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Mr. Wellington
Hon. A. Lincoln
President

Dear Sir

We respectfully recommend
Dr. W. Stephenson of Petersburg, Ill., for
the appointment of Brigade Surgeon. ~~He~~
is now in service in Col. Palmer's Regt. He is
a most successful Surgeon, and as you are aware
had a large and extended practice in Menard
Co. as Surgeon & Physician, and stands
very high as Physician and as a Gentleman.
He will be much obliged for his appointment
as Brigade Surgeon.

Richd Yates Governor
Jeff. Adams Secy
William L. Hoar

The Stephenson Papers

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Through the mournful breath of the cypress bough,
 Comes an undertone of cheer
 The spirit of Love, and of Justice, avow,
 For one of our own lies here
 Lay low in the mold,
 Let him sleep!
 The Lord of the Slieve, old,
 With him his ancient trust did keep;
 The fruition of his heart, throes his brethren shall reap."

MARY H. STEPHENSON

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THE STORY OF THE STEPHENSON PAPERS

The story of the Stephenson papers is not one of the "lost" papers because they were never lost to Mrs. John Rigdon, in Petersburg, Illinois. She has been the keeper and conservator of the papers since 1926. The home she lives in is the home built for Mrs. B.F. Stephenson by the GAR following the death of Dr. Stephenson. In 1926 Mr. & Mrs. John Rigdon rented the home and after the death of the daughters of Dr. Stephenson, the home was purchased by them. At the time of the purchase a number of items were left in the house, among the more important were the personal papers of Doctor Stephenson and the first headquarters book of the GAR, dated 1866 and 1867. These materials have never been published and provide a valuable insight into the workings of the early GAR during the most trying period of its existence. It was also a trying time for Stephenson, with his parents deaths, personal setbacks, financial losses, a loss of health.



MRS. JOHN RIGDON

The papers and headquarters book were placed in a box by Mrs. Rigdon and marked "important". They have only been shown to a few people during the next 58 years. As the guardian of these important papers, Mrs. Rigdon must be given a great amount of credit for the careful storage of the items. She recognized the importance of material long before the renewed interest in the Grand Army. Documents and papers often look meaningless stored in an envelope and many times are lost or discarded, but not so with the Stephenson items. Clearly marked and carefully wrapped the documents are in very good condition, a real tribute to the care of Mrs. Rigdon

In two visits with Mrs. Rigdon the purchase of the papers was arranged. The Great Republic will publish the many papers over the next year. The letters answer some of the

questions but also provide leads for new GAR research. They supply a link between the information in published GAR history and the vast unresearched GAR history. If we want to know about the 3BN badge of the early GAR, we must find out more about the Grand Army Badge Company of LaFayette, Indiana. The Headquarters book has three letters from Stephenson to the Grand Army Badge co. regarding the contract terms. These letters don't answer the 3BN questions, but do yield more information to the answer

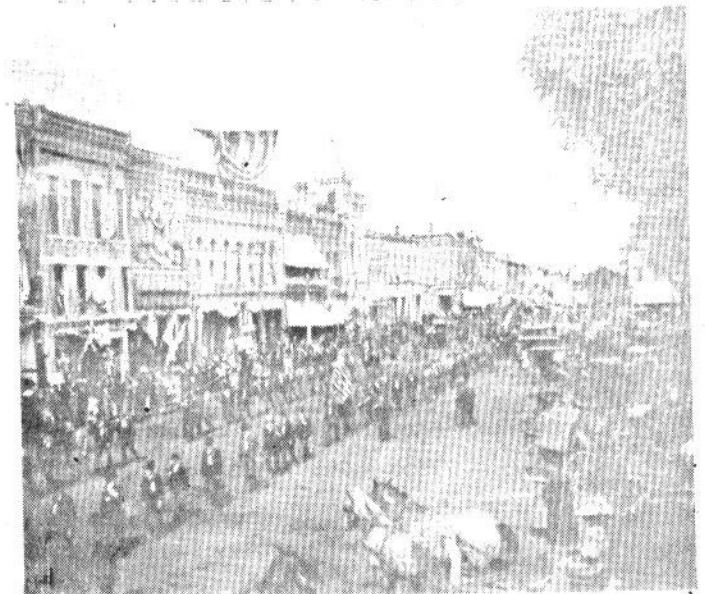
ACCEPTANCE NOTICE FOR POST 2

Head Quarters, Post No. 2.
Grand Army of the Republic.]

