



# CIVIL WAR VETERANS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

## "The 4th Battalion"

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A reminder to the members who will be attending the Ashland, Ohio show; please reserve your table as soon as possible. We would like to occupy all the tables in our area. I want to encourage more of you to display. A good display can be a great educational help to the public. It will also inform the public about our collections, plus advertise the CWWHA.

We are still interested in improving the newsletter, so send in your suggestions, especially you fellows on the west coast. Welcome to the new members.

David J. Klinepeter

Editorial credits for the enclosed articles:

- No. 03 David J. Klinepeter--Badge Of The Army Of The Cumberland
- No. 27 Lt. Col. Robert L. Krasche--Sons Of Veterans Initiation Ceremony
- No. 28 Rance Hulshart--Framed souvenir sixteenth encampment G A R

New Members:

- No. 55 Joseph Long Jr.

Dave Klinepeter is currently making a sign which will be placed at the entrance of the Ashland show. The sign will inform the public of our organization and location at the show. Would the member from Ohio that volunteered last year to supply a holder for the sign please contact Dave.

A few members are working on a program for our annual meeting at the Surrey Inn Motel. It is requested that members bring a rare or unusual item to the dinner meeting for discussion. A camera will be available to photograph the items for future programs.

Anyone that desires to reserve a table for the Ashland, Ohio show contact: Donald B. Williams, 1083 Oak Hill Circle, Ashland, Ohio 44805  
Be aware that motel accommodations in Ashland are limited therefore make reservations early.

Historic Gettysburg-Adams County, Inc. has been given the opportunity to purchase the G. A. R. building located in Gettysburg, Pa. for purpose of restoration. Terms of the agreement provide that HG-AC must complete certain restoration measures to the building within a period of four years or give it up for re-purchase by Gettysburg Camp No. 112, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. When restored, it can provide a permanent home for HG-AC and

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will continue to serve the needs of the Sons of Union Veterans and the Civil War Round Table.

The following message was received from No.31 David J. Maloney Jr.:  
"I am President of the Historical Society of Frederick County, and we are **preparing** for this summer's 125th anniversary of the Battle of Monocacy. In preparation for the festivities, I am researching the two Frederick, Md GAR Posts. Do you have any suggestions as to where I could look for information besides the local newspapers and directories?" Anyone that can be of assistance please contact: David J. Maloney Jr.,1612 Shookstown RD, Frederick, Md 21701

Members areas of interest published on a rotating basis:

No. 55-Joseph Long Jr.  
1814 Nay Aug Ave.  
Scranton, Pa. 18509  
Senior Vice Commander Ezra S. Griffin Camp #8, Historian Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS FROM VOLUME TWO NUMBER THREE:

What does the F C A represent on the Confederate lapel stud? F C A stands for Fulton County Association, a group of Confederate veterans located in Atlanta, Georgia. Answer was provided by No. 07 Everitt Bowles.

QUESTIONS:

"I have a 1900 W.R.C. badge manufactured by Torsch&Minks Badge Co. Baltimore, Md. When did the name change from Torsch&Lee? Perhaps someone with access to a Baltimore business directory could pursue this subject. The date of the change would be helpful in dating an undated ribbon or badge. Submitted by Rance Hulshart

WANTED:

Blue and Gray Gettysburg reunions 50th (1913), 75th (1938) - collecting and researching - all items needed, New York and National Encampment G A R items, Albert Woolson memorabilia, U C V reunion and encampment badges, ribbons, paper etc. also Walter Williams and John Salling memorabilia - BUYING ALSO HAVE MANY ITEMS FOR TRADE:

Howard Siglag  
183 Hazelwood Dr.  
Westbury, Ny 11590

G A R National Encampment Delegate Badges 1885, 1931, 1939, and 1942 through 1948  
Robert Krasche  
PSC Box 5107  
APO NY 09305

