Obituary for Horatio Patchin: DIED. In Clayville, Alabama, of typhoid fever, June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1864, Horatio Patchin, aged about sixteen years, youngest son of Geo. Patchin, of Magnolia, Wis.

Last January Horatio volunteered in his country's service, and joined the Thirteenth Wisconsin Regiment, Co. D. During his sickness he was attended by the excellent Surgeon, Dr. J. M. Evans, and nursed by his brother, Sergeant E. S. Patchin. But the skill of a physician and the kindness and attention of a brother could not save him. Thus has fallen in early life, another, a sacrifice to his country. Thus mourning is carried into another family circle. Horatio was a young man of more than common promise. He was beloved by his young associates and much respected by all who knew him.

Janesville Weekly Gazette, July 22, 1864, p. 6, col. 3, Janesville, Wisconsin

Note the brother is listed as E. S. Patchin

## ***James Patterson***

# OBITUARY.

After a long, lingering illness Mr. James N. Patterson, one of the most highly respected and oldest settlers in this vicinity, was relieved of his sufferings in this world by death on Wednesday, May 7, '90, at his home on Church Street. He was born in Alleghany county, New York State, on Oct. 24th, 1820. Moved with his parents to Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1834, where he was married to his present wife, Miss Harriett VanDusen, who survives him. Four children were born unto them namely, sons, Charles and Leander, daughters, Ida and Clarica, the latter the oldest, was born in Ohio and died at the age of three years and eight months. The others were all born in this state and are grown up with families of their own. Aside from Charles, who now resides with his family in Dakota, and are expected to attend the funeral, unless it be Ida (now Mrs. Greatsinger) who is confined to her bed from over work and excitement in caring for her father during his last sickness. The deceased moved from Ohio with his family to this state and settled upon a farm four miles northwest of Brooklyn village in 1846, where his home has always been until he moved into this place ten years ago. He enlisted in the 13th Wis. Vol. Inf., on Dec. 29th, 1863, to serve three years but was discharged on Aug. 29th, 1865, and undoubtedly it was in this service that he contracted the disease which has finally resulted in his death. He has long been a member of the G. A. R. Post of this city and one of its most ardent supporters, never missing a meeting when he was able to attend, and it will be under the auspices of this society joined by the W. R. C., that his funeral will be held on Saturday, May 10, 1890, at 2 o'clock P. M., from the M. E. Church, Rev. W. W. Stevens, pastor of the above named church, officiating clergyman, after which the remains will be laid in their last long resting place in the Evansville cemetery. Comrades, one more of our most devoted and faithful members has fallen never to join with us in any of our gatherings in this world again. Never again will his voice join with ours in our patriotic post meetings songs. Then, let us ever remember his good example, hard working, industrious, generous almost to a fault, and that he died as he lived, with his armor buckled on, always ready to do battle for justice to his comrades in their hours of need. As we are now called upon to do for him and his family, let us see that it is done and well done. Peace be to his soul.

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## Nelson Patterson

### Nelson Patterson Obituary.

The flag on the pole at the Grand Army hall stood at half mast from Wednesday afternoon of last week until Saturday evening in token of the death of Nelson Patterson, the second name on the list of charter members of that grand institution. His death took place at his residence on Church street at 1 o'clock P. M., Wednesday, May 7, 1890, after more than a year breaking down and wearing away of his usually firm physical constitution. The last few weeks of his life seemed to be attended with both mental and physical prostrations, so much so as to require pretty constant attendance both night and day and which was most cheerfully given by his Post comrades assisted by the W. R. C. of that order. He was buried from the Methodist church at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon under the auspices of both orders conjoined. His funeral was well attended by citizens and old friends and neighbors. Rev. W. W. Stevens, officiating.

Mr. Patterson was originally from New York and moved to Brooklyn twp in 1846, coming to Evansville to live about 10 years ago. His age was 67 years.

May 13, 1890, Evansville Review, p. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

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GAYLORD GUARDS.—At the election of  
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 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. Bab-  
 cock, Magnolia; 4th, E. W. Burnham,  
 Shopiere; 5th, L. B. Pierce, Union.  
*Corporals.*—1st, Charles Hoyt, Clinton;  
 2d, John Eastwood, Union; 3d, S. P. Hay-  
 ner, Rock; 4th, Wesley Wright, Johns-  
 town; 5th, Henry C. Eldridge, Union; 6th,  
 Oliver Crowther, Bradford; 7th, Herbert  
 Whitford, Milton; 8th, Mathias Crall, Cen-  
 ter.

August 22, 1862, p. 6, Janesville Daily Gazette,

Janesville, WI

Civil War Veterans Buried in Union Cemetery, Union, Rock County, Wisconsin  
 Samuel B. Pinkham, Co. C. 2, Reg. Wis. Cav.

### LESTER PORTER

Aliva Briggs and Lester Porter were married in Strykerville, New York in October 28, 1848. Although there were other Porter families living in the Evansville area in the 1840s, there is no indication Lester was related to them.

Lester and Aliva moved west, living for a short time in the Rockford area. Their children, one son and two daughters, included Fredrick H., born in 1852; Clarinda Antoinette (Nettie), born in 1854; and Fanny, born in 1861. In later census records, both daughters are listed as having been born in Wisconsin.

During the Civil War, Lester enlisted in Company M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry. The Second Wisconsin Cavalry Regiment was organized at Camp Washburn, Milwaukee, WI and left the state on March 24, 1862 to protect the Western front. The following year, the regiment took part in the battle of Vicksburg.

Following the battle for Vicksburg, the Regiment was assigned to General Sherman's forces and participated in the Jackson Campaign from July 5-25, 1863. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry then returned to the vicinity of Vicksburg for patrol and police duty until November 1864. During the next several months, the regiment was sent to various points from Vicksburg to Memphis.

Lester Porter died on January 31, 1865, while his regiment was in Memphis, Tennessee. Aliva was left to raise the children on her own. The Porter's oldest child, Fredrick, was just 13 years old when his father was died. Nettie was 11 and Fanny, age 4.

Mr. Wendell Powers, aged 60 years died at his home in this city on Wednesday, Aug. 31, 1898 at 2 o'clock p.m., after a long, lingering illness, undoubtedly due to his service in the army during the war of the Rebellion, as he was a member of Co. F., 33rd Wis. Vol. Inf. and a good, faithful soldier who has gone to his last reward. Funeral was held at the house this Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, under the auspices of the G. A. R., of which he was a member; Rev. O. P. Bestor officiating clergyman.

American Civil War Soldiers [about Elisha Reed](#)

Name:	Elisha Reed
Residence:	Evansville, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	24 Apr 1861
Side Served:	Union
State Served:	Wisconsin
Service Record:	<p>Enlisted as a Private on 24 April 1861.</p> <p>Enlisted in <a href="#">Company H, 2nd Infantry Regiment Wisconsin</a> on 24 Apr 1861.</p> <p>Transferred out of <a href="#">Company H, 2nd Infantry Regiment Wisconsin</a> on 15 May 1864.</p> <p>Transferred into Regiment U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps on 15 May 1864.</p> <p>Mustered Out Regiment U.S. Veteran Reserve Corps on 11 Jun 1864.</p>
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Elisha R. Reed

## MILITARY HISTORY.

Time and Place of Each Enrollment.	Rank.	Company and Regiment.	Time and Place of Discharge.	Cause of Discharge.	Disability when admitted to the Home.
April 2nd 1861 Greenville, N.C.	P	H. & W. 1st Inf	May 15 1861 Washington D.C.	Inf. V.R. & C.	Trinitate, La. Hypertrophy, Act. Lethargy, Act. Phrenia.
October 10 1861 Hampden, Mo.	P	E 33 Mo. I. 116	Nov 18 1861 Kingston, Mo.	En. Service	Hyp. of Prostate, Mental Condition approx. 100%
May 15 1861 Washington, D.C.	P	C 22 V.R. & C	June 11 1861 Washington, D.C.	En. Service	

## DOMESTIC HISTORY.

Where Born.	Age.	Height.	Complexion.	Color of Eyes.	Color of Hair.	Build and Weight.	Religion.	Occupation.	Residence Subsequent to Discharge.	Married or Single.	Name and Address of Nearest Relative.
Ohio	21	5'9"	Fair	Blue	Gray	Medium	Protestant	Farmer	Wes	Mar.	Sophia Reed, Albany, N.Y.

## HOME HISTORY.

Rate of Pension.	Date of Admission, Re-Admission and Transfer.	Conditions of Re-Admission.	Date of Discharge and Transfer.	Cause of Discharge.	Date of Death.	Cause of Death.
\$5.00	Adm. 10/10/61					
\$5.00						
\$5.00						
\$7.25						

## GENERAL REMARKS.

PAPERS	Location of Grave and Remarks.
Admission Paper	
Army Discharge	
Certificate of Service	
Pension Certificate	
no EFFECTS.	
Cash	
Pension Money	
Personal, Appraised at	
Total	
How Disposed of	

U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1938 about Elisha R Reed

Name:	Elisha R Reed
Birth Year:	abt 1835
Keyed Birth Location:	Ohio
Birth State:	Ohio
Admitted Year:	1909
Age at Admission:	74
State: County: City: Branch:	Wisconsin
	Milwaukee [Washington]
	Milwaukee [Wood]
	Northwestern Branch



For the Daily Gazette.  
**News from Two Wisconsin Prisoners.**

MESSES. EDITORS:—Please publish the following letter received by S. E. Reed, of this city. The letter was written by a prisoner taken at the battle of Bull Run and will be read with extreme interest by the many friends and relatives of the writer, and of Mr. Wilcox, who has not been heard of for a long time.

