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Knapsack Items

NEBRASKA'S LAST VETERANS

Here is this issues list of veterans to continue to assist Mr. Jay Hoar in his work. If you have information that would fill in the gaps or especially veterans not listed, please contact Mr. Hoar.

NAME	Hometown	UNIT	date/death
Wm. H. Coleman	York	Post 32	6-22-41
John H. Lehman	Table Rock	Post 165	9-15-41
Thomas Standidge	Imperial	Co. K 141 Ill.	3-15-42
Jefferson Myers	Fullerton	Post 147	4-7-42
Willard A. Morgan	Belydere		5-42
Teremiah Wilhelm	Lincoln	Co. A 3rd Md.	6-11-42
Cyrus Fox	Gandy	Co. C 7th Iowa	6-12-42
Theo. S. Baker	Harrison		
Wm. J. Bell		Co. F 78th Ind.	10-11-42
Adam F. Resnard	Omaha	Co. A 34th Ill.	11-13-42
Levi Orbin	Geneva	Co. B 5th N.Y. Cav.	12-20-42
Wm. H. Friesel	Weeping Water	Co. K 62	1-28-43

Theodore Baker	Harrison		
Edwin F. Brown	Lincoln	Co. H, 151st.	5-5-43
Albert M. Lathrop	Hastings	Co. E, 18th Conn.	5-5-43
Hubbard Woodard	Malcolm	141st Ill.	5-29-43
J.H. Albee	Minden	1st Ill.	11-12-43
R.H. Stowell	Ohioa	112th Ill.	1-13-44
B.F. Sharp	Merna	150th Ill.	1-12-44
L.J. West	David City	9th Iowa	3-22-44
James Hill	Albion	3rd Wisc.	4-13-44
Andrew I Keithley	Madrid	2nd Ill. Cav.	4-29-44
Karl Barnathy	Omaha	1st Nevr. Cav.	6-5-44
I.L. Wood	Tekamah	179th Ohio	9-6-44
Perry Green	Lincoln	45th Iowa	9-21-44
James McGrew	Waco	193th Ohio	12-28-44
James Stootsberry	Ashland	185th Ohio	3-29-45
Alfred Hendec	Panama	128th Ind.	12-18-45
Erastus Page	Omaha	50th N.Y.	5-8-45
Lewis Musselman	Norfolk	108th Ill.	10-12-46
Richard Coleman	Lincoln	136th Ill.	3-16-47
William Fetters	Stromsburg	30th Ind.	5-19-47
Michael Bondoll	Beatrice	7th Iowa	12-24-48

Mr. Hoar offers a free copy of his 1976 book, *New England's Last Civil War Veterans*, to anyone who can add a new Civil War survivor living after Jan. 1941 to his list. Please contact - Jay HOar, Star Route 75 Box 9, Farmington, Maine 04938.

It is with regret that this issue of the Great Republic is delivered late. The Winter 1983 issue will be back on schedule and is to be delivered in Feb. Ads not appearing in this issue will be placed in the next issue. Some explanation of the delay is in order and may help the subscriber understand the problems of a one man publication.

Your editor was offered a job that covered five weeks on the road, traveling some 9000 miles. With the bills pressing, it was a fine shot in the arm for personal finances. For some time notes of veteran retirement communities had been gathered and now the job that I was offered placed me within small distances of all four of these communities. Not only was I able to make a living, but I could research the communities of Fitzgerald, Georgia; St. Cloud and Lynn Haven, Florida; and Grantville, California. The material will be presented in the next issues of the Great Republic, and is some the of the most interesting research your editor has ever done. The stories of each the these communities is unique and for the most part never written in one story.

This issue of the Great Republic contains one of the most useful reprints we have ever published. The Ames Sword Company catalog is a very rare item and a cherished book in the Great Republic library. The complete catalog is being republished by the Grand Army Press in Rochester, Michigan. The catalog was originally printed in 1883 and has the best information on GAR & S of V swords and belt buckles found so far.

As of this writing, there are 43 Civil War widows, each collecting a monthly benefit of about \$70.00. The 14 Confederate ladies have received benefits only since 1958, when Congress forgivingly declared them eligible. Between 1890, when the pensions were started, and 1905, when a cutoff was declared on eligibility, many teenaged girls married Union vets to take advantage of the pension. The average age of the 43 surviving widows is 90.

BOOK REVIEWS



MOURNFULL SOUNDS by Alice Anne Kelso
Stereo Record Album\$7.00
Postage and Handling ... \$1.00, Ohio residents add
sales tax..... \$0.39

BOOK REVIEWS expands its scope this issue to include a review of the music connected with the funeral of Abraham Lincoln. Ms. Kelso of Fremont, Ohio, provides students of this period of history an opportunity to hear the music performed during the funeral services. This is a good idea that has been carefully researched and produced.

The assassination marks the beginning of the Loyal Legion and certainly set the guidelines for the other veteran association that followed. Abraham Lincoln and the veterans are linked forever, and that is the reason the *Great Republic* recommends this album for its subscribers.

FUNERAL MARCH, dedicated to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, The Martyred President of the United States of America, who died April 15th, 1865, in the 57th year of his age. The composer is MRS. E. A. PARKHURST.

LINCOLN'S FUNERAL MARCH, by CHARLES HESS. Performed by the City Band at the obsequies in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 30, 1865.

LINCOLN'S FUNERAL MARCH, by E. C. DAVIS. Composed and dedicated to the memory of the pure and noble Patriot, Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States. Played during the funeral ceremonies in Springfield, Illinois, May 4, 1865.

MOURNFULL SOUNDS, grand heroic funeral march in memory of Abraham Lincoln, by LOUIS PIKET.

FUNERAL MARCH, dedicated to the memory of Abraham Lincoln, by Brevet Major General J. G. BARNARD. Played at Lincoln's obsequies on April 19, 1865, by the U. S. Marine Band, as the funeral procession moved from the White House to the Capitol.