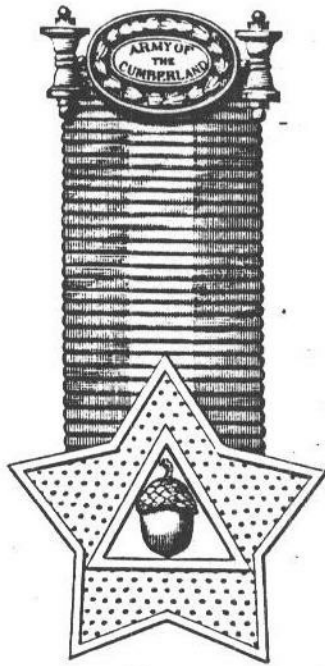
COMING EVENTS:

April 29 and 30 Ohio Civil War Show Ashland, Ohio  
April 15 Fairfax, Va Civil War Show - John Graham, 4641 Seminary Rd. Apt. T-1, Alexandria, Va  
May 5,6,7 Winchester Va Winchester Civil War Arms and Antique Show - Courtney Wilson, 8104 Main St, Elliott City, Md 21043 Show held at the Travelodge exit 80 of I81

CWVHA Secretary,

*Marshall J. Brighenti*  
Marshall J. Brighenti

SPECIFICATIONS FOR BADGE OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.



BADGE,  
ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,  
NASHVILLE, TENN., June 19, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS,  
No. 41.

At a meeting of the officers and enlisted men of the *Army of the Cumberland*, serving in this vicinity, held at the Headquarters of the Artillery Command of the Fourth Army Corps, on Saturday, June 10th inst., for the purpose of considering the propriety of adopting a badge to signalize and perpetuate the history of the *Army of the Cumberland*, it was unanimously agreed to adopt such a badge, and the following officers were appointed a committee to report a design for the same:

- BREVET BRIGADIER-GENERAL J. L. DONALDSON, Chief Quartermaster, Department of the Cumberland;
- BREVET BRIGADIER-GENERAL E. OPDYCKE, Commanding Brigade, Fourth Corps;
- BREVET COLONEL W. H. GREENWOOD, Assistant Inspector-General, Fourth Corps;
- LIEUTENANT-COLONEL W. L. FOULKE, Forty-sixth Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry.
- CAPTAIN R. H. LITSON, Twenty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

On motion, the following preamble and resolutions were then adopted:

WHEREAS, Many of the soldiers of the *Army of the Cumberland* are about to abandon the profession of arms, and again mingle in the peaceful pursuits of home—

*Resolved*, That, in parting with each other, we do so with mingled feelings of sorrow, sadness, and pride: sorrow, because friends, bound together by ties formed on many battle fields, must part; sadness, at turning our backs upon the thousands of fresh-made graves of our brave comrades; and pride, because it has been our good fortune to be numbered among the members of the *Army of the Cumberland*, and to have each done his part in proving to the world that republics have the ability to maintain and perpetuate themselves.

1. **Star**—Five-pointed. Suspended, point upward. Frosted, gold or silver, with polished edge, one twenty-fourth of an inch wide. Points of star blunt or very slightly rounded. Radius of circle of outer points, nine-tenths of an inch; of inner points, four and a half tenths of an inch.
2. **Triangle**—In center of Star, point upward. Frosted, gold or silver, with polished edge one twenty-fourth of an inch wide, elevated above Star one thirty-second of an inch; or engraved, if wearer chooses. Triangle of such size as to leave space around it in frosted part of the Star.
3. **Acorn**—In center of triangle. Polished, gold or silver, with frosted cap and polished stem. *in alto relievo*. or engraved. Acorn of such size as to leave space around it in frosted part of triangle. Enamelled natural color, if the wearer chooses.
4. **Ribbon**—Silk—Red, White, and Blue—three-quarters of an inch wide, one and one-fourth inches long.
5. **Pin**.—Concave, oval, five-tenths of an inch long, two and a half tenths of an inch wide. Frosted, gold or silver, with polished edge raised. Laurel wreath surrounding oval, which is supported at both sides by pillars. Oval to be one-sixteenth of an inch above wreath, with "*Army of the Cumberland*" engraved therein. Entire oval between pillars, seven and a half tenths of an inch long.

The five pointed star was the badge of the 20th Army Corp. the triangle of the 14th Army Corp., and the acorn of the 14th Army Corp.