SALISBURY, N. C., March 21st, 1862.

Cousin SALLIE:—I cannot conceive what kind of ideas you have of me for not writing to you before. But paper is too scarce for a long excuse. Wait, if you please, till I erase the lines.

I doubled teams with Oramel Wilcox, of Co. D, Oct. 8th. We and several more Wisconsin boys are with the Kentucky sharpshooters. There are fourteen hundred and sixty-eight of — in the above mentioned burg. Left Tuscaloosa March 1st. Don't know when I shall get home, but I bide my time with patience. All will yet be well. I am healthy, happy and fat; weigh 178 pounds.

I have not heard a word from home or the regiment since I was taken. Wilcox is all right, thinks he'll marry in this country some where. He says you may say to his folks if you see them, that he will be there when he gets back. He can think of no more of interest to any one.

Only you be as patient and happy as I am, I shall be at home some time.

ELISHA R. REED.

Janesville Daily Gazette, May 3, 1862 p. 4, Janesville, Wisconsin and Weekly Gazette and Free Press, p. 8, May 9, 1862, Janesville, WI

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**WISCONSIN SOLDIERS IN THE HANDS OF THE REBELS.**—The Philadelphia Inquirer of Monday gives a list of Union officers and soldiers who have been confined at Salisbury, N. C., for the past four months and are still held there. The following names of Wisconsin soldiers are given, all from the 2d regiment:

T. Brookens, Co. C; J. S. Boll, Co. D; E. S. Best, Co. G; G. Beck, Co. H; J. E. Donevan, Co. B; J. Frame, Co. B; S. W. Graven, Co. E; Capt. G. Graves, Co. E; S. P. Jackson, Co. B; E. C. March, Co. A; D. Perry, Co. E; H. Parker, Co. A; H. Kohder, Co. C; E. K. Reed, Co. H; J. Ross, Co. K; B. Stimson, Co. E; M. Stroud, Co. E; O. Wilcox, Co. D.

J. Langdon, of Co. I, and Solomon Wise, of Co. K, of the Wisconsin 1st are also there.

June 6, 1862, Janesville Daily Gazette, p. 2, Janesville, Wisconsin

**WISCONSIN PRISONERS RELEASED.**—The steamer Guide arrived at New York on the 9th, from Newbern, N. C., with 450 released federal soldiers from Salisbury, N. C. Among the number are the following Wisconsin soldiers, all taken at Manassas, and all of the 2d regiment, viz: F M Ricker, P Stimson, O Wilcox, E C Marshall, H Stroud, A Atakan; also Solomon Wise captured at Falling Waters, in the 1st regiment of three months men. The prisoners were to be mustered and paid their back pay immediately.

T and C Parker, John Ross, Elisha Reed, H Rades, D S Perry, F Decker, Ely Marab, of the 2d Wisconsin regiment, were among the released prisoners who recently arrived at Washington, per the Eastern State.

June 12, 1862, Janesville Daily Gazette, p. 4, col. 4, Janesville, Wisconsin



# Grand Army Services For Elisha Reed

## Local Post Will Honor Civil War Veteran On Wednesday

Public Grand Army services will be held for Elisha R. Reed, father of Frank D. Reed, and a member of the famous "Iron Brigade" of Civil war days. Services are to be held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred M. Conlee, 1212 Spaight st., Wednesday morning at 10:30. Rev. J. Sherman Wallace of the First Baptist church will officiate, and will read the services at Forest Hill cemetery.

He was a veteran of many battles and since Nov. 24, 1882, had been a member of the Lucius Fairchild post of the G. A. R.

The war record of Elisha Reed is filled with adventures and heroism. Mr. Reed came to Madison from Rock county at the first rumors of the war. He enlisted April 24, 1861, and was sent from Camp Randall with the first regiment, the 2nd Wisconsin, which, with the 6th and 7th Wisconsin, the 24th Michigan, and the 19th Indiana, composed the famous "Iron Brigade," which Lucius Fairchild, a later governor of Wisconsin, commanded.

The percentage of fatalities in the 2nd was higher than in any of the others in the brigade, which received its christening in the midst of the fighting at Bull Run, when a commanding general watching the field, exclaimed: "Look at those men in the thickest of the fight. They stand there like iron."

In this battle Mr. Reed was wounded and taken prisoner to a southern camp. After being confined in the prison for a long time, he was exchanged, and again entered service with his regiment. At the battle of Gettysburg, July 3, 1863, he was wounded so seriously that after his release from the hospital he was declared disabled for further active service, but was placed on the veteran reserve corps.

The funeral tomorrow morning will be public, and all old comrades of Mr. Reed, as well as fraternal members of the G. A. R. post, are invited to attend.

Charles H. Hudson, John S. Main, W. L. Woodward, John T. Blake, W. P. Holmes, and E. C. Smith have been chosen as pallbearers.

Civil War Veterans Buried in Union Cemetery, Union, Rock County, Wisconsin

Henry Seymour, Co. D 2, Reg. Wis. Cav.

Name:	<b>George D. Shurrum</b>
Side:	Union
Regiment State/Origin:	Wisconsin
Regiment Name:	13 Wisconsin Infantry
Regiment Name Expanded:	13th Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry
Company:	G
Rank In:	4 Cpl.
Rank In Expanded:	Fourth Corporal
Rank Out:	Corporal
Rank Out Expanded:	Corporal
Film Number:	M559 roll 27
Name:	George D Shurrum
Residence:	Cooksville, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	9 Apr 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Corporal
State Served:	Wisconsin
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in <a href="#">Company G, Wisconsin 13th Infantry Regiment</a> on 04 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 19 Nov 1864.
Sources:	Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers: War of the Rebellion

Mr. T. F. Shurrum and sister, Mrs. C. E. Lee, returned from Milwaukee Monday after performing the very, very sad duty of attending to their brother George during his last sickness, death and burial. The deceased was a frequent visitor with relatives and his many warm friends in and near this city, who regret his early taking away very much, and will miss his occasional visits to his parental home. He was once one of Cooksville's and Evansville's best boys, who all remember and were always glad to meet, but can never meet again in this world of pain and misery.

January 18, 1890, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Hannah Shurrum

Widow Shurrum has just received the pension from the services of her son, lost some years since in the army, amounting to some \$270.



## **OBITUARY**

### **AARON SMITH**

Aaron Smith was born at Adams, Jefferson county, New York, December 17, 1826, and died at the Soldiers' Home in Milwaukee, Wis., August 17, 1924, being 97 years and 8 months old. In 1846 he was married to Miss Helen M. Dennie at her home in Limerick, N. Y., to which union six children were born. Mr. Smith and family came to Wisconsin in 1860 and settled in Magnolia. In 1861 he enlisted in the Third Wisconsin Cavalry, serving in the Civil War until its close. About 27 years ago they moved to Albany, Wis., where in 1915, Mrs. Smith passed to her reward. For the last five years Mr. Smith has resided at the Soldiers' Home. The deceased was an active member of the Free Methodist church, as was also his wife. He leaves to mourn his loss three daughters and one son, Mrs. Albert Webb and Lewis A., of Evansville, Mrs. Florence A. Hieckethier of Janesville and Mrs. Alfred Fuller of Afton, Kattie and Chas. E. having preceded him in death. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Wednesday, Aug. 20, 1924, at 1 p.m. Rev. F. P. Hanaman officiating. Interment was made in Maple Hill Cemetery.

<http://boards.rootsweb.com/localities.northam.usa.states.wisconsin.counties.rock/2636/mb.ashx>

*Charles M. Smith, MD*



# Celebrate Golden Wedding ✓

## Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith Observe a Notable Day in Their Lives.

Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on Madison street Tuesday, May 16, 1911.

The afternoon and evening were devoted to receiving guests, and during that time more than 225 relatives, friends and neighbors paid their respects to the honored couple and gave them their hearty congratulations.

The handsome home of Dr. and Mrs. Smith was turned into a veritable bower of roses, for never were flowers more abundant or friendships more dearly cherished than was evidenced by these delicate tokens.

Presents of silver spoons, cut glass, china, a handsome mantel clock, fancy candle stick, and a beautiful Eastern Star pin were among the gifts received by the doctor and his wife.

Occasions of this character are so unique, so few, seemingly, live to commemorate an event of this kind, that it is meet that unusual notice should be given to circum-

In 1857 he began the study of medicine with Dr. J. M. Evans, graduating at Rush Medical college, Chicago in 1859-60. He practiced one year at Elm Point, Ill., then located at Footville where he remained until 1863, where he gained an extensive practice.

About this time he was commissioned assistant surgeon of the 13th Wisconsin infantry, and remained in the service until Sept. 30, 1864, when he was discharged for disability and returned home.

He removed to Evansville in 1865 where he has since continued to reside.

Dr. Smith was married to Julia E. Sawin, daughter of a prominent Baptist minister, May 16, 1861. They have two children, Flora D., now Mrs. G. O. Gordon of Lodi, and Dr. Charles M. Jr., of this city.

Dr. Smith has been prominent in medical societies in southern Wisconsin, and was the first president of the Southern Wisconsin Medical association in

DR. AND MRS. C. M. SMITH

stances so fortunate.