WE MOURN OUR COUNTRY'S LOSS, *marcia funerale* (Op. 37) in memory of President Abraham Lincoln, by AUGUSTUS BUECHEL. Composed and respectfully dedicated to Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

THE MARTYRED PATRIOT, *grand funeral march* (Op. 473), by J. W. PORTER. Performed on the reception of President Abraham Lincoln's remains in Philadelphia on April 22, 1865.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S FUNERAL MARCH, by W. E. M. PETTEE, as played by Shepard's Cornet Band of Providence, Rhode Island at the obsequies of Abraham Lincoln.

Send orders to Alice Anne Kelso, P.O. Box 957, Fremont, Ohio 43420.

The following review is printed on the reverse of the album and reflects the viewpoint of a most respected historian. Some of the music was obtained from the archives at the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum.

Abraham Lincoln could not read music, play an instrument, or carry a tune. Nevertheless, he enjoyed musical performances of all kinds, from patriotic tunes to opera. The piece of music Lincoln most often heard--in common with most Presidents of the United States--was "Hail to the Chief". He liked the "Marseillaise" and the "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust", but in music, as in poetry, his personal preference was for melancholy songs about the passage of time.

In life, Lincoln inspired the composition of some music, most notably, "We are Coming, Father Abraham." But it is an unhappy fact that his death prompted a far greater outpouring of musical creation than his life ever did. Most surviving nineteenth-century sheet music which contains Lincoln's name in the title was written to commemorate Lincoln's death. His remarkable funeral services, extending over sixteen days and 1,500 miles as a train carried his body from Washington to Springfield, brought from the nation an unequalled outpouring of grief. One expression of that profound sentiment was the funeral dirge, and numerous composers produced them for memorial services in particular towns along the route of the President's funeral train, for other ceremonies, or (there is no denying it) for sale.

In my work in the Lincoln field, I very early became aware of Lincoln sheet music. Collectors seek it most for the lithographed covers on the music. I confess that it never occurred to me to wonder what it sounded like. When Alice Kelso suggested these recreations, I suddenly saw what a wonderful idea she had hit upon. In our quest for ever more authentic historical environments--from Williamsburg and Old Sturbridge Village to Lincoln's home and tomb--we have too often ignored recreating an important part of the atmosphere of the age, the sound of its music.

This album supplies a unique avenue to appreciating the grief of a nation at the death of its martyr to freedom.

Mark E. Neely, Jr., Director
The Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum
Fort Wayne, Indiana



J. W. KATCHAM'S REMEMBRANCES OF THE FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT 1912.

Indiana Historical Library (continued from Vol. 3, No. 1)

That Sunday the pulpits of all the leading churches in the city were occupied both morning and evening by the various Past Commanders in Chief in attendance upon the encampment. I did not go out in the morning, but spent the greater portion of the day in bringing up my correspondence with the folks at home, which had sadly got behind. In the evening I went to the Baptist Church, and heard a magnificent address by General Burdett, which centered around his visit to the old manse at Suttan in the Elms, where he was born, and where his father had preached for forty or fifty years. I don't remember how long. He emphasized his remarks by indicating the necessity of every youngman's connecting himself with and adhering to some religious organization, without specifying the denomination, although his father was a Baptist, and holding his church connection as a sheet anchor to keep him in the straight and narrow path.

Stillings, Burdett and I, who were not accompanied by our wives, or any member of our family, rather flocked together during the entire period that we were at Los Angeles; taking our meals together and spending a good deal of time in each others room.

Stillings's room was next to mine and Burdett's on the floor above, on the same floor and in the same corridor immediately adjacent were Trimble and his family, Koch and his family, Tanner and his daughters, Gilman and his wife and Beers and his wife. Indiana headquarters were on the 5th. floor.

I think I did some auto riding with Stillings and Burdett, in the auto that was placed at the disposal of Mrs. Davis, the President of the Corps on this afternoon, but I am not certain. We had it several times during the week, but just when I do not now recall.

Among the many visitors at my room Col. Merrill and his son were conspicuous by their absence. The Colonel I could excuse, for he is in feeble health and Long Beach is quite a ways off, but his son, who is I think, in a bank lives at Pasadena, only a short distance away; indeed, it is a part of Los Angeles, and I rather thought that he might at any rate have left his card at his cousin's room, even if he did not care to make much of a visit. Under the circumstance, I did not recognize that there was any real demand upon me to hunt him and his family up and make a call, in addition to which my time was pretty well occupied any how.

Monday the 9th. I went to Santa Monica, Sawtelle, Venice and along the beaches. They have a beautiful Soldier's Home at Santa Monica, but it always wrings my heart to see a soldier in a Soldier's Home. Their whole life is behind them, they have neither hope, ambition or a future they are simply there existing, awaiting taps, and while they have a great past, the past is all that there is to them.

Venice is like Coney Island out from New York, or the beach beyond Lynn, near Boston. Full of jim cracks, amusement nonsense, attractive to young people not so much so as to those who have fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf". The whole crowd, myself included got on a little dummy train to make the rounds, and I had to laugh to myself to think what my family would have thought, if they could have seen me perched on this diminutive merry-go-round, whirling through the mazes of Venice.

After I returned to the city in the evening, I found that I had missed one of the important functions of the encampment. It seemed that the lunch that was to have been given us on Saturday and was not, because we were late getting in, was simply postponed until Monday, and it was quite a function. Many speeches and much good will and probably eloquence expended, and I learned that I was one of those that was expected to participate in the speech making, and was greatly missed. Vigilant search had been made for me at the banquet, but as I was down at Santa Monica Beach, without avail. Undoubtedly I received an invitation to attend, but I received so many that I could not keep tab on them, and not understanding that this was something in particular, I missed it, which I rather regret, even though I was relieved of the necessity of making speech.

Tuesday I took the electric through Pasadena and made the trip up Mt. Lowe, a wonderful trip. The rugged chasms, canyons, precipices and all that we saw were very grand and impressive, but I had missed the thing that I had hoped to see, namely; a view of Los Angeles and its surroundings. The view of the mountains was a splendid one, but there was no view whatever of the city, and it was pretty nearly impossible to say that we saw the ocean and Santa Catalina Islands, although it was evident that out there was something that looked like an island.