Springfield, Ills. 1866

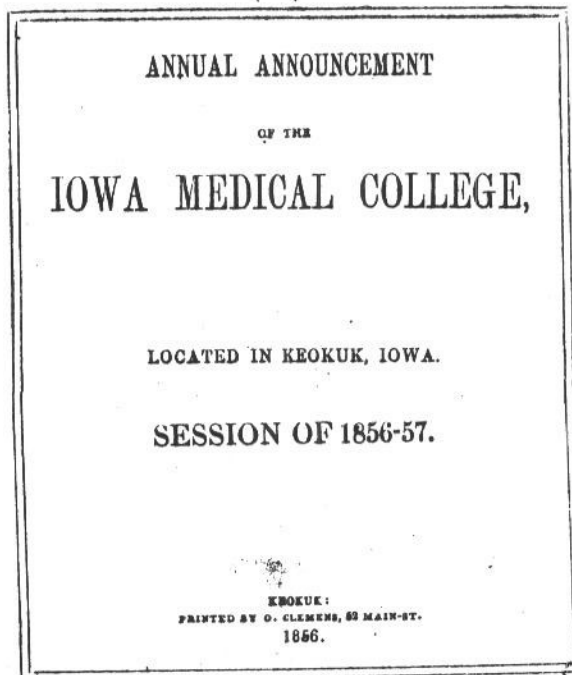
Sir,

I have the honor to notify you, that, at a meeting of this Post, you were proposed and elected a member of the G. A. R. The regular meetings are held every Wednesday 7 a half P. M., when you will report for meeting.



DEDICATION OF MONUMENT TO STEPHENSON

DR. STEPHENSON'S MEDICAL TEACHING POSITION IN IOWA - 1856



These items are from the Announcement booklet of the Iowa Medical College in Keokuk. Dr. B. F. Stephenson was Professor at the College prior to the Civil War. The exact years of this position have not been determined, but this gives us an opportunity to investigate further in Iowa.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Board of Trustees and Faculty of the Iowa Medical College, take pleasure in announcing to the medical profession and the public, that the regular Session of this Institution will open in this city, on the first Monday in November next. The Trustees, clothed with the most ample legal powers, have maintained the organization of the Medical Faculty in a manner which cannot fail to satisfy the true friends of Medical Education throughout the country, and the plan of instruction is arranged in such a manner as to fully realize the ideas and recommendations of the American Medical Association. It is well known that this body, composed of Medical men from every portion of our widely extended country, has been for several years laboring to elevate and improve the Medical Literature of the United States. In some respects their labors have accomplished the desired object; but in the most important particular—a reform in medical teaching—much yet remains to be done.

It is designed to make the Iowa Medical College an instrumentality in improving the state of Medical Education in the West, and to place it upon such a footing as to command the respect of the profession at home, and make it a creditable representative of our Medical Literature, abroad.

No one doubts the need of such an Institution in Iowa, and the extended—we may say, almost universal sanction of the profession in this portion of the West—affords a sure foundation for a brilliant future and inevitable success. In view of this certain prospect every facility has been accumulated. It is confidently asserted, that the most extensive and perfect means of illustrating the several courses of instruction are provided, and every essential opportunity afforded for a thorough prosecution of medical studies. The finest and most commodious lecture rooms in the State are fitted up, and the arrangements of the College building, with reference to anatomical pursuits, is unsurpassed. Viewing this department as the legitimate basis of Medical Science, the Faculty have been especially careful to make the most ample provisions for its satisfactory demonstration.

The department of Clinical Medicine, will receive the especial attention of a clinical teacher, who will exhibit to the classes, a great number of interesting cases, with such practical instruction, as will serve to qualify the student for the important responsibilities of the sick room. It is believed that extended opportunities of this kind, together with a system of instruction requiring each student to observe cases, keep a record of the observed phenomena, announce his diagnosis, and the grounds upon which it is based, indicate the course of treatment, which a rational consideration of the known pathology of the disease would render applicable, and, finally, to analyze a number of cases, whether perceived by himself, or recorded by trustworthy observers, will supply, to a great extent, the necessary desideratum in teaching practical Medicine.

Faculty of Medicine.

B. F. STEPHENSON, M. D.,

Professor of General, Special and Surgical Anatomy.

J. F. SANFORD, M. D.,

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AND DEAN OF THE FACULTY.*

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Professor of Materia Medica and Therapeutics.

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Professor of Physiology and Pathology.

J. S. MARTIN, M. D.,

Professor of Chemistry and Toxicology.

C. ALLEN, M. D.,

Demonstrator of Anatomy.

General Synopsis of Lectures.

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B. F. STEPHENSON, M. D.

The Professor in this Department comprises, in his course of Lectures, a demonstration and description of the entire structure of the human body. His great object is, to afford the Student an accurate knowledge of the Topographical Anatomy of those parts of the body upon which operations can be performed, and to make him thereby, master of the knife in operative Surgery.

That the Student may be thoroughly grounded in the proper appreciation of Surgical diseases, the Professor will demonstrate, by drawings, the peculiarities in organization, in vascularity and nervous distribution of the various tissues of the body.

Through the whole course in this department, endeavors will be made, whether from lectures or demonstrations, to simplify and render practical the instruction imparted to the pupil.

SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE.

State of Illinois, }
MENARD COUNTY } SS.