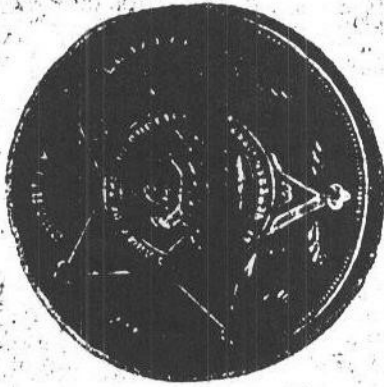
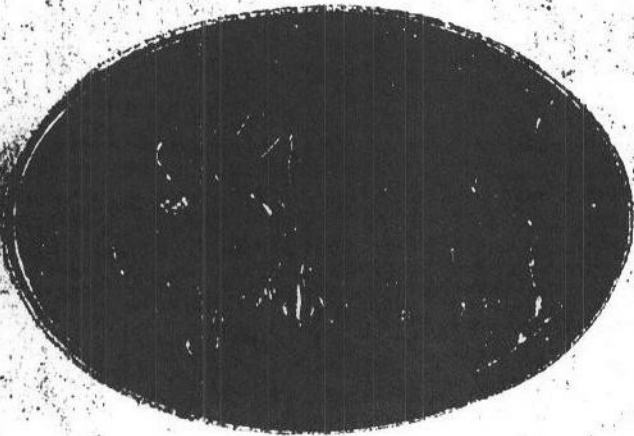
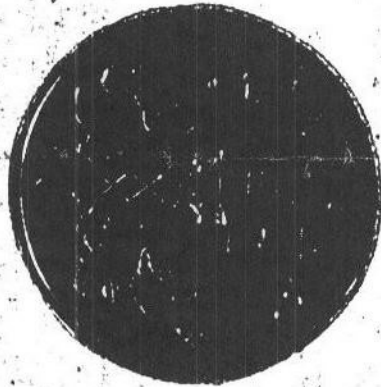
List of meetings held by the *Society of the Army of the Cumberland*:

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|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1st—1868.  | February 6th and 7th.....         | Cincinnati, O.      |
| 2d—1868.   | December 15th and 16th.....       | Chicago, Ill.       |
| 3d—1869.   | December 15th and 16th.....       | Indianapolis, Ind.  |
| 4th—1870.  | November 24th and 25th.....       | Cleveland, O.       |
| 5th—1871.  | November 15th and 16th.....       | Detroit, Mich.      |
| 6th—1872.  | November 20th and 21st.....       | Dayton, O.          |
| 7th—1873.  | September 17th and 18th.....      | Pittsburg, Pa.      |
| 8th—1874.  | September 16th and 17th.....      | Columbus, O.        |
| 9th—1875.  | September 15th and 16th.....      | Utica, N. Y.        |
| 10th—1876. | July 6th and 7th.....             | Philadelphia, Pa.   |
| 11th—1879. | November 19th and 20th.....       | Washington, D. C.   |
| 12th—1880. | September 22d and 23d.....        | Toledo, O.          |
| 13th—1881. | September 21st and 22d.....       | Chattanooga, Tenn.  |
| 14th—1882. | September 20th and 21st.....      | Milwaukee, Wis.     |
| 15th—1883. | October 24th and 25th.....        | Cincinnati, O.      |
| 16th—1884. | September 17th and 18th.....      | Rochester, N. Y.    |
| 17th—1885. | September 16th and 17th.....      | Grand Rapids, Mich. |
| 18th—1887. | May 11th and 12th.....            | Washington, D. C.   |
| 19th—1888. | September 19th and 20th.....      | Chicago, Ill.       |
| 20th—1889. | September 18th and 19th.....      | Chattanooga, Tenn.  |
| 21st—1890. | September 17th and 18th.....      | Toledo, O.          |
| 22d—1891.  | September 16th and 17th.....      | Columbus, O.        |
| 23d—1892.  | September 15th and 16th.....      | Chickamauga, Ga.    |
| 24th—1893. | September 20th and 21st.....      | Cleveland, O.       |
| 25th—1895. | September 18th and 21st.....      | Chattanooga, Tenn.  |
| 26th—1896. | September 23d and 24th.....       | Rockford, Ill.      |
| 27th—1897. | September 22d, 23d, and 24th..... | Columbus, O.        |

1866.

