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Please help yourself and your Camp with this new tax deduction option!

Mail your contribution to our Secretary/Treasurer, Jerry Bloom: 4323 N. 28th Way, Phx, AZ 85016, or send it in with your reservation for the fall meeting. (separate check required). Your receipt will be mailed to you.

Last Civil War Soldier Project...We need your assistance

By Camp Commander David Swanson

As many in our Camp know, beginning in 2003 the SUVCW embarked on the Last Soldier Project. Its purpose is to locate and appropriately mark the final resting place of the last Civil War Soldier buried in each county and state.

The great grandfather of Brother Richard McNeil has been tentatively identified as the last soldier buried in the state. Parker Louis Gordon enlisted in Co. F., 154th Illinois infantry at the age of 16. He was a drummer boy and then an infantryman seeing much action in Tennessee.

Parker Louis Gordon (born on 9-1-1847) died at age 99, on December 5, 1946, and was buried on December 7, 1946, in Greenwood Cemetery, 2300 W. Van Buren, Phoenix.

How was he tentatively identified as the last?

The book titled "Last Civil War Veteran in Fifty States" published in 1961 listed him as the last to be buried in Arizona.

A letter from Grace Townsend (written for her mother, Jane Gordon) to the book's author, Lt. C. Stewart Peterson on February 6, 1951, stated "...Arizona Sen. McFarland informed me yesterday

that as far as the Pension bureau had, he was the last..."

The obituary in one of the Phoenix newspapers states "Death Takes GAR Veteran. Just one year short of the century mark, Parker Louis Gordon, probably the only Civil War veteran in Arizona, died early this morning in Phoenix..."

Help Needed from Camp Brothers

We would like to do all we can to ensure that Gordon is the last Civil War Veteran to be buried in Arizona.

I have contacted the following organizations to enlist their help, but in each case there was a "no way to ascertain" response (except for the historical society which had no response): Greenwood Cemetery, Pioneer & Military Memorial Park (Phx), Arizona State Archives and the Arizona State Historical Society.

If anyone has information that would benefit this endeavor, please contact me. It would go a long way if you could do the follow up with your idea, but if you can't, I will.

Camp Officer Elections

In conformity with our bylaws and the National regulations, we will vote on and install officers at our November camp meeting.

As with any organization, our Camp is always looking for individuals who wish to get a little more involved by filling one of our soon to be vacant offices.

The starting salary for each is \$50,00 with office staff, medical/dental, 401K and free housing. (All effective January 1, 2165, with no back pay or benefits accruing).

Please see page 6 for more information...

ANNUAL DUES NOTICE 2005

Please take note that with the luncheon reservation form there is also a space for 2005 dues...these are separate from the luncheon cost. The annual dues are \$31.00 and the luncheon is \$14.00 for a total hit of \$45.00

A separate dues notice is not sent to Camp Brothers: it is contained only in the Camp newsletter. *Even if you cannot attend the November meeting, please complete the form on page 7 and send in your dues. Thanks!*

Pvt. Adelbert Thompson
Captain Rogers' Company
19th New York Light Artillery

By Brother John F. Crossen
(Adelbert is John's great-great grandfather)

My great-great grandfather Adelbert Thompson (1846-1919) enlisted in Captain Rogers' Company in Batavia, NY in 1864. As an artillery man he saw action primarily in U.S. Grant's Overland Campaign and at the siege of Petersburg, VA in 1864-1865. His company was attached to Col. Potter's Division, part of General Burnside's IX Corps. At the battle of Cold Harbor Adelbert's Regiment was often engaged in artillery duels with the enemy. On the far right flank of Meade's army, his unit may have had to fend off frequent Confederate raids and attempts to overrun their position. I own his bayonet and have often imagined him pushing back enemy soldiers with it as they tried to overtake his cannon. I have also seen him in camp during the war, the bayonet fixed in the ground and a candle burning in the socket as he read his bible or scribbled a line or two back home.

My family has a photo of Adelbert taken circa 1864. He is in his Union uniform, a kepi on his head. His arms are crossed and he is holding an intimidating looking Colt pistol. The look on his face is one of jovial defiance and pride.

After Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Adelbert returned home to Genesee County. He had a farm near Basom, NY and he worked it most of his life. His granddaughter Ada Thompson married John M. Crossen. They were my father's parents. Dad grew up in Basom but never knew he had a Civil War great-grandfather until many years later. Interestingly, I discovered Adelbert's bayonet in a barn on the Crossen farm in 1980! We've cherished it ever since.



Doctor Henry F. Conrad
174th Pennsylvania Drafted Military
Infantry
Major and Full Surgeon

By Brother John Conrad
(Henry was John's great-great grandfather)

Very little is know of Henry's childhood. He apparently grew up in Newry and attended primary school there. He attended St. Francis College in

Loretto from its founding in 1847, where he met all the people in the town, including the family of his brother-in-law, Josiah Christy. After completing his studies at St. Francis, Henry left to "read Medicine," as a relative put it, and entered the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in October 1853, receiving his M.D. in 1855.