The atmosphere in and about Los Angeles is very trying and unsatisfactory. It seems to be compounded of alkali dust and plain dust from the streets, oil smoke, wood smoke from forest fires and atmospheric air, and it is not readily seen through. I could see a pall hanging over where I supposed the city of Los Angeles to be, but no sign of the city and the same extraordinary thing I observed coming back from Santa Catalina Island, it was clear, out on the water, but when the eye reached the land there was a tremendous cloud of dust that hid and covered everything and I got from no point a good view of the city. From a distance I saw it as I whirled through the streets in different autos, but of the city as an entirety during my visit, I saw nothing.

It is a wonderfully beautiful city, and yet it reminds me very much of what Washington was during and shortly after the close of the war. Side by side would be a brick marble or granite palace, splendid public buildings and then a hovel, and between the houses on one side and the houses on the other, there was a sea of mud or a cloud of dust depending upon the season of the year. It was as unfinished and unattractive a city with magnificent possibilities as any I ever knew. One seeing it now in the light of the 20th. Century would have no conception of what it was under the fierce noon day heat of the middle of the middle of the Century that is dead and buried.

So with Los Angeles; in the heart of the city there are splendid building, equal to any anywhere, as soon as you get away from the center you find side by side a home that is as beautiful as a dream, embowered in roses and

To be continued

NATIONAL DELEGATE BADGES

24th. NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT BADGE BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS



Mfg. of Badge: Unknown

Size of badge: 110mm X 50 mm.

Ribbon: two pieces - National flag ribbon over yellow national encampment.

Description of badge: The badge is suspended from a silver plate fish clasp. The pin is an early T style. The ribbons and wheel hub are suspended from a silver bar with a brass GAR star soldered at either end. The Wheel Hub opens to reveal two portraits of Farragut & Andrew in silver plate. The Hub hangs on two brass chains. Also hanging from the name bar is a brass and white enamel seal of the State of Massachusetts.

Number of badges issued: Estimated at 1800, it is not known if this badge was reissued after the Encampment as a souvenir, a common practice until the mid 1890's.

The 24th. National Encampment met in Boston, Mass., August 13-14, 1890, with Commander in Chief Russell Alger, presiding. The membership had reached its peak, 408,489, with 7,175 posts in existence. The annual parade was reviewed by President Harrison, and Gen. William T. Sherman. Departments of North Dakota and Oklahoma were organized. Col. Wheelock G. Veazey of Vermont was elected commander in chief.

The committee of badges (attached to the Executive Committee) designed and issued the badges for all the committees and national delegates, modelling the former on one general form, emblematical in design. The members of the committee were: George Innis, Chairman, George Creasey, Secretary, Richard Tobin, George Merrill, and George Goodale. The cost of all badges was \$4010.00.

The parade lasted five hours and forty minutes, with four reviewing stands: the presidential in Copley square, the city stand in Franklin square, one for the G.A.R. and W.R.C. in Blackstone square, and one in Adams square for the Commander-in-Chief Alger and his staff.

Distinguished guests and members of the Encampment included: Clara Barton, President Harrison, Gov. Brackett, Sec. of War Proctor, Sec. of Agriculture Rusk, Sec of the Interior Noble. William McKinley, Dan Sickles, Charles Devens, Lucius Fairchild, Benj. F. Butler, Mary Logan. Hannibal Hamlin, and Geo. W. Delong Post 45 of Honolulu Hawaiian Islands.



The following two page letter is a reprint of the original letter sent to Mr. Levi Horton Corbin by the Federal Commission with instructions on the upcoming 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. This letter contributes a great deal of information. The material on the badge is especially important, for it gives exact information on the use and delivery of the badge to the veteran.

**FEDERAL COMMISSION
SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG**

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June 20, 1938.

HON. HARRY L. HAINES
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CONGRESSMAN, TEXAS
MAJOR GENERAL HENRY GIBBINS
THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL,
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Levi Horton Corbin,
2714 Fernwood Street,
Dallas, Texas.

Dear Veteran:

You have accepted the invitation forwarded to you by the Federal Commission on behalf of the United States Government to attend the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, to be held at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, from June 29 to July 6, 1938.

THIS LETTER IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE. IT DEALS WITH THE MATTER OF TRANSPORTATION ROUTING, PER DIEM ALLOWANCES (traveling expenses) FOR YOU (THE VETERAN) AND YOUR ATTENDANT, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR BADGE.

TRANSPORTATION

Arrangements have been completed for your transportation and that of your attendant to Gettysburg for the purpose of your participation in the Commemoration activities. ONE WEEK BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE FROM HOME, the railroad ticket agent of the first railroad listed below will DELIVER TO YOU railroad and pullman tickets for you and your attendant. Your route will be as follows:

Leave Dallas M-K-T Train #2 4:00 PM June 27.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Railroad officials have instructed their employees to see that every courtesy and assistance are tendered you, particularly at points where it may be necessary to change trains. Your attendant must be capable of assuming full responsibility in personally assisting you throughout the trip and cooperating with the railroad in every way to make your trip comfortable.

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SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG
MUNITIONS BUILDING
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Should you NOT RECEIVE YOUR TICKET THREE (3) DAYS BEFORE THE DATE SHOWN FOR YOUR DEPARTURE, PLEASE TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH THE TICKET AGENT AT ONCE. If he does not have your ticket, telegraph this office collect to that effect.

PER DIEM ALLOWANCE

There are inclosed two checks; one for payment of your meals and incidental traveling expenses while enroute to Gettysburg; the other for payment of those of your attendant, as follows:

Check No. 1,387	in the amount of \$ 12.00
Check No. 1,388	in the amount of \$ 12.00

! CAUTION TO BOTH VETERAN AND ATTENDANT !

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MUST CHECKS FOR PER DIEM BE CASHED AND USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THAN THAT SPECIFIED ABOVE.

If you, the veteran, are unable at the last minute to attend the Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, YOUR ATTENDANT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO, THEREFORE, BOTH CHECKS MUST BE RETURNED TO THIS OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON THEIR RECEIPT IN THE INCLOSED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WHICH NEEDS NO POSTAGE WHEN USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. Attention of attendant is called to letter of Information and Instructions sent to you by the Federal Commission, wherein it is stated on Page 2 that THE RIGHT OF THE ATTENDANT TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY IN THE REUNION IS DENIED SHOULD THE VETERAN BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES FOR VETERAN AND ATTENDANT

Your identification badge, and the badge for your attendant, have been forwarded to you under separate cover.