1882

SIXTEENTH ENGAGEMENT GRAND ARMY REPUBLIC



BALTIMORE, JUNE 21st, 22nd & 23rd.

John G. Meryll, Jr., Baltimore

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## Souvenir Badges

The subject of "Souvenirs" to most of us today reminds us of some item like a small metal cannon or a felt penant that we carried home from a trip to a historical site or famous place. The Civil War veterans were very much the same and the range and numbers of the trinkets or "souvenirs" that they carried home never ceases to amaze.

From it's start in 1866 until 1880, the G.A.R. had seen it's small membership dwindle due to it's early political ties and what seemed to be a lack of interest that forced even several departments to disband or reorganize. However starting in 1880, the G.A.R.'s membership climbed by 25,000 a year until 1883 when it's ranks more than doubled, reaching 225,446. (The G.A.R.'s membership peaked in 1890 at 409,489 members). This sudden surge and the interest to hold reunions, visit battlefields, and unite at the National/State Encampments seemed to bring about the need for manufacturers and merchants to supply mementos of these occasions. It's interesting to note that the first souvenir type badges at least celebrating a National Encampment appeared in significant numbers at approximately the same time (1882) for the Baltimore Encampment. (See Exhibit 1A)

Unfortunately, no maker marks or even initials appear on the 1882 souvenir badge in my collection. The earliest "manufacturer marked" souvenir type badge that I have examined, was made by Schwaab S & S Co. for the 1889 Milwaukee Encampment. Prior to that year, most of the maker's simply did not mark their badges. It is possible that they weren't allowed to, but I have uncovered no evidence to support that idea. It may also be possible that the Executive Committee of the National Council of Administration however, had some control over the badges that were made or distributed, this at least seems to be the case at the 1887 National Encampment.

There is one badge (1887) marked "Souvenir" that I have examined (Exhibit 1B) that has a postage meter like stamp on the rear of the ribbon which reads "Executive Committee G.A.R. Sept. 26, 1887, D.P. Grier." It was made by the Haskell Engraving Co. of St. Louis and it looks like it received the Executive Committee's or the Badge Committee's blessing to be sold at the Encampment. I could not uncover any further documentation or evidence that showed a definite link to Executive Committee control or approval for any other souvenir badges.

Never the less, manufacturers names still did not appear regularly on their "souvenirs" until apporximately 1895. Even some of the largest encampments like Boston (1890), Detroit (1891), and Washington D.C. (1892) which all had an overabundance of souvenir badges for sale during their festivities, were once again mostly unmarked. Starting with 1895, Schwaab Co. began a long tenure as probably the main supplier of souvenir badges, as almost every National Encampment after that time is represented by one or more Schwaab made "Official Souvenir" or "Souvenir" badges. There were other manufacturers of course besides Schwaab but for the most part they seemed to "pop up" at the cities where the National Encampments were being held and only made

badges for that particular occasion. (See Exhibits 2 for Ads)

Most of the typical souvenir badges were made from chocolate bronze, "pot" metal, and other metals. Many were also made as ribbons or of celluliod, or a combination thereof. One area that remains somewhat of a mystery though, is how these badges were sold or distributed. Obviously many were sold at the shops of their makers. Still others were sold at local business' where a large manufacturer had connections and "moved in" during a particular encampment to sell their wares to the veterans in attendance.

Somehow, the above examples don't seem to account for (at least in my mind) the literally thousands of badges that were sold to the veterans and their guests during these National Encampments. I have hopelessly studied photographs of crowded streets during National Encampment parades as well as souvenir-type programs (which always seem to be full of ads and advertisements) for some trace of the street vendor. Even though I have found no documented or photographic evidence showing these vendors, I still feel that they were present much like the ones you see today outside a professional baseball or football stadium before a game. Anyone who has seen a photograph showing the tremendous crowds that gathered along the streets to watch the veterans parade, can't help but see the potential for the vendors to "tap those pocketbooks" at the same time.