Dr. Henry was enlisted by a Capt. Wood in Washington, D.C. on August 8, 1862 and commissioned as an assistant surgeon to the 111th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment, "Field and Staff" Company. He was mustered into service on August 9 for three years or the duration of the war. Henry served initially in the Washington, D.C. area, as his unit was on that day fighting at the Battle of Cedar Mountain, Virginia. It then joined in Pope's Campaign in Northern Virginia, August 16-September 6. During the Bull Run Battles, the unit guarded trains. It then took up the Maryland Campaign September 6-24. Henry joined his unit during the Maryland Campaign, but on September 17, 1862 (the day of the Battle of Antietam), he was detached to serve in the hospital at Smoketown, Maryland, where he served through October. The 111th was presented with a stand of colors by Col. Stainrod, who commanded the brigade. Two months were spent in camp in Loudoun (Bolivar) Heights, near Harper's Ferry, Virginia, and it conducted a reconnaissance mission to Rippon, West Virginia on November 9 and another to Winchester December 2-6.

On January 13, 1863, Henry was promoted by Surgeon General James King to the rank of major and commissioned a full Surgeon with the 174th Pennsylvania Drafted Military Infantry, "Field and Staff" Company. He was thus discharged from the 111th on January 12, 1863, and reenlisted in the 174th on January 13, 1863. The 174th was a drafted unit that organized in Philadelphia in November, 1862, and thus was enlisted for only 9 months' service. The unit was stationed in New Berne, N.C. until January 6, and Henry caught up with it as it moved to Port Royal Harbor, South Carolina, where it was stationed January 27-February 5, 1863. The 174th then encamped on St. Helena Island, South Carolina until February 27, and then proceeded to Beaufort, where it remained until June, engaged in the routine of camp and garrison duty. It encamped at Hilton Head, S.C., until July 28, then moved to Philadelphia and mustered out of service on August 7, 1863, nine months after it was formed. The unit apparently engaged in no battles during that time, as it lost no men to battles, but 13 died of disease during the term. (continued on page 4)

Dr. Henry R. Conrad (continued)

Although Henry's pension and service records do not make it clear, Henry contracted a lung disease, probably tuberculosis, during his tenure with the 174th, and as a result he did not reenlist when the 174th was mustered out at Philadelphia in August, 1863.

Returning home, Dr. Henry apparently set up practice in the area of the Broad Top, Huntingdon County, in Carbon Township. This was a heavy coal-mining area, rather poor economically, and one can only speculate that Henry worked there to treat lung diseases. He appears in the 1870 census at Broad Top, with \$200 worth of personal property and a domestic servant, Sara Murray, age 35.

Dr. Henry's tuberculosis worsened after the war and had so greatly weakened him by 1872 that he was unable to work. He spent his last few months at the home of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca Christy, in Gallitzin, Cambria County, and he died in her house at 2:00 a.m. on May 31, 1872. He was buried the next day at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Newry, although his grave has not been found.

The obituary for Henry appeared in the Cambria Freedom of June 1, 1872, as follows: "Dr. Henry Conrad, brother of Mrs. Josiah Christ, of Gallitzin, died of consumption at Mr. Christy's residence about two o'clock yesterday morning, aged some forty years. We knew the doctor as a man and boy for more than three decades and fully appreciated his generous manly nature, as well as his high professional attainment. He practiced the medical art for several years in the Broad Top region, Huntingdon County. His death has entailed deep sorrow upon his now widowed wife and several fatherless children."

Pvt. Theodore Francis Young
Company I, 3rd Indiana Cavalry

By Brother Bob Young

(Theodore is Bob's great-grandfather)

Theodore was inducted into the 3rd Indiana Cavalry on Oct. 2, 1861, at Knightstown, Ind., and discharged June 7, 1865 at Indianapolis, Ind. He was a prisoner at Andersonville for three months.

Information concerning capture given by Robert J. Swinney, Leasure, IN Apr 1889. "On or about the 1st Sept 1864 at or near Jonesboro, GA there was one hundred men under the command of Capt ___ of Co. I.

3rd Ind. Vol sent South of below Jonesboro to cut the Telegraph wire Theodore Young one of that number whilest in a charge through the Rebel lines, his horse jumped over some obstruction in the road and pitching T. Young forward on his Saddle and seriously injering his testicle and his saddle girt broke at the same time which caused him to be captured by the enimey or at least he never came back to the company while I was with it. The next time I saw him in Rush County near or about the fall of 1869 then he told me how had he was hurt when the horse him forward on his saddle that a good part of the time he head to carry his testicle in a supporter and seeing he was lame in the left foot-he told me that they had a collision on the train as they were taking him on to the Prison and got his ankle messed up have seen as much as once a year ever since the last time I saw him was in March 1889 at Elwood Madison Co Ind he frequently told me during this time that if any differance those ailment was geting worse on him the last time he told me he was not able to work half of the time and being a man of good report I have no right to question it Yours truly s/RJ Swinney Co I 3rd Cav Ind Vol"