These badges should be worn from the time you leave home until your return thereto. They will enable the railroad conductors and employees to identify you as official guests of the Government and will thus insure the comfort of your trip.

Very sincerely,


HENRY GIBBINS,
Major General,
The Quartermaster General,
Executive Officer.

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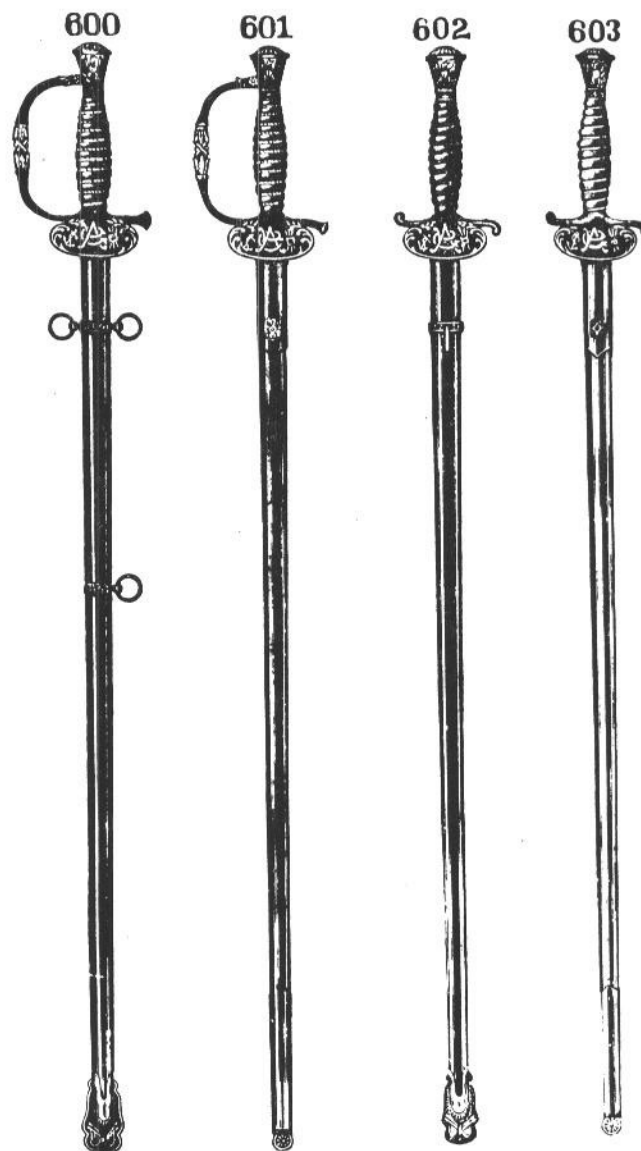
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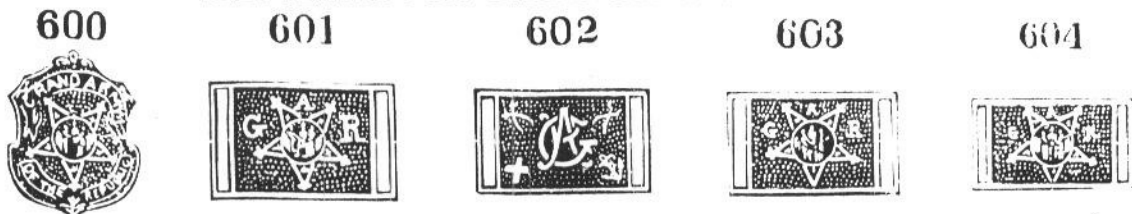