To have lived together as husband and wife for fifty years means that for half a century of the most eventful period of the history of the nation, this worthy couple have fought life's battles unitedly, and earned and won a just competence for their declining years.

One thinks of the troublous times when war's terrifying alarms sounded throughout the peace and quietness of this tranquil little community, and one may wonder as well what thoughts rushed thro the minds of the young wife whose husband went to the front, for it was the experience of Mrs. Smith to undergo this trying ordeal, which meant not only separation, but fears for the worst possible consequences, for the exigencies of war regard not marriage vows or family ties.

And so the wife and mother and her loyal husband, with all the happiness which has been theirs, yet bore their share in the great conflict which precipitated this nation into blood and its homes into tears.

Dr. Charles M. Smith was born in Cattaraugus County, N. Y. June 25, 1834. In 1854 he came to Wisconsin and located in the town of Brooklyn where he worked as a farm hand, afterward teaching school at Dayton. He attended the Albion academy and then taught three winter terms in Evansville.

1883. He was also president of the Rock County Pharmaceutical association.

In social life the doctor has been prominent, being a member of Union lodge No. 32 F. & A. M., Evansville Chapter R. A. M. No. 35, and Janesville Commandery No. 2, and is also a member of the K. P. Politically he is a republican and cast his first presidential vote for John C. Fremont. In 1876 he was president of the village board and county supervisor, and few men have enjoyed the confidence of their fellow men to a greater extent.

Telegrams and long distance telephone messages of congratulatory tenor, and poems and other similar missives all testified to the high regard entertained for Dr. and Mrs. Smith.

Hatch's orchestra of Janesville delighted every one, both afternoon and evening, by its melody, and a quartette composed of Mrs. Chas. Bullard, Mrs. John Scheible, Rev. C. E. Coon and L. Frantz, sang that old time and always favorite song, Silver Threads Among the Gold, and Rev. C. E. Coon sang two very fine solos.

The serving rooms were decorated in yellow and white, an artistic piece of work of fine effect under the blaze of the electric lamps.

Light refreshments were daintily served, both afternoon and evening, and the festivities which rendered the golden wedding cele-





DR. AND MRS. C. M. SMITH

May 1911, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

## Waldo Stearns

COMPANY H,  
 Killed.—Capt Julius F Randolph, Corporal J W Young, H O Brayton, W S Catlin, B F Chilcote, W E Moon, F L Sutphen, J Watkins, A Weatherbee.  
 Wounded.—Sergt. Paul Halverson, face seriously; Corporal W A Stearns, hand; Corp T Krutzen, leg; Wm Black, leg, badly; Thomas Beaver, arm; A S Baker, arm; R G Brown, head; O F Buchanan, leg and foot; J Cook, arm; Thomas Dally, hand; J W Eskow, leg; E L Edwards, both legs; J Everitt, in arm; S Foss, face; Jerry Grover, shoulder; L O Iversen, arm and side; O W Moore, leg; A McCollum, leg; James Plackett, shoulder; A F Stencil, leg; George W Stone, leg, W T Turner, knee and hip; J Thompson, foot; J T Vanhousen, head; J White, abdomen; J G Wall, thigh; corporal E H Heath, wounded and missing.  
 Missing.—D C Edwards, W McIntosh, V W Garay, J A Weatherbee, O M Davis.

September 10, 1862, p. 2, Janesville

Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

John Decker's information: In addition to the Evansville soldiers you highlighted, W.S. Catlin was killed and W.A. Stearns and J. White were wounded (all also of Evansville). This appears to be the casualty list from the Battle of Gainesville (Va.) fought on August 28, 1862.

I haven't found any burial record for W.S. Catlin, but many KIA soldiers from Gainesville and 2nd Bull Run (fought the following 2 days) were never identified, and were buried in the mass Tomb of the (Civil War) Unknown Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery, containing the remains of 2,111.

**Dissolution of Copartnership.**  
 The Firm of E. W. & W. A. Stearns is this day dissolved by mutual consent.  
 Evansville April 4, 1868.  
 E. W. & W. A. STEARNES.  
 All accounts will be settled by E. W. Stearnes who will continue the Harness business at the old stand. All persons indebted to E. W. & W. A. Stearns, are requested to settle up, the earliest opportunity.  
 Evansville, April 4th, 1868.

May 6, 1868, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4, Evansville,

Wisconsin

—Mr. Waldo F. Stearns and family started for Iowa last Monday. He goes into Washington, Washington county, and will engage in the railroad business with his father-in-law, Mr. Jeremiah Johnson. Iowa is a good state to emigrate to, though we are not pleased to have so good neighbors and citizens leave us just now. Mr. Stearns was made the recipient of a neatly engraved initial pin, representing a harness maker's circular knife—an emblem of his craft. The presentation was made in a neat little speech by Mr. —

The whole affair had been closely veiled until this moment, which completely "took Wallie down," at this mark of expression for the high esteem he had ever been regarded by his shopmates.

April 27, 1870, Evansville Review, Evansville, Wisconsin

—In a private letter from friend Stearns, who went to Washington, Iowa, a few weeks, since, we find the following, cut from some Iowa paper. Our people remember well the gentleman alluded to and acknowledge a well deserved compliment. Mr. Johnson was known here as an honorable, energetic, and in everyway a "right down" good citizen:

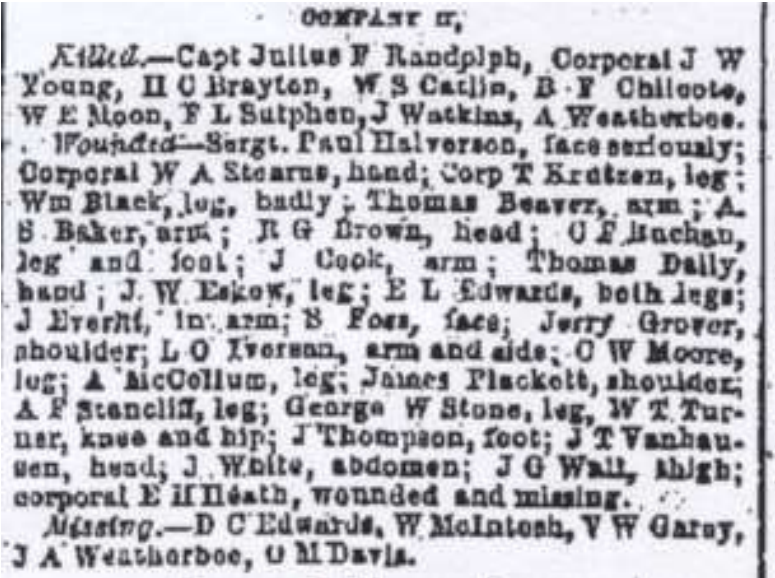
"By reference to an extract from the Washington county *Press* in another column it will be seen that our friends at Keokuk and Mt. Pleasant, are making railroad building a regular business, and are throwing dirt with a vengeance.

They have made Mr. Jeremiah Johnson Superintendent of construction. This is a most fitting appointment for there is no more energetic and practical railroad builder in Iowa than Mr. Johnson."

May 25, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 4, Evansville, Wisconsin



Theodore Sutphen



September 10, 1862, p. 2, Janesville Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

1858 Map of Evansville shows E. S. Sutphen shop near the depot on East Main Street.

Name:	Theodore L Sutphen ,
Residence:	Evansville, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	24 April 1861
Distinguished Service:	DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
Side Served:	Union
State Served:	Wisconsin
Unit Numbers:	3082 3082
	Enlisted as a Private on 24 April 1861
Service Record:	Enlisted in <a href="#">Company H, 2nd Infantry Regiment Wisconsin</a> on 24 April 1861.
	Killed <a href="#">Company H, 2nd Infantry Regiment Wisconsin</a> on 28 August 1862 in Gainesville, VA

American Civil War Regiments Record ⓘ

Regiment:	2nd Infantry Regiment WI
Date Mustered:	02 July 1864
Regiment Type:	Infantry
Enlisted Died of Disease or Accident:	10
Officers Died of Disease or Accident:	228
Enlisted Killed or Mortally Wounded:	0
	<a href="#">List of Soldiers</a>
	Regimental History
	Second Infantry WISCONSIN
	(3-YEARS)
Regimental Soldiers and History:	Second Infantry. -- Cols., S. Park Coon, Edgar O'Conner, Lucius Fairchild, John Mansfield; Lieut.-Cols., Henry W. Peck, Duncan McDonald, Thomas S. Allen, George H. Stevens, William L. Parsons; Maj., George H. Otis.
	This regiment was organized in May, 1861, and was mustered in June 11, with a numerical strength of 1,051. It left the state on June 20 and was the first regiment of three years men to appear in Washington.
	It was brigaded with three New York regiments under command of



Col. W. T. Sherman, Col. Coon being detached for staff duty. The regiment participated in the first battle of Bull Run, losing 30 killed, 125 wounded and 65 missing.

It was transferred from Col. Sherman's command to that of Brig. Gen. Rufus King, commanding a brigade consisting of the 5th and 6th Wis. and 19th Ind. infantry. Co. K was detached permanently and organized as heavy artillery, a new Co. K being mustered.

Later Gen. King was succeeded by Col. Lysander Cutler and from Dec., 1861, the history of the regiment is merged with that of the famous "Iron Brigade" until it was detached in May, 1864, its loss being the greatest in proportion to numbers of any regiment engaged in the Civil war.