But badges were not the only souvenirs sold at the encampments. There were stickpins, watch fobs, miniature membership badges, paperweights, canes, and all kinds of pamphlets and books for sale. I have even seen a souvenir placemat for the 1882 Baltimore Encampment with the Post 2 of Philadelphia logo on it. It is almost unimaginable to see the amount and the diversity of the souvenirs that seem to pop up as we collect these items year after year. (See Exhibit 3)

Souvenir badges seemed to reach their peak around 1914. A few metal and celluliod ones exist after that year, but not in the numbers that they had previously. It is quite possible that the very reason for their decline was related to how they had began-by a swing in membership numbers. The G.A.R. was now once again on the decline for the obvious reasons of old age and death. It wouldn't be long before the demand simply wasn't there (at least with the G.A.R.) for the manufacturers to provide these "souvenirs" for even their largest events up until the last encampment in 1949.

As always, I welcome any further questions and comments.  
Thank You.

*Dennis*

-Sources-

1. G.A.R. National Journals 1885, 1914, 1933
2. Various National Encampment Souvenir Pamphlets, Books, and Flyers - Ads
3. The Military Journal Illustrated Feb. 8, 1892
4. "The Grand Army Journal" - various issues.
5. Examination of over 70 Souvenir-type Badges/Ribbons

Exhibit 1

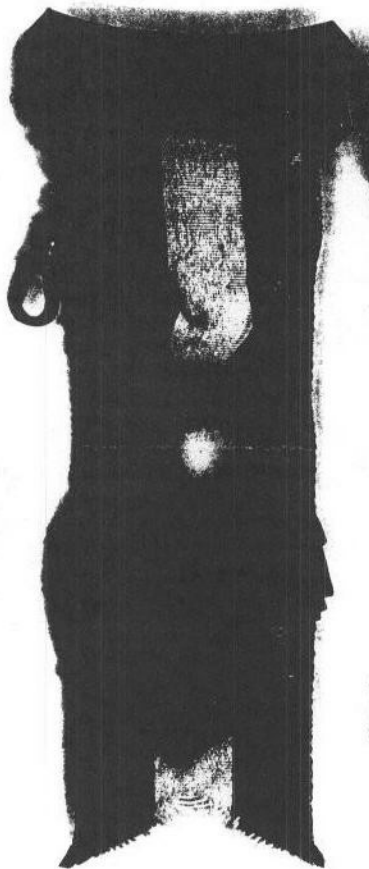
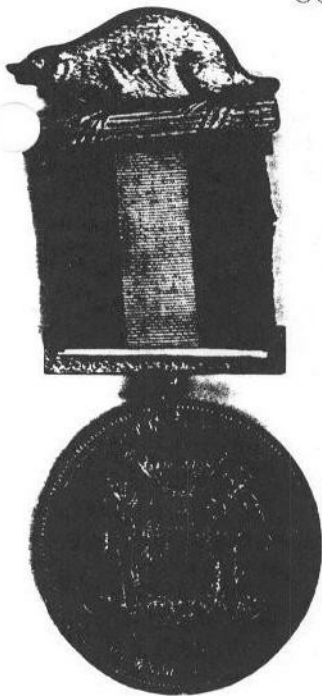


Exhibit 1A



Exhibit 1B

Some Typical "Souvenirs"



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Geo. H. Thomas Post, No. 2,  
VETERAN GUARD.

136 SUTTER ST., SAN FRANCISCO.

OFFICIAL BADGE  
— OF THE —  
20th National Encampment,  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Adapted Sect. 234 1865.

An interesting Beer ad that  
I found while looking for badge  
ones.....

# Anheuser-Busch Brewing Ass'n

Celebrated St. Louis Lager Beers are the favorite  
brands of the G. A. R.