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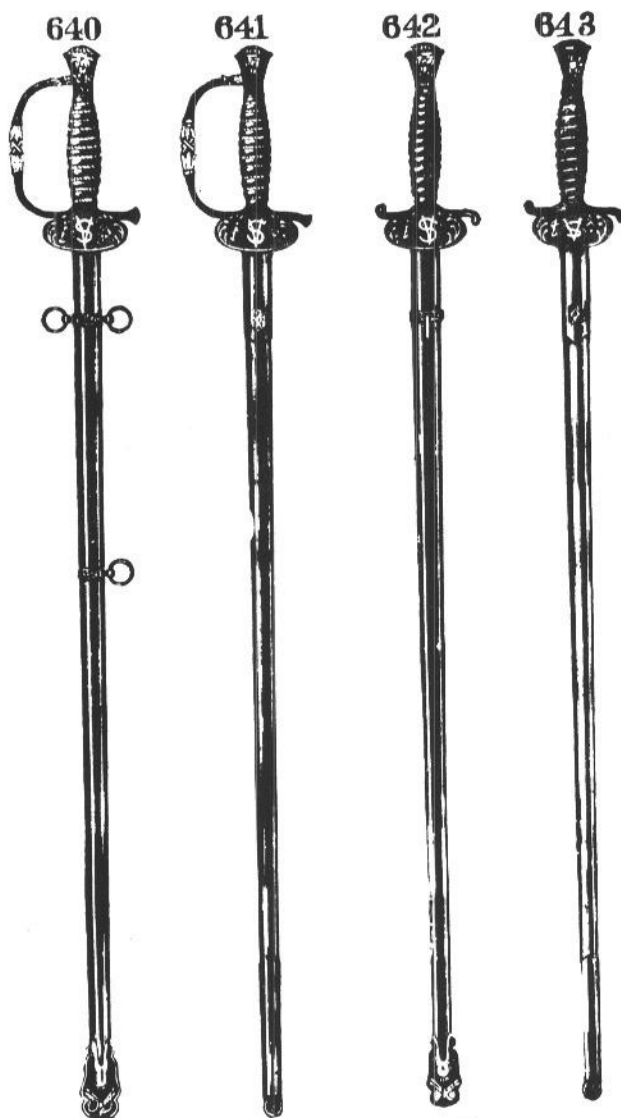
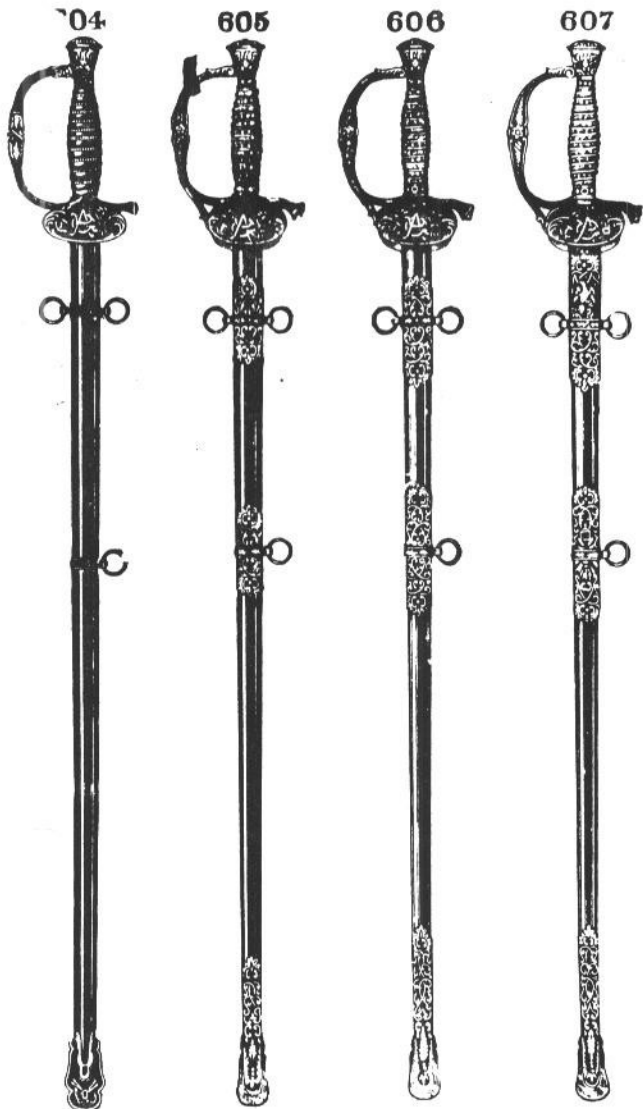
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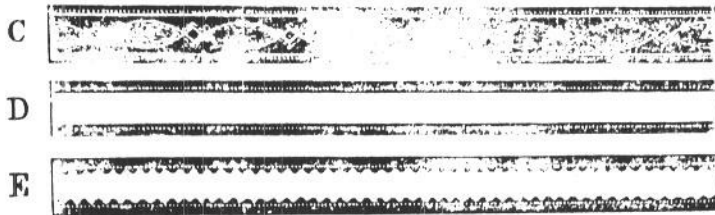
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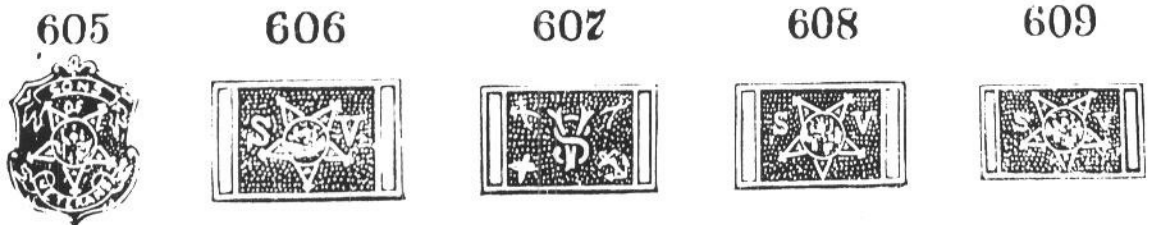
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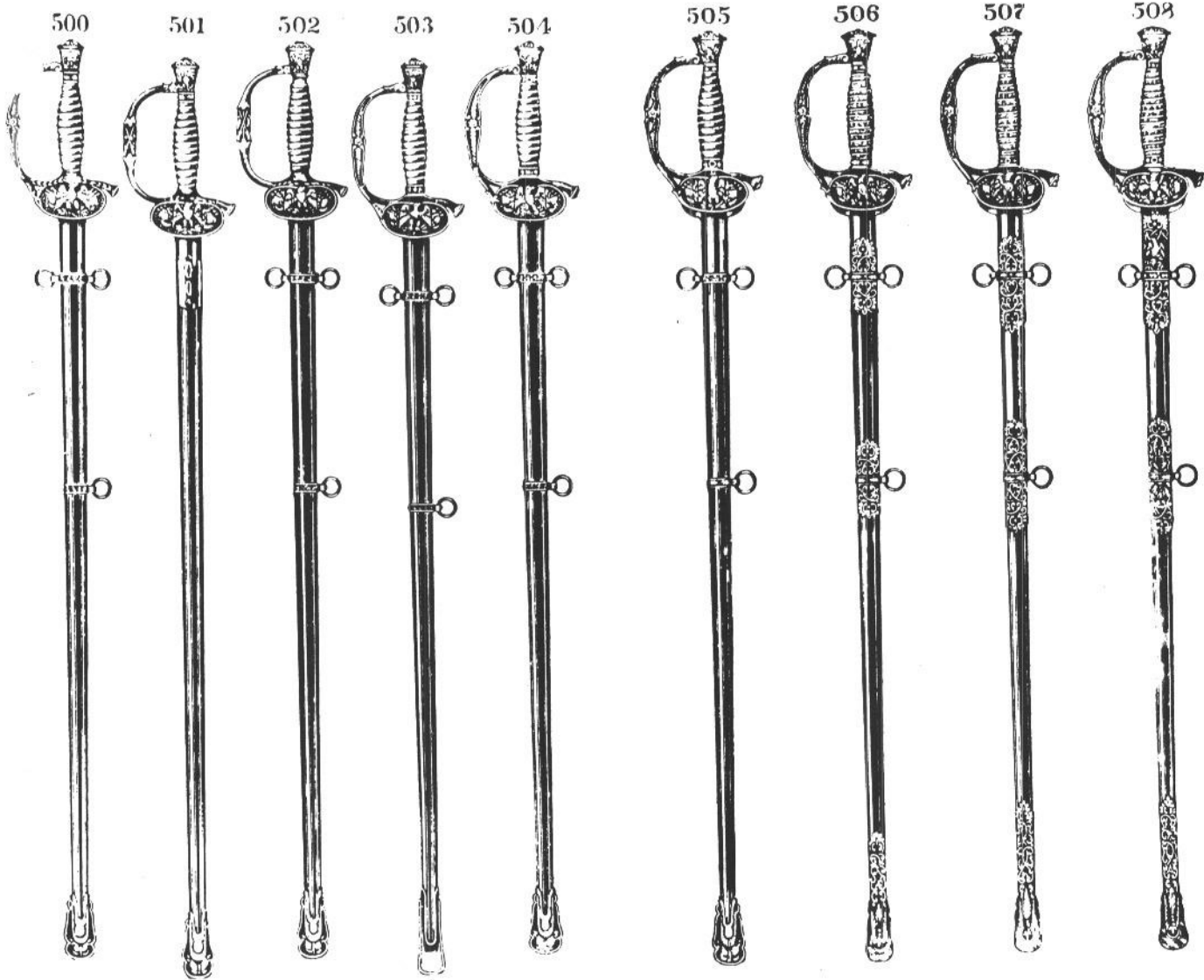
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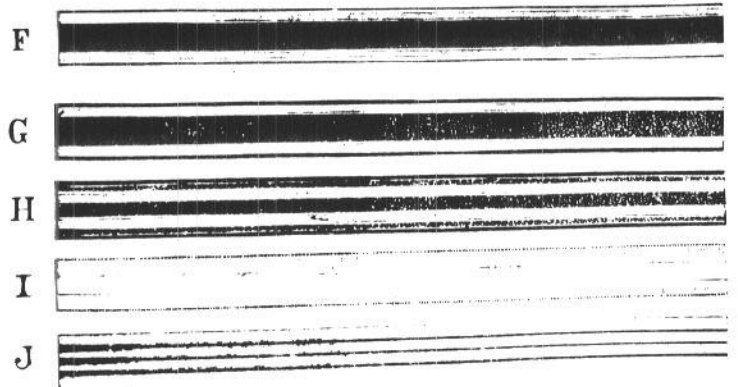
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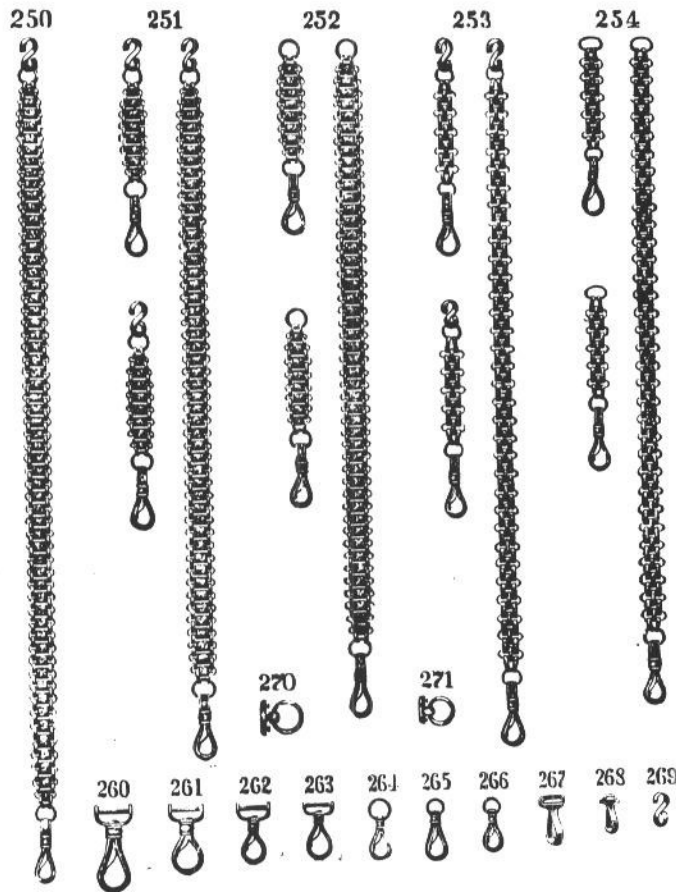