The "Iron Brigade" consisted of the 2nd, 6th and 7th Wis., 19th Ind. and 24th Mich. At Bull Run the 2nd regiment bore the brunt of a determined onset by "Stonewall" Jackson's entire division on the Warrenton pike until the brigade could be moved into position and the enemy repulsed. The brigade held the line of battle until the army had passed on the road to Centerville, and was in a later engagement on the Warrenton and Sudley roads.

It stormed the enemy's position at South Mountain, the 2nd leading on the left of the road and the 6th and 7th on the right, routing the enemy. At Antietam the brigade dislodged the enemy after a severe conflict. At Fredericksburg it held an exposed position, subject to heavy artillery fire.

At Gettysburg the regiment led the marching column and was the first to meet the enemy, (Heth's division), advancing upon it and receiving a volley that cut down over 30 per cent of the rank and file. Dashing upon the enemy's center, the 2nd held it in check until the brigade came into line, when the enemy was routed.

At Chancellorsville, the Wilderness, Gaines' Mill, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and in numerous skirmishes, the "Iron Brigade" added new luster to the Union army, the 2nd Wis. bearing well its part.

The regiment became so reduced in numbers that it was permanently detached from the brigade May 11, 1864, and employed as provost guard of the 4th division, 5th army corps until June 11, when it was sent home, the last company being mustered out July 2, 1864.

The members who joined subsequent to its original organization were organized into an independent battalion of two companies June 11, 1864, under command of Capt. Dennis B. Dailey. The battalion was assigned to provost duty, took part in the advance and assault on Petersburg and the skirmishes at Yellow house, was transferred to the 1st brigade, 3rd division for guard and picket duty; fought at Hatcher's run; and on Nov. 30 was transferred as Cos. G and H to the 6th Wis., with which it remained until mustered out.

To its original number was added by recruiting, drafting and reenlistment 215, making a total of 1,266. The death loss was 261; missing, 6; desertions, 51; transferred 134; discharged, 466; leaving 348 to be mustered out.

Source: The Union Army, vol. 4

Battles Fought

Fought at Lower Machodoc, VA.

Fought at Sulphur Springs, VA.  
[Fought on 18 July 1861 at Blackburn's Ford, VA.](#)  
[Fought on 21 July 1861 at Bull Run, VA.](#)  
 Fought on 15 July 1862.  
 Fought on 04 August 1862 at Beaver Dam, VA.  
 Fought on 06 August 1862 at Beaver Dam, VA.  
 Fought on 06 August 1862 at Mattaponi Run, VA.  
 Fought on 20 August 1862 at Catlett's Station, VA.  
 Fought on 21 August 1862 at Rappahannock Station, VA.  
 Fought on 22 August 1862.  
 Fought on 26 August 1862 at White Sulphur Springs, VA.  
 Fought on 28 August 1862 at Gainesville, VA.  
[Fought on 30 August 1862 at 2nd Bull Run, VA.](#)  
 Fought on 02 September 1862.  
[Fought on 14 September 1862 at South Mountain, MD.](#)  
[Fought on 17 September 1862 at Antietam, MD.](#)  
 Fought on 23 September 1862.  
[Fought on 13 December 1862 at Fredericksburg, VA.](#)  
 Fought on 06 January 1863.  
 Fought on 29 April 1863.  
[Fought on 03 May 1863 at Chancellorsville, VA.](#)  
[Fought on 09 June 1863 at Beverly Ford, VA.](#)  
 Fought on 09 June 1863 at Lexington, VA.  
[Fought on 01 July 1863 at Gettysburg, PA.](#)  
[Fought on 03 July 1863 at Gettysburg, PA.](#)  
 Fought on 07 November 1863 at Morrisville, VA.  
 Fought on 05 May 1864.  
[Fought on 05 May 1864 at Wilderness, VA.](#)  
[Fought on 10 May 1864 at Spotsylvania Court House, VA.](#)  
 Fought on 15 May 1864.  
 Fought on 15 May 1864 at North Anna River, VA.  
 Fought on 20 June 1864.  
 Fought on 19 August 1864.  
 Fought on 21 August 1864.  
[Fought on 27 October 1864 at Hatcher's Run, VA.](#)

William W. Sweet, Union, enlisted in Co. g. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt. U. S. Sharp Shooters, September 11, 1861. Corp.  
 Sergeant, wounded in Wilderness, Va; absent wounded at M. O. of Company.

#### Roster of Wisconsin Volunteers.

Name:	William W Sweet
Residence:	Union, Wisconsin
Enlistment Date:	9 Nov 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Corporal
State Served:	U.S. Volunteers
Was Wounded?:	Yes
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in <a href="#">Company G, U.S. Volunteers 1st Sharp Shooter Regiment</a> on 11 Sep 1861. Promoted to Full Sergeant. Mustered out on 22 Sep 1864.
Sources:	Berdan's US Sharpshooters in the Army of the Potomac

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sweet of Le Roy, Minn., who were visiting relatives and friends in this place and vicinity received the unfortunate news by telegram Saturday that their home was destroyed by a cyclone, necessitating their immediate return. Mr. Sweet was one of the first to enlist in the Berdons Sharp Shooters when the civil war broke out, from Union Village north of this place, and served faithfully and well in the same company with our townsmen Jarome Demic and J. H. Elwood. They had only been here since Thursday and were visiting their aunt Mrs. Henry Bevier when the sad news arrived. It is with much regret that their many friends learn of their great loss and sudden necessity of return. We note a mention of their loss in the Evening Wisconsin of Saturday last.

September 29. 1894, Enterprise, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

*John Thomas*

## DIED.

In Porter, August 20th, LIBBIE, only daughter of Martin B. and Mary E. Case, aged 11 months.

Also, August 25th, GEORGE HENRY, aged 4 years, son of the above named parents.

JOHN THOMAS, of Union, Rock county, Wisconsin.

He enlisted in Co. D, Seventh Regt. Wis. Vols., in August, 1861, and up to the time of his death was a member of the old Iron Brigade, whose hardships he participated, and whose honors and glories he shared. At the battle of Gainesville, he was shot through the leg, and after several months of suffering he again took his place at duty's post. In January, 1864, he re-enlisted, with most of his company, for three year's additional service, and came home on a thirty days' furlough, at the expiration of which he joined Grant's army on the eve of its advance towards Richmond. During one of the few fearful struggles in the terrible Wilderness, in which our men were forced to retire before the enemy, he fell mortally wounded in the thigh. The exact nature of the wound, or the degree of suffering it occasioned, his friends have never definitely known, as the rebels gaining the ground where he fell took him prisoner and held him such for a few days, until on the 18th of May he died, adding one more name to the long list of those who have yielded the precious sacrifice of a noble human life on the altar of universal freedom. Father, Mother, Sisters and Brothers again bow their heads in sorrow and weep for the fallen; but they feel that his life has not been in vain, nor his death without its glory; and in the hour of their deep affliction they turn not for consolation to the cold sympathies of peace mocking copperheads, but looking beyond this turmoil of carnage and strife, they behold their recompense of reward in the bright smiles of peace which shall wreath the noonday glories of freedom's dawning day.

Union, September 6th.



***Ashbel Charles Thorpe:***

Name:	Ashbel C Thorpe
Enlistment Date:	29 Aug 1861
Rank at enlistment:	Wagoner
Enlistment Place:	Sacramento, CA
State Served:	California
Survived the War?:	Yes
Service Record:	Enlisted in <a href="#">Company F, California 2nd Cavalry Regiment</a> on 13 Sep 1861. Mustered out on 24 Sep 1864 at San Francisco, CA.
Sources:	Register of California Men in the War of the Rebellion 1861 to 1867

## A. C. THORPE, FORMER LOCAL MAN, DIES IN JANESVILLE MONDAY

Ashbel Charles Thorpe, 92, former Evansville resident and Civil war veteran, died at 12:20 a.m. Monday in his home, 525 Milwaukee avenue, Janesville. Mr. Thorpe was treasurer of Rock county from 1897 to 1900, and was the oldest of three living former treasurers. He was clerk of the Janesville municipal court for nearly 15 years, under the late Judge Charles L. Fifield. After leaving his municipal court post, he was an appraiser for the state in southern Wisconsin for several years.

He was one of the last Civil war veterans who was active for several years during the war. Mr. Thorpe enlisted in the Second California cavalry at the age of 21, serving for three years. He was engaged in secret service duty in the interests of quelling slavery agitation and preventing possible secession of California from the Union. He was personally thanked by Colonel Van Vorst for his work in curbing a rebellious company of soldiers at Sacramento, where secession agitation was rife. In 1909, 50 years after Mr. Thorpe had gone to California overland, he again made the trip over the same territory.

Ashbel Charles Thorpe was born Dec. 6, 1839 in Warsaw, N. Y. He came to Wisconsin with his parents at the age of six years, locating in Sharon. His parents died when he was 11 years old and he then located

in Evansville with a sister, Mrs. John McMellom.

After three years service in California, he returned to Evansville where he was married in 1870 to Miss Hannah McMellom, town of Union. She died in 1890 and Mr. Thorpe was married to Miss Antonette C. Porter in 1891. They located in Evansville, coming to Janesville in 1896. Mr. Thorpe is survived by his widow.