Pension Records from the Dept of Interior, Bureau of Pensions dated 19 Jun 1916. " To the Board of Review. Evidence shows Theodore was first married to Emma (Emeline) Crane, 6 Jul 1865 in Clark County, In; that he lived with Emma but a short time when he became aware of a prior marriage on her part. Later he met and married Rebecca Coy 7 Jan 1869 and after fathering three girls and six boys moved with family to Elwood, Madison, IN in about 1888. There he left for a period of one or two years, returning in about 1900 with a subsequent move to Marion, IN. It was reported by Rebecca that her husband as been in Cincinnati during that period of absence. After moving to Marion, Theodore once again deserted Rebecca returning to Cincinnati. There he stayed at a rooming house operated by Mary Ridgley Hoeflick. They were married in Covington, Kenton Co, KY 30 Nov 1904. Theodore and his third wife, Mary remained in Cincinnati for a short time, moving to Colorado Springs, CO and subsequently to Pasadena, CA until 1911 when Theodore deserted Mary after learning Rebecca had filed for one-half of Theodore's pension. He returned to Rebecca in an effort to save his pension, however she refused to take him back."

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Theodore Francis Young (continued)

Civil War Notes:

Company I of the Third Indiana Cavalry has a history that is its own and peculiarly unique. The company was raised at Knightstown, IN, by Will C. Moreau, a practicing attorney of that place, who became its captain, with Tighlman Fish as first lieutenant and Oliver Childs as second lieutenant. It was raised with the intentions of becoming the bodyguard of Gen. A. MacDowell McCook, commanding a division of Buell's army in Tennessee and Kentucky. The company was sworn in at Indianapolis and ordered to report to General Buell at Louisville, and in obedience to the order proceeded to Louisville. But instead of reporting to General Buell, at once proceeded to Elizabethtown, KY, where General McCook was stationed, and reported to him. General McCook at once sent the company on a scout to Buckley's farm on Green river, where a large amount of rebel stores were kept in the barns of that farm. These the company burned, and after a day or two returned to General McCook's headquarters at Elizabethtown. There the commander of the company found an order commanding him to report to General Buell at Louisville, which order was complied with. The company was held there in camp until the army went to Nashville, TN, where it was detailed on provost duty in the city, and was not relieved from this duty until Bragg invaded Tennessee and Kentucky, when it fell back with the army to Louisville.

(editor's note: lets recap... former Andersonville prisoner of war, testicle in a supporter, lame, three wives and nine children...not bad!)

Hawaii and the Civil War

What was the stand of Hawaii during the Civil War? (Remember, it wouldn't be a state until 98 years after this proclamation.)

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Proclamation of Kamehameha IV, King of the Hawaiian islands.

Be it known to all whom it may concern, that we, Kamehameha IV, King of the Hawaiian Islands, having been officially notified that hostilities are now

unhappily pending between the government of the United States and certain States thereof, styling themselves "The Confederate States of America," hereby proclaim our neutrality between said contending parties.

That our neutrality is to be respected to the full extent of our jurisdiction, and that all captures and seizures made within the same are unlawful, and in violation of our rights as a sovereign.

And be it further known that we hereby strictly prohibit all our subjects, and all who reside or may be within our jurisdiction, from engaging, either directly or indirectly, in privateering against the shipping or commerce of either of the contending parties, or of rendering any aid to such enterprises whatever; and all persons so offending will be liable to the penalties imposed by the laws of nations, as well as by the laws of said States, and they will in nowise obtain any protection from us as against any penal consequences which they may incur.

Be it further known that no adjudication of prizes will be entertained within our jurisdiction, nor will the sale of goods or other property belonging to prizes be allowed.

Be it further known that the rights of asylum are not extended to the privateers or their prizes of either of the contending parties, excepting only in cases of distress or of compulsory delay by stress of weather or dangers of the sea, or in such cases as may be regulated by treaty stipulation.

Given at our marine residence of Kailua this 26th day of August, A. D. 1861, and the seventh of our reign.

KAMEHAMEHA.

By the King.

KAAHUMANU.

By the King and Kuhina Nui.

B. C. WYLLIE.

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CAMP OFFICER POSITIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

The following will give some information about the offices that will be vacant. If you are interested please contact me (David Swanson) and I can give more information about each.

GRAVES REGISTRATION OFFICER: The purpose of the Graves Registration officer is to locate, record, ascertain the condition of and bring to the attention of proper authorities the need for repair or replacement of the grave markers/memorials of Civil War veterans buried in the jurisdiction of the Camp. Note: There are numerous graves located just within the city limits of Phoenix which need to be registered not to mention the state. This Officer should form a working committee to assist in this endeavor.

PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR: The purpose of the office of Patriotic Instructor is to educate and provide Brothers and the general public with information that will help to foster patriotism among the membership and the populace in general.

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BY KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR CAMP, YOU SHARE IN THE PROUD HERITAGE OF "THE BOYS IN BLUE" (OUR ANCESTORS)!!!

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