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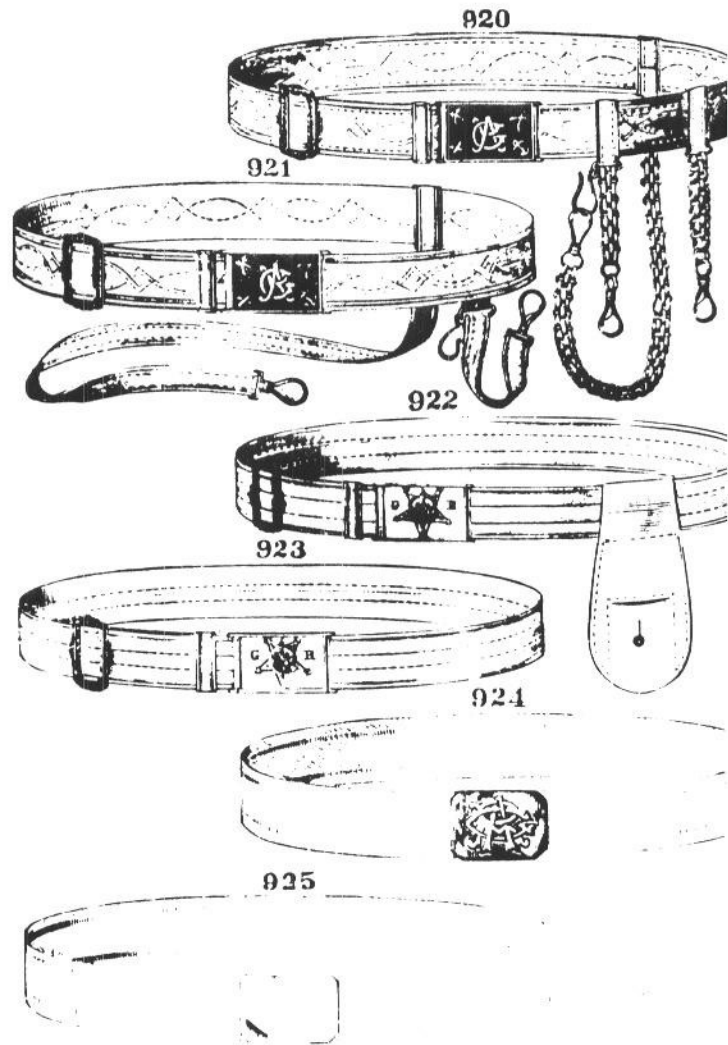
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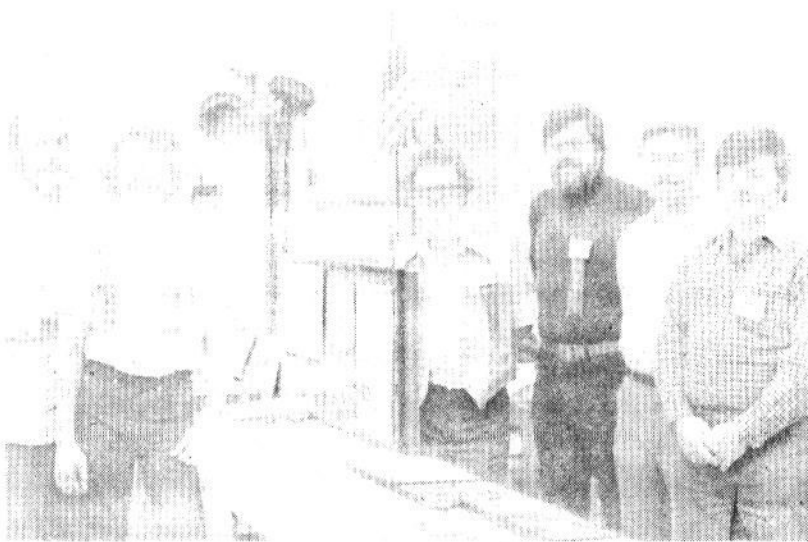
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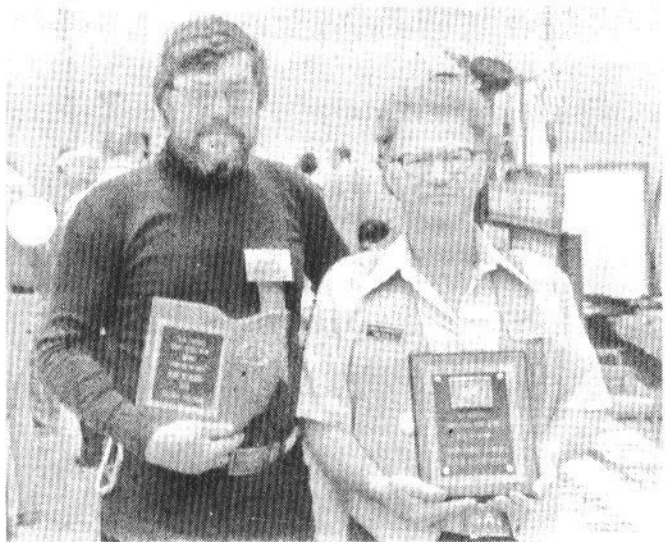
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The staff of the Great Republic and some of the regular contributors. Left to right: Herbert Hochradel, Warren Barber III, David Klinepeter, Roger Heiple, Donald Limpert, Everitt Bowles.