He was a member of W. H. Sargent post, G. A. R. having transferred his membership from the Evansville post, where he was a charter member. Mr. Thorpe was the last charter member of the local post having formed here at the time it was organized on Aug. 24, 1882. He was also a charter member of the Evansville Odd Fellows lodge and later affiliated with Wisconsin lodge, No. 14. A few years ago the local lodge honored him with a birthday party. Mr. Thorpe was a member of Masonic lodge Western Star, No. 14 and also of Janesville chapter, No. 5, Royal Arch Masons. He was an honorary member of the American Legion post.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the Whaley-Overton funeral home. The Rev. Richard Evans, Methodist church, officiated with burial in the Maple Hill cemetery here.

Among the out-of-town relatives who attended the services were W. M. Tolles and niece, Miss Cora E. Harris, this city, and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Malley, Stoughton, Mrs. Fred W. Tolles, St. Petersburg, Fla., is the only sister of Mrs. Thorpe. Mr. and Mrs. Tolles arrived from Florida about a week before Mr. Thorpe's death and assisted in caring for him.

## Christopher Tomlin

Christopher Tomlin, son of Thomas and Sarah (Finding) Tomlin, was born in Raunds, Northamptonshire, England. He came to America at the same time as his parents, in 1854. He was in Company I of the 46th Regiment from Wisconsin in the Civil War, survived the war and lived to be 96. Among Christopher and Lydia's ten children was John who married Lydia Manning and they became the parents of Arthur Tomlin who married his third wife, Viola Esther Heisel in 1940 in Waverly, Iowa.

## John Tullar

—Mr. John Tullar is one of the members of our old regiment, the 40th, who attended the reunion at Baraboo last week and reports having a good time. The reunion of the same regiment will occur at Madison next year, and a much larger attendance may be looked for as officers are now elected and a regular organization established which will attend to notifying all living members and see that a regular meeting of those living is held at different locations each year.

July 8, 1890, The Tribune, p. 1, col. 7, Evansville, Wisconsin

Eugene L. Tuthill, Magnolia

Company D, 13<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Infantry, Wisconsin

Hospital Columbus, Sunday June 15<sup>th</sup> 1862

Doctor Evans as I have the opportunity of sending to you by letter I thought I would improve the opportunity. I wrote you a letter last week stating what I wanted but for fear you did not receive it made up my mind to write another and send it by a source that you would be sure to get it. Now if you will take the pains to send me a certificate of disability or a voucher of the time that I have been unfit for duty I was taken sick about the 15<sup>th</sup> or the 16<sup>th</sup> April. They have not means of [k]nowing how long I have been unfit for duty only my word doctor York the post surgeon says I had ought to have my discharge but he cannot do it on the time I have been in hospital I am no better then when I first came here as the hot weather ? my health goes more miserable it is evident that this climate does not agree with me and the longer I stay the worse it will be for me. There has been quite a number of the 12<sup>th</sup> that had their certificates of disability with them when they came into the hospital have gone home now does if you can help forward my discharge and by your influence you will confer a lasting obligation upon me. Please take it in hand as soon as possible I wish you would put Capt. Blake in mind if I have any mail come to the regt. to forward it as soon as convenient your obedient servant. E. L. Tuthill to Surgeon J. M. Evans.

Discharged with disability July 8, 1862,

**Willoughby H. Walker**

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

**William P. Warren:** Died. Near Dallas, Georgia, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 1864, William P. Warren, formerly of Union, Rock County, Wis.

July 29, 1864, Janesville Weekly Gazette, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

***James R. West***

While our attention is directed to the County Board we can do less than to recommend our fellow townsman, James R. West, as we find him well endorsed by other portions of the County and is a man whom his own town would delight to support for Clerk of the County Board. Mr. West early responded to our country's call when true men were needed to fight our battles; he has discharged the duties of Postmaster faithfully, and acceptably, and we now feel that we can trust him to keep our County records. To repel the siege of Atlanta, he bears the marks of the enemies bullets, and an endorsement for clerkship is but a just and feeble tribute to his fidelity and his sufferings. No other man in the county whom we know can we more faithfully endorse than James R. West, and we would like to see him supported at the Convention.

September 7, 1870, Evansville Review, p. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin



MARCH 1, 1873; MR. WALKER HAS SIX CHILDREN LIVING. He is owner of 160 acres of land.

**JAMES R. WEST**, merchant and Postmaster, Evansville; born in Stephenson Co., Ill., June 28, 1837, his father, Jacob West, who was a native of Champaign Co., Ohio, born March 6, 1812, settled in Illinois in 1836, and, in 1840, he removed with his family to Rock Co., Wis., locating one-half mile from the center of the present village of Evansville, having the previous year secured a claim, on which he settled; in the fall of 1841, he sold his claim and with his wife and two children went to Ohio, making the trip in a one-horse wagon; the following year, he returned by the same route; having purchased another horse, he made the return trip with a double team, arrived in Union Township, Rock Co., in June of 1842, where he located and engaged in improving land for farming purposes; farmed until 1853; in 1846, began brick-making; made the first brick in Union Township, after a short trip to Southern Iowa, in 1853, he engaged in mercantile business in the town of Union, which he continued until 1856. From 1850 to 1869, was Justice of the Peace; then retired from active duties; in 1876, he again resumed the duties of the office; from 1856 or 1857 to 1867 or 1868, he was Town Clerk; has been Assessor from 1868 to the present time; in 1861, was appointed U. S. Assistant Assessor for the Second District, which he held until 1864; re-appointed in 1865; held office until 1866. He married, in Champaign Co., Ohio, Dec. 1, 1831, Miss Margaret Robinson, a native of Ohio; has had eight children; four sons were in the army; Stephen, a member of Co. D, 13th W V L., died in the army April 21, 1862; he has six children living and thirteen grandchildren. Mr. West was Postmaster of Evansville from 1855 to 1858. James R. West, in 1856, commenced his apprenticeship to the trade of carpenter and joiner; after a service of three years, engaged with Mr. A. Johnson as partner in making sash, doors and blinds at Albany, Green Co., Wis.; in November, 1863, he sold out, and removed his family to Evansville, Rock Co., and, Dec. 25, enlisted in Co. G, 16th W V L., and went into active service with the regiment until the battle of Bald Hill, near Atlanta, he was severely wounded, a minie ball passing through both his thighs (this was the battle in which Gen. McPherson was killed); he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant in April, 1865, and discharged on account of wounds, July 4, 1865, when he returned to Evansville, and received the appointment of Postmaster of Evansville, by P. M. General Wm. Dennison, which position he still holds; he is also engaged in the book and stationery business. He married, at Gray's Valley, Tioga Co., Penn., Feb. 19, 1862, Miss Flora Comfort, a native of Olean, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.; born July 29, 1839; have had four children—Minnie E., born Jan. 17, 1863, died April 17 1864; Mary M., born Feb. 14, 1864; Elbert J., born June 19, 1872, died Feb. 23, 1873; Evelyn F., born Aug. 5, 1874.

## DEATH OF FORMER EVANSVILLE RESIDENT

James West Dies at Home of Daughter in Alabama

As announced in the Review of last week, the death of James R. West occurred in Mobile, Ala., Saturday, May 8, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. E. Newman. He had been failing ever since last fall, due to advancing years and to heart trouble. His illness was a long and trying one, which slowly wore down his iron constitution. During the last few weeks he has been entirely helpless. The body will be brought to Evansville for interment early in June.

Mr. West was born at Rock Grove, Illinois, June 28, 1837. In 1840 the family moved to Wisconsin, and to this vicinity, continuing here after that date. In 1862 Mr. West was married to Miss Flora Comfort.

In December, 1863, he enlisted in the Sixteenth Wisconsin Regiment, Company "F," and served in the civil war until the close, in 1865, when he was mustered out as a lieutenant. Shortly after that time he was appointed postmaster of the Evansville office, which position he held for twenty years.

In 1902 he moved to Elgin, Ill., where he resided until six years ago, when he went to Alabama, to live at the home of his daughter. While in Elgin he was building inspector for several years. He always gave enthusiastic support to any enterprise of civic improvement. He was an active member of the Veteran Post of Elgin, holding many offices in that body, as well as the office of junior vice deputy commander. Since going to Mobile he has been active in organizing a G. A. R. Post in that city. The last burial rites were performed by his comrades in Mobile.

Besides the daughter, Mrs. May Newman, he leaves one brother, Joseph H. West, of this city, and three sisters, Mrs. Leora Thompson of Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Clara Osborne of Irvington, Ala., and Mrs. Lina Goddard of Pierre, S. Dak.

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**BODY OF JAMES WEST BEING  
BROUGHT HERE**

The body of the late James West is being brought to Evansville and is expected to reach here this evening. Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow forenoon at 10 o'clock at the cemetery by the G. A. R.

June 10, 1915, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

**John West**

**JOHN W. WEST.** Superintendent of Schools, Evansville; born in Evansville, Rock Co., Wis., Jan. 31, 1844; son of Squire Jacob West, one of Rock Co.'s earliest settlers, who settled in Union Township in the fall of 1840; John W., in 1862, at the age of 18 years, engaged in teaching school, in Exeter Township, Green Co., at what was known as the Ross School, remaining there until May, 1863, when he enlisted in the 40th W. V. I., Co. D, in the 100-days service; serving his time he was mustered out with the regiment at Madison, returning to Rock Co., he resumed school-teaching, which he continued during the winter seasons, occupying his summers in farming, except one or two seasons, when he, with his father, engaged in brick-making; his father started the first brick-yard in Union Township; he was elected, in 1875, Superintendent of Schools of the First District of Rock Co.; was re-elected in 1877, and is at present occupying that position. He married in Janesville, May 5, 1869, Miss Dora M. Campbell, a native of Rock Co., Wis.; they have three children—Hattie B., born Jan. 21, 1871; Theodore C., May 27, 1873; John W., Jan. 27, 1877.