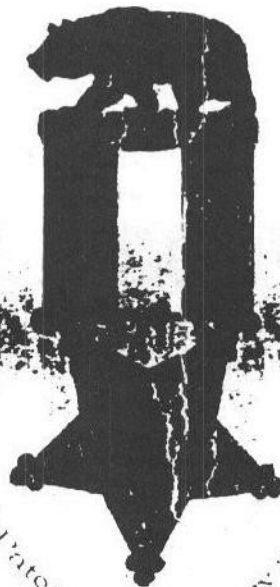
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**A**T THE corner of Four-and-a-Half Street and Pennsylvania Avenue is an historic building formerly occupied by the late Jos. W. Shillington, as a stationery store. It was patronized in the days long-gone-by by such statesmen in the last or ante-bellum generation, as Daniel Webster, Henry Clay, John C. Calhoun, Jefferson Davis, and many others of similar national prominence.

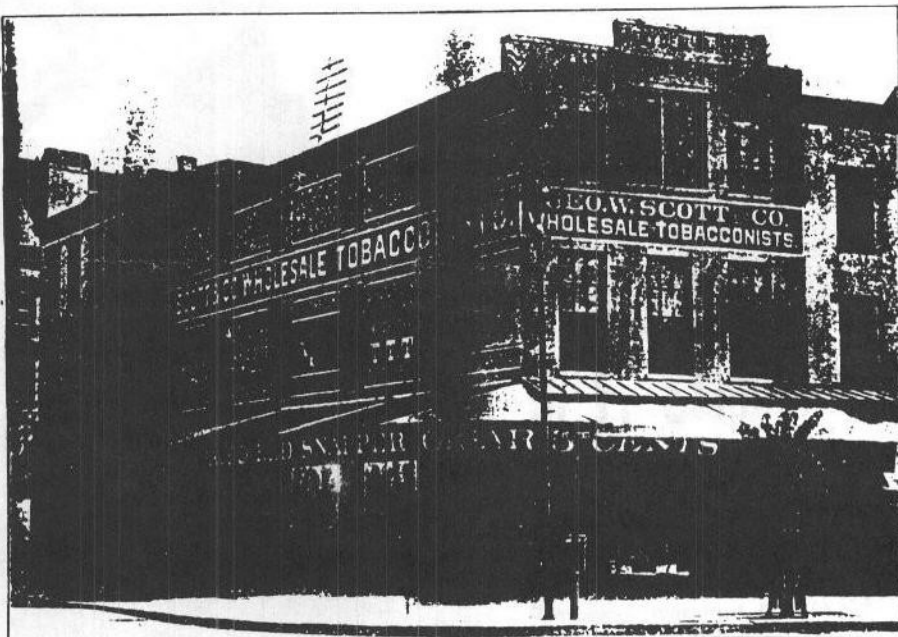
Here Charles Sumner, of Mass., and Preston S. Brooks, of S. C., met and chatted only a few days before the unfortunate and historical attack by the fiery South Carolinian upon the Massachusetts Senator in the Senate Chamber, an incident which had much to do with the evolution of the late civil war.