Great Republic staff take two of the five places at the Civil War Show. Roger Heiple - Best of Show-G.A.R., and Dave Klinepeter- Best of Show- Second Place(overall)

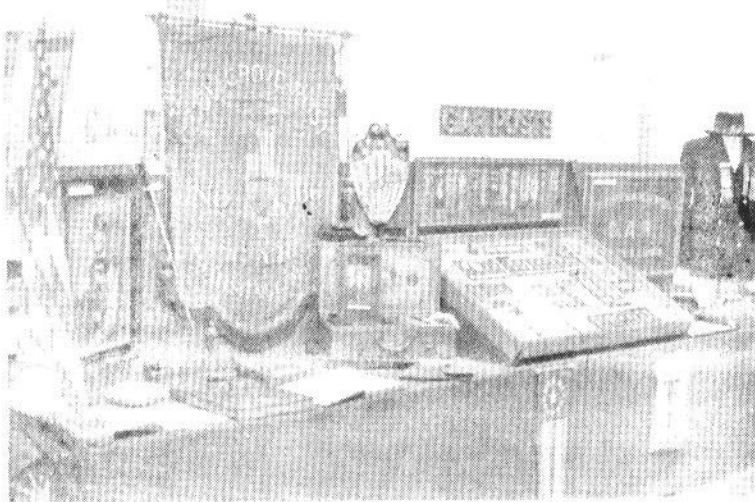


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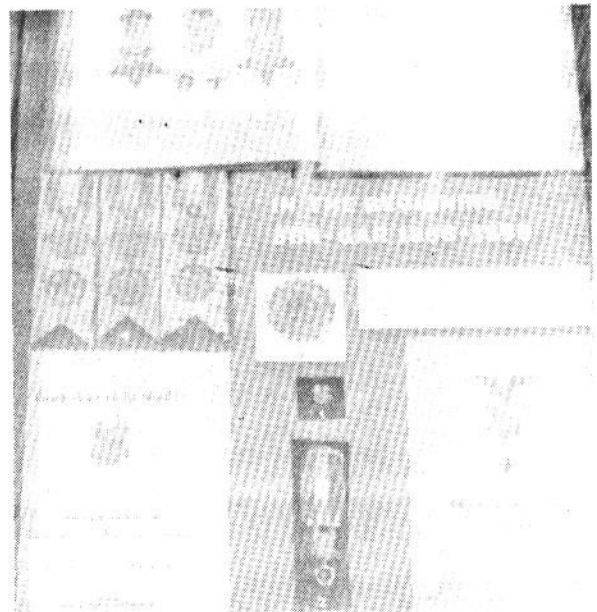


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The Second Annual Encampment was held during the Ashland Ohio Civil War Show in April. The G.A.R. display and sale section was larger this year, with plans for an even bigger section next year. Its not too early to start making your plan to attend in 1983. This is the only G.A.R. show and is held at the fine Ashland Civil War Show.