1879 Rock County History, "Biographical Sketches" p. 868 Union Township

**DIED.**

John W. West, late County Superintendent of schools for the first district of Rock county, died of dropsy, May 26th 1882, aged 38 years, 3 months and 26 days. He leaves a wife and three children, the eldest of which—a daughter, is eleven years and the youngest about five years old. Mr. West served several successive terms as superintendent of schools, and was a man beloved and respected by all who knew him. He leaves a wide circle of relatives and friends to mourn his loss. Funeral at the house, 2 o'clock, Sunday afternoon.

May 7, 1882, Evansville Review, p. 3, col 4, Evansville, Wisconsin

donors were raised, and the boys calculate to have that much of fun out of it.

—Upwards of sixty carriages lined the street following the remains of ex-Supt. J. W. West, from his late residence to his present one, Sunday afternoon. The gathering of people, besides immediate relatives was very large, and would have been much larger had the funeral been held at the church instead of at the house. Mr. West was highly respected by all who knew him.

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### *Joseph H. West*



COMRAD WEST OF THE GAND ARMY  
Evansville, Wisconsin.



## REMINISCENCES

By J. H. West

I was born in Beechwood, Champlain County Ohio, which was the former home of my parents, on January 21, 1842. The following spring my parents returned to Evansville, I being about 4 months old.

In 1835 my father and mother came from Champlain County Ohio, to Bloomington Illinois, where they resided one year. My father worked there at his trade of brickmaking. In 1836 he again moved to Rock Grove Illinois, situated about nine miles south of Juda, Green County Wisconsin and took up a farm of 160 acres in the state of Illinois, bordering on the state line between Wisconsin and Illinois. My Uncle John T. Baker also migrated with my parents from Ohio, to the same place. His farm laid in Green County, Wisconsin, the state line dividing the two farms. They lived on these farms until the year 1840, four years, then again moved near Evansville, Wisconsin. In 1842 my father was called back to Beechwood, Ohio on account of the death of his father.

My father took Government land in Wisconsin (160 acres) which bordered the east side of the cemetery. He sold this place the same year, and bought the old Will Reese place of 101 acres the last place that he ever farmed. He stayed there until 1852 and that is when I first began to remember things. We moved from this farm and went into the village there being two stores at that time. In 1847 I started in at the old log school house at Evansville. My recollections of Evansville, at that time are quite as clear, as I saw them.

South of Madison street was a beautiful prairie only partially fenced in and it was here that we used to play our games. Main street at that time was practically the dividing line between the prairie land and the timber land although in places the prairie seemed to dip into the timber land a little. The view from the Pullen Bank to the southwest was unobstructed this being nothing but rolling prairie for about a mile in length.

My father bought a half interest in the general store in Evansville his partner being Norman A. Howe, then later bought Howe's interest in the business. He did not continue long in that trade when he closed out the entire stock. He then took up his old trade of brickmaking, there being such a demand for bricks at that time. He worked at this trade off and on up until Civil war time. I was considered a valuable asset out at the brickyard when I was just large enough to take down a brick without letting it take me down. It was heavy work for so small a boy and I

felt that I surely earned my bread and butter.

I wish to point out a few of the buildings in the city that my father made the brick for. The old Montgomery house on Montgomery Court. The Ray Hyne home on main Street the house known as Uncle Tommy Robinson's house on North Madison Street, the Pioneer Drug Store, the Pullen bank, the Evansville Seminary (which took three hundred thousand brick), the David Smith house, the Ann Gardner house north of the Cemetery, and the Delia Fish house on North Madison Street and also the Washington Highway house. Besides this he made hundreds of thousands of bricks for chimneys and wells. We were kept pretty busy here in the brickyard and that is what kept me out of the army so long, although when I did leave for the army I left a hot kiln of brick behind me. If it hadn't been that my father needed me in the brickyard, I would have been one of the first ones to enlist.

Next week I will continue with these reminiscences which will include happenings in and around Evansville,

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# EARLY SCHOOL DAYS

By J. H. West

This article will be the completion of my narration of the school houses and also finishes my adventures with the exception of two terms in the Evansville Seminary under D. Y. Kilgore, principal, and Miss Carrie Burnham, assistant. These terms in the Seminary were the first ever taught there.

In August or September 1861, I with about twenty other boys near my age, were lined up on the platform of the chapel (which was the upper story of the Seminary at that time) and were sworn in to state service, (D. Y. Kilgore being Notary Public) later on to be sworn in to United States service.

Edgar W. Blake, a former student of the Seminary, had already served three months in the Army and had returned as a recruiting officer. He formed Company D. from recruits from Magnolia, Evansville and Footville. We were sent into a permanent camp at Janesville, called Camp Treadway. From here we were sent south, January 18th, 1862, and began our campaign which is a story in itself not to be repeated here.

Evansville at that time was not a railroad town, so Janesville was reached by team or "a foot and walker's line" which many of us used. I have walked to Janesville and back a number of time while in camp there.

My object in writing these brief sketches is for the purpose of giving to the present and future generations

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sketches is for the purpose of giving to the present and future generations a little of the ancient history of Evansville. The things I have related, are taken entirely from my own recollections and the proof that I have for this history is little, I never having dreamed of one day writing up a history of Evansville.

I am doing this, not for profit or glory, but only for the sake of leaving this as history for the coming generation.

I have reproduced in photographs, four of these old school buildings, also the old Methodist church. The first building built by Amos Kirkpatrick 1842. I also have these photographs and if wanted by anybody, can be had in postal card form for ten cents for any one of these four. These will make a fine collection for historic data for the prospective buyer.

Anyone who wishes these photographs will please address J. H. West, Evansville, Wis., and your order will be taken care of. I hope that everyone will show his interest in the history of Evansville and in the Evansville of today by purchasing one of these cards or sets.

This ends my writings on the school question and although I did not go into it as deeply as I might have, I believe you can all see a clear picture of the life we used to live and the place where we first took our steps to knowledge.

Later on, I may write of four years campaign in the Civil War, dating from Sept 1861 to the last day of Dec. 1865, including four years and four months of steady service in the Civil War and the war in Mexico against the Spanish.

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J. K. Arnot

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## REMINISCENCES

By J. H. West

This is the fall and winter of '64 and '65.

About three miles from Browns-  
le there was a small village. Here  
ten times, "Brownies" came in to  
sit their families. Our cavalry kept  
atch and one day captured quite a  
quad of them. My squad and two  
hiers were placed over these pris-  
ers, and in talking with them, I  
ked them why they ran so soon,  
hy they did not stand and fight. One  
awered, "We gave you the best we  
ad and we only ran when we used  
p all our amunition." Some of my  
ompany stayed on guard duty all  
inter on the railroad, while the rest  
ayed in Huntsville.

In early spring we received orders  
o join the army on the Patomac,  
hich meant a long march. The plan  
ras to bring us in from East Ten-  
essee, then join them south of  
tichmond. making our attack from  
hat point. We made hasty prepara-  
ions for this march and, of course  
we had lots of accumulated baggage  
hich had to be disposed of and I  
ave seen big stacks of wool blankets  
and extra clothing thrown into a  
pile and a torch touched to them.  
One would have thought we had  
burned all we possessed, but after  
starting to march, the road was cov-  
ered for miles with blankets and  
equipment and surplus wearing ap-  
parel. The railroads were destroyed  
along the line of march so we had

another campaign. Many had served  
over 3 years and some over 4 years  
and were anxious to get home. The  
meetings began to show a great in-  
fluence against any such movement  
inasmuch as every Colonel and Com-  
mander of a regiment was ordered to  
place a chain guard around each reg-  
iment, and no more mass meetings  
were allowed.

Finally we were told there would  
be a short trip to Texas and then  
would be home. At this time we had  
already earned our freedom from  
the army—most of us had already  
put in some long years of hard serv-  
ice. The result of the trip actually  
added about eight months more to  
our record. This service that was  
ahead, proved to be the hardest of  
all the three years. With hard  
marches over the plains of the desert  
country that we had to march over  
in the extreme heat of a tropical  
climate. Dressed as we were in  
heavy wool suits, which the uniforms  
were. Hundreds of men were over-  
come on the marches, many of them  
dying from the effects and many  
more died in the ranks.

Our first days march from Green-  
lake, the line of March was strewn all  
day with men overcome who were  
left by the wayside. There was not  
a shadow of shade to protect them.  
Our stopping place, or camp, was at  
Victoria, a cattlemen's town. That  
night after coming in camp our am-  
bulances worked all night back over  
the line we had followed, picking up  
those who had died. Whenever one  
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would stop with him. They created  
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ered for miles with equipment and surplus wearing apparel. The railroads were destroyed along the line of march so we had to walk. We marched through Alabama into Tennessee, past Look-Out Mountain, past Chatanooga, through Knoxville, Cleveland, Strawberry Plain, Johnsonville, and Brownsville, East Tennessee. Here we halted. This march I can't give in detail but it took a lot of time and after leaving camp our rear guard was constantly being attacked by rebel cavalry who followed for days. After we left Chatanooga we were not disturbed.