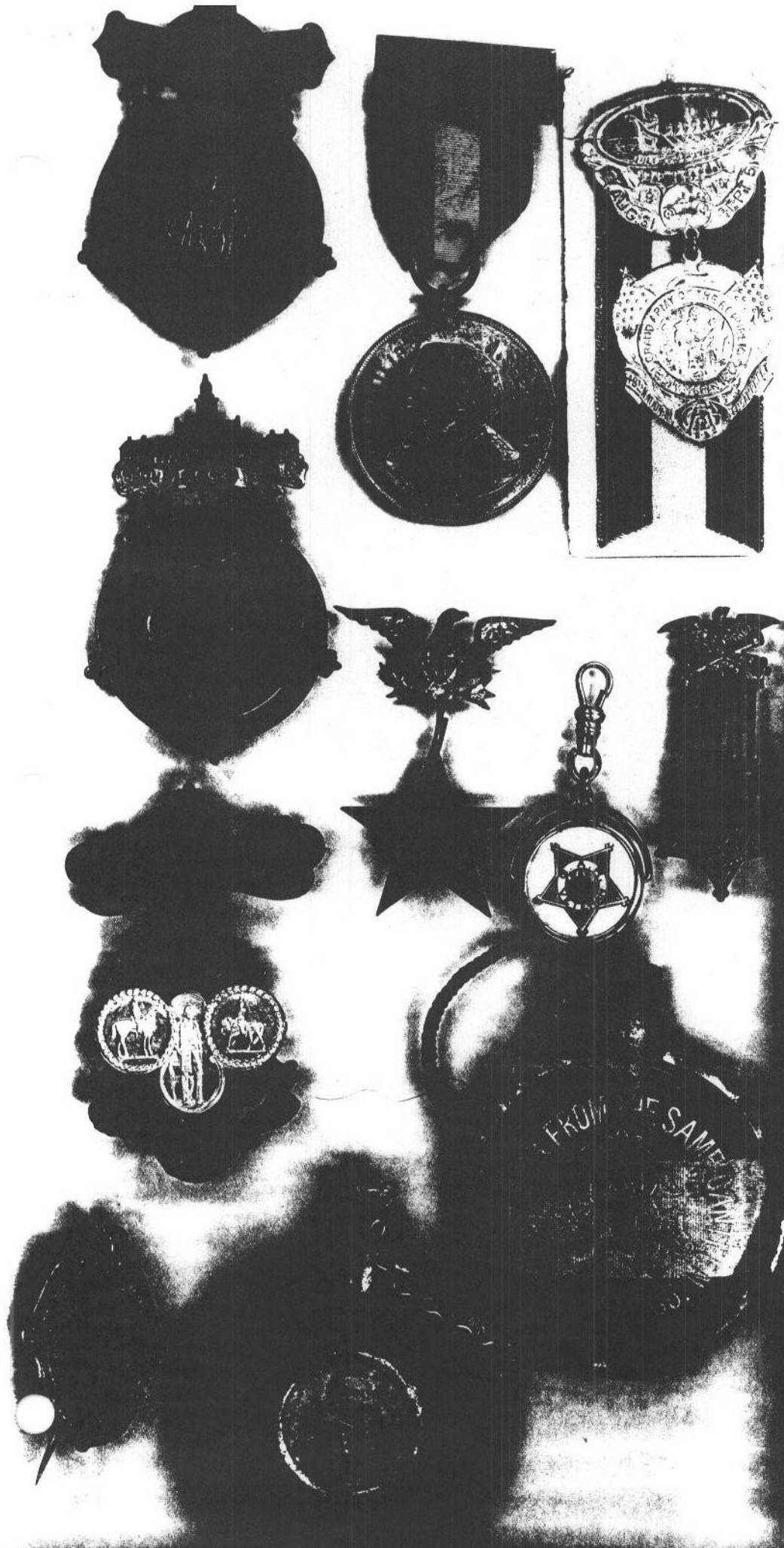
In the course of events, the business portion of the building passed into the control of Messrs. Geo. W. Scott & Co., the present proprietors, who are among the foremost dealers in the District of Columbia, in the line of Tobaccos, Cigars, and Smokers' Outfits generally.

But the main attraction of the establishment resides in the fact that Messrs. Scott & Co. are the sole owners of an original and unique Souvenir of the present Grand National Encampment of the G. A. R. It is a stick, a cane, known or described as the Grant Souvenir, made of Malachi, Mahogany or Oak. The head of this Cane presents a *bas-relief* full face figure of the Great Commander. On one side is the full length badge of the G. A. R. done in most exquisite style, also in full relief. On the other is an inscription which reads as follows:

"Grand Encampment, G. A. R., September 29th, 1892, Washington, D. C."

The whole presents what might be appropriately termed a trophy of this grand national occasion, when the Boys in Blue will traverse once again and possibly for the last time the line of march they passed over in May, 1865. Certainly it is a most appropriate Souvenir which every Veteran can carry home as a memento of his visit to the Nation's Capital in 1892, one that can be handed down to his descendants for ages to come.





# SOUVENIR

—NOPE—  
20TH ANNUAL

ENGAGEMENT

G. A. R.

In Memoriam.  
1866-1886.



**B. F. Stephenson,**

Founder G. A. R.

**SAN FRANCISCO,  
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