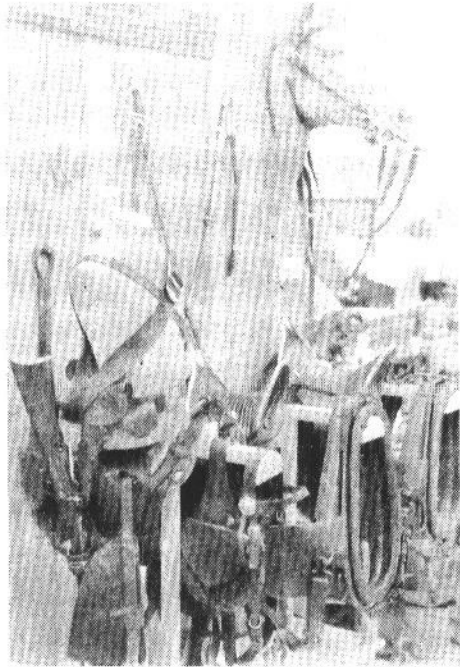
Best of Show - G.A.R., display of Post Materials featured a rare silk Post Banner, Post photograph, trunk case, Post guidon, and case of Post officer badges.



Dave Klinepeter's display featured a case of the rarest G.A.R. from the early period of organization: the 3BN marked items.

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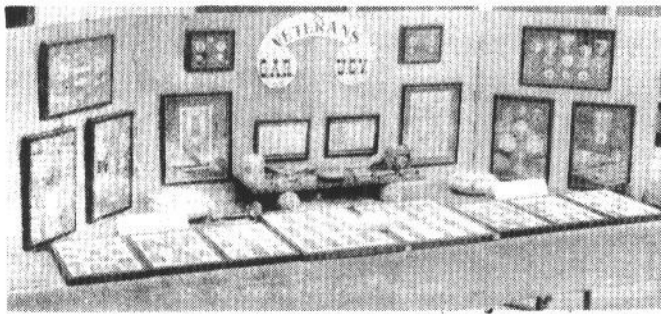
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Outstanding Cavalry Display



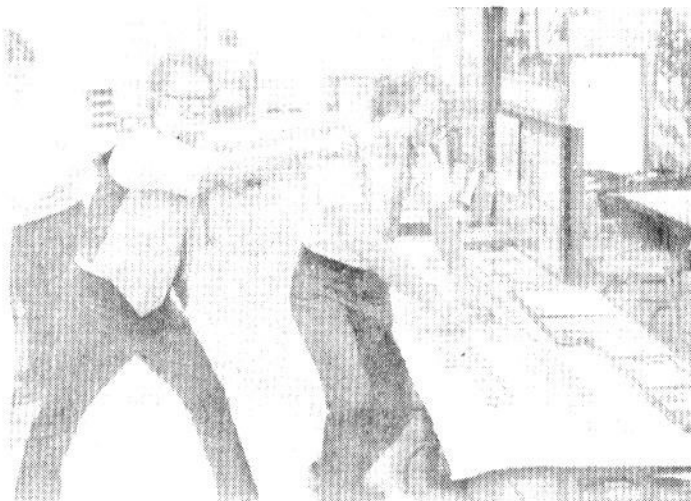
Everitt Bowles from Woodstock, Georgia, always does a brisk business in Confederate badges and G.A.R. badges.



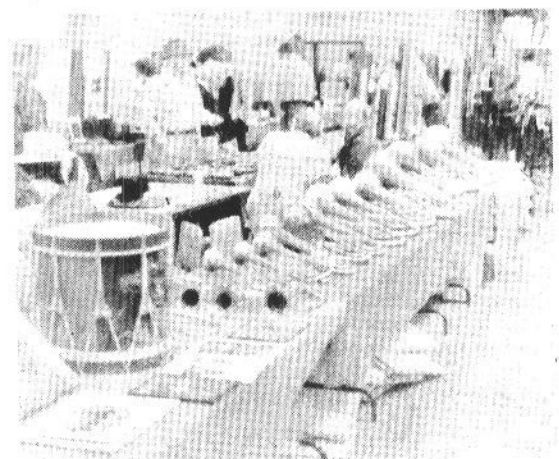
Display of G.A.R. and U.C.V. by Larry Moesle



Marshall Brighenti and his wife from Belle Vernon, Pa., are greeted to the Encampment by Dave Klinepeter.



Dave Klinepeter protecting his display as Warren Barber attempts to fill in the gaps in his own collection of National Delegate Badges.



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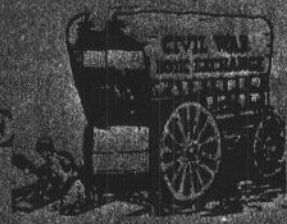
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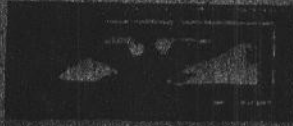
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Dr. Stephenson was married to Barbara B. Moore, March 30, 1855, at Springfield, Illinois, and died in Menard County, August 30, 1871, at the age of 48 years; his widow, one son and two daughters surviving him. He was first buried near his homestead on Rock Creek, but on the 20th of August, 1882, was re-buried by Estell Post, Grand Army of the Republic, with imposing honors, in the beautiful Cemetery of Rose Hill, near the City of Petersburg.

Dr. Stephenson was a true man in its highest and greatest sense—true to his friends and true to his country. A kinder heart never beat in a human breast, and his whole life was characterized by an utter unselfishness. He was a Patriot simple and pure, and his devotion to the great cause of Universal Freedom was absolutely unwavering.

At the Convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, held at Springfield, Ill., July 12th, 1886, Surgeon H. W. Davis offered the following resolution: **Whereas** We, the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, recognize in Maj. B. F. Stephenson, of Springfield, Ill., the head and front of the organization, be it therefore

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