As the railroads were gone—so were the telegraph poles and wires. When advancing we established signal stations over our line of march. These signals were operated by flags. The stations were fixed on some hill or point where they could be seen for a long distance. All news followed the army by this means, called "Signal Telegraph."

Our march through East Tennessee showed us very beautiful country and farms which were well cared for. However, the ravagers of war had struck there pretty heavy. East Tennessee was reported to us as a loyal part of the south but the rebels had robbed them of all their provisions.

After leaving Knoxville and following the eastern course we were in sight of a range of bald-headed mountains which was the line of division between North Carolina and East Tennessee.

There was no events after leaving Chatanooga. As all went well and every one was happy.

those who had died. Whenever we gave out, one or two of the others would stop with him. They created a shade by putting the bayonets of two guns in the ground and fastening a pup tent to them. The canvas in them was about a yard and a half square.

After the first day we did not march during the middle of the day. We would break camp about one a. m., and march until 9 a. m., and then camp until the next night. We suffered mostly from the lack of water. It was difficult to find places where there was a sufficient supply of water to camp. When we arrived at San Antonio we were sent 9 miles east of the city to a bunch of springs, known as Hot Springs, where we camped permanently.

This was our last permanent camp during the Civil War. Here we remained two or three months. Some of us went to the city every day. It might seem queer to any one to call this adobe of houses a city. We were told the inhabitants of the city was 12,000. Most of the people were Mexicans and Spaniards; often one would come to a house where the proprietor was a merchant; he would sit by the door and his articles to sell were spread out on a blanket on the ground. The wares were tobacco, cigarettes, and snuff. Sometimes saddles and perhaps a few canned groceries. But not very many eatables.

The principle attraction in the city on the square, was the historical Stone Building, called the Alamo. This building stands today as it did then. This is the building that David Crocket and his band took refuge in

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Chatanooga. As all went well and every one was happy.

At this time Grant had been closing in on Richmond and all was in excitement. As we stayed, we were kept informed by our signal service. When approaching the Virginia line the news became more interesting.

One day not far from Greenville, word came of the fall of Richmond. This meant everything to those who had put in years of service. We began to imagine the joys we would partake of as we reached home and freedom again.

The demonstration made by the boys was funny and ridiculous; it was as good as a circus to see them. They threw hats and canteens in the air, jumped, played leap frog, and many turned summer-saults. Then they would yell and hollar. We were a joyful camp that night. The next day's march was Brownsville, Tennessee, which was 32 miles from the Virginia line. As usual we started in good spirits. The reverse of feeling was wonderful. While on this march came the news of the assassination of President Lincoln. There was more sorrow expressed from this event than had been of joy over the fall of Richmond.

We camped permanently at Brownsville and orders were to stay there until further notice, as our objective, Richmond, had surrendered and there was no further use for our army in that direction. We were here a few days and then we were ordered back to Nashville. We had to walk back to Knoxville and from there on we got transportation in box cars.

Here we camped. The army was to have a grand review before being

then. This is the building that David Crocket and his band took refuge in and were massacred during the Mexican War.

San Antonio was isolated from the world. No telephone, no telegraph or water ways, only by "Bull-Teams." The nearest port was Indianola on Matagorda Bay. Here ships ran to and from New Orleans.

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Here we camped. The army was to have a grand review before being mustered out. After being in camp some time word passed that the rebels were still in Texas and we must go and fight them. But most of the army did not take this as true. The review was in preparation for a march to Texas after this word. The regiments had many meetings and made speeches and protested against

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Toward the close of December we were ordered to be discharged. This took place at San Antonio and the government paid our return fare by water and railroad from Indianola to Madison, Wisconsin. 160 miles of this to be made by foot. The weather was cool and was much enjoyed by the boys. Especially as every step made brought us nearer home and freedom. Six hundred miles to New Orleans, up the Mississippi, 1100 miles by steam boat from New Orleans to Cairo. Some 300 miles from Cairo to Madison, where we were paid off and turned loose.

All of this 8 months of service given by the United States Volunteer Army was given to U. S. and the government of Mexico to establish a precedent that no foreign power should ever establish a monarchy on the American soil. This army of 40,000 troops were placed at various points on the line between the U. S. and Mexico, ready to be moved in at a moments notice if our services had been called upon by Mexxico to drive Maximillian out of this country. If Mexico had not got the better of the situation and in action with Maximillian and his army, had not captured him and his staff, this would have been the final action and we would have been in war with France. Maximillian and his army were captured by Mexico. He and his officers were tried by court marital, by placed in line against a stone wall and shot to death. His army went into transports and were sent home. This ended the contest. Surely Mexico has some gratitude to the U. S.

This ended the contest. Surely Mexico has some gratitude to the U. S. for the action offered and myself along with 40,000 other boys in blue are proud of the fact that we were of the only army ever formed to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, that no foreign power should ever establish a monarchy on the American soil.

The details of this water and land campaign would in itself, if written up, fill a large volume. I am very thankful to a patient and enduring public that have followed me through with the details and for the present and sometime to come I'll bid you a kindly good-bye.

Yours very truly,

J. H. West.

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## WEST ATTENDS IOWA NAT. ENCAMPMENT

J. H. West returned the last of the week from the National encampment of the G. A. R., where he had a big time. He states that despite their advanced age there were four thousand of the veterans able to march in line. The encampment this year was held at Des Moines, Iowa, which he describes as a beautiful and enterprising city with one of the finest fair grounds in the country. It was decided to hold the next encampment at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. West states that despite the fact the veterans are getting old, there are still 100,000 veterans of the Civil war alive. While at the convention he visited relatives at Algoma, Iowa. Iowa, he states, has been badly damaged by high water and much of the corn is destroyed.

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J. H. West -- 1842-1928

J. H. West departed this life at his home in this city at 11:00 p.m. Monday, after an illness of several weeks duration, aged eighty-six years. The funeral services were held from the home Wednesday afternoon, according to the Christian Science services, the deceased being a devoted member of this belief. Interment in Maple Hill cemetery.

Besides his widow, Mr. West is survived by three children, Mrs. Walter Biglow, Evansville; Mrs. Frank Clemes Smith, Chase City, Va.; and Robert H. West, Chloride, Ariz.; three grandchildren, Donald and Dorothy West, Whitewater; Mrs. Beth Biglow Benn, Madison; a great granddaughter, Janet Benn, Madison. A son Dr. Floyd E. West, Whitewater, died about three years ago.

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March 8, 1928, Evansville Review, p. 4, col. 4-8, Evansville, Wisconsin

**WEST ATTENDS IOWA  
NAT. ENCAMPMENT**

J. H. West returned the last of the week from the National encampment of the G. A. R., where he had a big time. He states that despite their advanced age there were four thousand of the veterans able to march in line. The encampment this year was held at Des Moines, Iowa, which he describes as a beautiful and enterprising city with one of the finest fair grounds in the country. It was decided to hold the next encampment at Dayton, Ohio. Mr. West states that despite the fact the veterans are getting old, there are still 100,000 veterans of the Civil war alive. While at the convention he visited relatives at Algoma, Iowa. Iowa, he states, has been badly damaged by high water and much of the corn is destroyed.

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## William Wiggins

### OBITUARY.

Mr. William Wiggins, aged 73 years, died in the County Insane Asylum near Janesville, Friday morning, April 17, 1903, of a complication of diseases.

The deceased was born in Newbury, N. Y.; came to Footville, Wis., with his parents in an early day. Enlisted in Co. E. 5th Wis. Vol. Inf., May 20, 1861, in which he was promoted to corporal; was wounded in the right leg in the battle of Chancellorsville and discharged July 30, 1864, after having served three years, two months and ten days. He was married to Mrs. Mary J. Rodd Eastman, Dec. 8, 1870; the fruits of this marriage being one son George, now residing in Port Angeles, Wash. Moved with his family to this city in the spring of 1882, where his family has since resided; but unfortunately from the effects of his wound, his limb having to be amputated three different times, and other causes it became necessary to commit him to the asylum about fourteen years ago, where he remained up to his death.

His remains were brought to this city by Undertakers Snashall & Boyd, Saturday, and the funeral held at the family home Sunday morning at 10 o'clock under the auspices of the G. A. R. Post, of which he was a charter member; after which Rev. H. Sewell, the officiating minister, together with a delegation of members of the G. A. R., accompanied the remains to their last resting place in the town of Center cemetery beside his family relatives who have gone before. His widow, son and stepson Joseph Eastman have the sympathy of a large number of neighbors and friends, who assisted in every manner possible in the services and decorations of beautiful flowers.

Mr. Ethan P. Sawin, aged 70 years,

April 21, 1903, The Tribune, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

### *Deloss Williams*

—We mentioned in our item of burglary and theft of Mrs. Cook, in another place, that no arrest had been made. Subsequent to the penning of that item, a Mr. Lewis or Luce, living near the bridge, was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Cook. His examination was put over until the 23d, and required to give bail to the amount of \$1600, which he not being able to procure, was taken to Janesville jail. The main witness was De Loss Williams, we understand, and who donned his coat Sunday night and left for—the Black Hills.

October 17, 1877, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2,

Evansville, Wisconsin

Delos Williams was arrested for drunkenness Friday morning and in half an hour was on his way to jail to serve a three days sentence. There is a mystery about this arrest and sentence which we hope to solve soon.

January 20, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

### *Edson Williams*

The divorce case by which Edson Williams, of Evansville, seeks to be freed from a feminine encumbrance, on the plea of desertion, is to come up before Judge Congor next Tuesday.

July 8, 1881, p. 4, col. 2, Janesville Daily Gazette, Janesville, Wisconsin

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November 8, 1881, Janesville Daily Gazette, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

### *Jay L. Williams*

FORMER EVANSVILLE MAN BROUGHT BACK FOR BURIAL

The body of the late J. Williams of Janesville was brought to Evansville for burial in the Maple Hill cemetery Monday. He was for many years a resident of this city, engaged in the barber business. About twenty years ago he moved to Janesville, where he continued in the same work. He was one of three brothers, W. F. Williams, former county clerk, and E. Williams, formerly in the pension department at Washington D. C. He was a veteran of the civil war. He was born in New York, February 27, 1850.

The funeral services were held in Janesville Monday morning and were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Hazen of the First Baptist Church.

December 10, 1914, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 5, Evansville, Wisconsin

## ***William F. Williams***

### **PASSED TO THE SHORE BEYOND**

William F. Williams.

DIED: William F. Williams, of Janesville, died Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1897. Death resulted from a complication of diseases, a spinal injury suffered during the war is believed to have been the foundation.

Mr. Williams was born in New York state May 13, 1844 and in 1859 the family located on a farm near this city. He was for some time street commissioner of this place and filled the office with credit to himself and also to the community. He served three terms as county clerk and filled the place with entire satisfaction to the public. Mr. Williams was united in marriage in December 1866 to Miss Ellen J. Ballard. His wife and one daughter, Mrs. H. F. Lincoln, survives him.

Interment will be in the cemetery at this place.

December 9, 1897, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

## ***Wright Williams***

Understand that Mr. Wright Williams and wife, parents of Marshal Williams, have received a pension of \$1,500, for a son lost in the service. The pension .....

July 21, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. Wright Williams is building a neat and convenient cottage residence on the west side of Railroad street. This aged couple have never been blessed with any great abundance of this world's goods, and now, when the shadows of life begin to shorten, it must be a real comfort for them to repose their weary limbs beneath the roof of their own domicile. The Review congratulates them.

September 1, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

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### AN AGED SOLDIER DEAD.

Father of W. F. Williams Passed Away at  
Evansville.

In the death of Wright Williams at  
Evansville February 28, there passed  
away one of the oldest, if not the oldest,  
Wisconsin veteran of the civil war. Mr.  
Williams came to Wisconsin from New  
York state in 1855. When the war broke  
out he enlisted in Company E, Thirty-  
Third Wisconsin infantry. Five sons—  
Gilbert, John, Edson, William F. and  
George, entered the army at about the  
same time, making a family of six  
whose patriotism called them to the  
front. Gilbert and John died in the ser-  
vice; Edson lost a leg at Gettysburg, and  
is now in the employment of the gov-  
ernment at Washington; William F.  
lives in Janesville; Guy in Bakeraville,  
California; Jay L. in Janesville.

At the close of the war Mr. Williams  
returned to Evansville, where he has  
since resided. He enjoyed the confi-  
dence of the entire community and was a  
life-long member of the Congregational  
church. His wife, Elizabeth, was eighty  
years old the 27th of February. She  
never lost the feeling of patriotism that  
prompted her to send a husband  
and five sons to the rescue  
of her country, and the two little flags  
that were placed upon the coffin at her  
request as the last tribute, expressed pa-  
thetically the love that never grows old.  
The separation after fifty-three years of  
happy life will command the warmest  
sympathy of many friends.

The funeral services were held at the  
house yesterday, conducted by Rev. W.  
W. Stevens. The bearers were J. R.  
West, O. E. Lee, Charles Lowry,  
Charles Conine, T. F. Sharran, Joel  
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## Wisconsin From First Brigade Band Website:

If war can be described as a contest of arms, then the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band became embroiled in a contest of instruments. A more apt description might be that they were engaged in "The Battle of 'Who Played'" . From Cartersville, Georgia, Kimberley wrote the following on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1864.



*"A circumstance took place in town last night certainly worthy of note. We went down about sundown and about 8 o'clock began playing at Smith's headquarters. General Smith then requested us to serenade a Michigan colonel. We proceeded to the place, the General with us; after playing 3 or 4 pieces we left and went over to Dr. Winston's quarters; of the 1<sup>st</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry, acting division surgeon. The Doctor is from Evansville [Wis.] and some of our boys know him well. After playing a piece there, another band struck up about 50 rods from us, which proved to be a band belonging to the regiment we had just left. [the 15<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry] They were a very fair band: they would play a piece and then we would. After playing 3 or 4 pieces, we then played a new piece we had just learned, a fine thing; after finishing it, they struck up with the same thing, which of course was considered an insult. Our boys then swore they would run them out, determined to play the last piece, and the other band also made the same determination that they would play the last piece and run the d....d Badgers out. Of course on such occasion both bands had been drinking pretty freely and were excited and maddened to no low pitch. We kept on, as soon as they finished a piece we were ready to start in, playing every piece they did if we had it. They sent a man over to see what we had to play and we had done the same. Their colonel was with them and swore that he would hang the first men that gave out. The whole affair was just like a hard contested battle. At one o'clock we were still going at it, as quick as they would stop, we would start right in. We were determined to play until 8 o'clock in the morning if necessary. The Doctor said he would get us some breakfast. Liquors were set out on a table for the boys to drink just when they had a mind to. Both bands kept on until 3 o'clock: it was their turn to play but they failed to come out; we waited patiently. Our spy came back and informed us they had given up. We played "Yankee Doodle" double quick. The boys shouted Victory! We had whipped them and forced a retreat."*

Egbert H. Winston was part of Wisconsin's First Regiment Cavalry Field Staff, Asst. Surgeon. He enrolled May 4, 1863 and was absent sick when the regiment was mustered out July 19, 1865.

Dr. Winston is now at home, and may be consulted on all chronic cases, at his office.

August 12, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

We judge by the Lodi Valley News that our townsman, Dr. E. H. Winston, is doing a good business in the consultation and treatment of chronic diseases.

September 16, 1874, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

The work of invoicing the stock of goods in the drug store of Smith & Ide was commenced yesterday morning preparatory to a change in the firm. Dr. Winston having we understand purchased the business and will be assisted by Mr. J. M. Owen

August 1880, Evansville Review, p. 3, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. E. H. Winston having completed the purchase of Smith & Ide's stock of drugs, etc, took possession last week and assumed the role of proprietor.

September 1, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin



Mr. J. M. Owen takes the Chief Clerkship in Dr. Winston drug store. He has had experience in the business and is a man of a practical turn, careful and reliable and will prove himself worthy the position.

September 1, 1880, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 3, Evansville, Wisconsin

**New Advertisements.**

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September 8, 1880, Evansville Review, ad, Evansville, Wisconsin

Dr. E. H. Winston, on account of his failing health has sold his drug store to Dr. D. C. Griswold, who will take pleasure in waiting upon his former customers.

December 14, 1883, Evansville Review, p. 1, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora E. Winston, of Chicago, who donated so liberally of her lots in this city for the public library, has recently presented the Episcopal mission at Spooner, this state with a handsome organ.

December 1903, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora Winston and Mrs. Utter who has been visiting her sister-in-law Mrs. Nelson Winston, took their departure Monday afternoon for Delavan, Mrs. Utter's home. Mrs. Utter is the only living sister of Nelson Winston deceased and John Winston now residing here.

August 18, 1905, The Enterprise, p. 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mrs. Flora Winston, widow of the late Dr. E. H. Winston, died at her home in Chicago Monday evening, Dec. 5, 1910. The remains arrived in this city Wednesday and the funeral will be held in the Episcopal church this afternoon at 2 o'clock, the services being conducted by Rev. H. Willmann of Janesville. Dr. Winston practiced medicine in Albany fifteen or more years, and died in this city some twenty-five years ago. Mrs. Winston

was aunt by marriage to F. H. Winston, of this place, and John Winston, father of Mrs. V. A. Axtell, is a brother of the late Dr. E. H. Winston.

December 8, 1910, Evansville REVIEW, p. 5, col. 1, Evansville, Wisconsin

### **James Wray**

—An old time Evansville boy Mr. James Wray, a contractor and builder of Janesville, was here on Friday last and made figures for doing the carpenter and joiner work on the new village hall, also Mr. D. W. Worth, a mason, of Baraboo, figured in connection with Mr. Wray for doing the mason work. It is hoped that the contract will soon be let and the building pushed as rapidly as possible.

July 15, 1892, Enterprise, p. 4, col. 2, Evansville, Wisconsin

Mr. James Wray, contractor and builder, of Janesville, was a caller at this office, Wednesday afternoon. He is a Mason and came up with the remains of Richard Winston with other brother Masons from Janesville. He was once an Evansville boy, enlisting from here in the civil war and is still held in fond remembrance by many old soldiers of this city.

The Tribune, April 8, 1902, page 3, col. 6, Evansville, Wisconsin and April 4, 1902, Enterprise, Evansville, Wisconsin

### **Almeron York**

—Died, at his home in Magnolia Feb. 19th, at 3 o'clock a. m., of pneumonia. Almeron York, aged about 48 years. Deceased was a soldier of the late war, enlisting in the 13th Reg. Wis. Vol., serving his country faithfully. He leaves a wife who is nearly prostrated with grief, and two brothers, to mourn his death. The family have the sincere sympathy of their many friends in this their hour of deepest sorrow.

January 22, 1888, Janesville Gazette, Janesville,

Wisconsin