I *A. N. Johnson* Sheriff of said County, do hereby certify that, by virtue of
an Execution in favor of *W. H. Spears Executor &c*
and against *Benjamin & Stephenson & D. C. Brown*

~~March 21st 1861~~ ~~issued and returned~~ ~~at the~~ ~~of the~~
term, 1860, of the Circuit Court of *Menard* county, for *Two*

Hundred & Six $\frac{67}{100}$ Dollars, Debt and Interest and *Twenty Five*
 $\frac{10}{100}$ Dollars cost, I did in pursuance of the statute in such cases made

and provided on the *13th* day of *April* 1861, offer at public sale the
following described Real Estate to wit *Lots No Thru (3) Four (4)
Five (5) and Six (6) in Block No Twenty (20) in the Town
of Petersburg the undivided one half of the above described
Lots, in the County of Menard and State of Illinois*

and *W. H. Spears* having bid the sum of
Two Hundred & Thirty One $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars, and being the highest and
best bidder became the purchaser.

NOW IF THE SAID *Lots* so sold should not be redeemed within
fifteen months from this date, according to law, then the said *W. H. Spears*
will be entitled to a deed for the same.

Given under my hand and seal this *13th* day of *April* 1861.

A. N. Johnson [SEAL]

Sheriff of Menard County, Illinois.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

NOTICE.

To [Handwritten Name] You are hereby notified to make out and leave at my office in [Handwritten Office] on

or before the [Handwritten Date] day of [Handwritten Month] 1867, a statement in the following form, of all the personal property, moneys and credits which you are required by law to list, together with a list showing the description of all real property in this County, sold or purchased by you since the first day of April, 1866, and the name of the person purchased from or sold to.

Dated, [Handwritten Date] 1867. [Handwritten Name] ASSESSOR.

STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, Moneys and Credits, subject to taxation in SANGAMON County, for the year 1867, belonging to [Handwritten Name] listed by [Handwritten Name]

Table with columns: No., Value, Net Value. Rows include: 1. Horses (1, 40), 2. Cattle, 3. Mules and Asses, 4. Sheep, 5. Hogs, 6. Carriages (1), 7. Watches and Clocks (1), 8. Piano Fortes (1), 9. Average Value of Merchandise, 10. Value of Property owned as a Broker, 11. Value of Materials, Manufactured Articles, &c., owned as Manufacturer, 12. Value of Moneys and Credits, 13. Value of Money invested in Bonds, Stock, &c., 14. Value of Personal Property not enumerated (200). Total Value of Personal Property, Moneys and Credits.

The owner or person listing the property is not required to fix a value thereon; but if the property be not shown to the assessor, he should describe the quality of the property, and when the list is left to be filled up, he should give the number, and should note the quality of the property on the back of the certificate. Property is to be listed with reference to the quantity on hand on the first day of April, and valued at its cash value.

Farmers, merchants and manufacturers are authorized to deduct from the value of the products of this State, the amount they may owe for such products, or that they may owe for moneys invested therein, but they cannot deduct such indebtedness from the value of any other property.

The fourteenth item must include all personal property which is not included in any of the other items, such as household furniture, steamboats and other boats, and all shares in such boats, &c.

NUMBER OF ACRES IN CULTIVATION.

Table with columns: Acres Wheat, Acres Corn, Other Field Products.

NOTE.—The return of acres in cultivation is for statistical information only, and not for purposes of taxation; therefore no valuation of the crops need be given. The blanks are to be filled with the whole number of acres cultivated during the previous year, as owing to the date at which property is required to be assessed, the acres in cultivation during the current year, cannot be determined. The blank for "other field products" should be filled with the whole number of acres cultivated in other crops than wheat or corn, not including meadow or pasture lands.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, } SANGAMON COUNTY.

I certify that I have, according to the best of my knowledge and belief listed all the personal property moneys and credits subject to taxation, owned or held by me, and all that I am required by law to list, either for myself or others, and that the above is a true and correct statement hereof as I verily believe.

[Handwritten Signature]

Springfield Ill^s Dec 7, 1868

John D Strong

Sir - After mature deliberation and consulting with my particular friends I have concluded that if the office of Detective for this District (Revenue) is vacant I want it for some private reasons (all your friends) of our own. In my maneuvering for supervisor I became possessed of some facts which cause us to think there is another big steal and they will never suspect me of being a detective, and hence I can catch them in a trap. I of course only want it for a time and would want no one to know that I had it or ever did (here is a word I cant ^{strong} use) the office - If you can manage this right away you will accommodate all the friends who assisted you the other day - Yours
B.F. Stephenson

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Yours B.F. Stephenson

In this letter Dr. Stephenson reveals a method in dealing with the political aspect of his life. In a letter to General Logan he also refers to his ability to work in a manner that no one will expect his real motives. Was the Doctor a small time political tool of others, as he has been accused? This letter seems to confirm that he may have certainly been more involved than we have known.

Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
Philadelphia, 186

DEAR SIR:

Your favor of _____ is received. In reply, I would say that the membership of the Grand Army of the Republic consists of *Honorably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors* only, and that the following are the objects sought to be accomplished by the organization:—

- 1st. The preservation of those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together, with the strong cords of love and affection, the comrades in arms of many battles, sieges and marches.
- 2d. To make these ties available in works and results of kindness, of favor and material aid to those in need of assistance.
- 3d. To make provision, where it is not already done, for the support, care and education of soldiers' orphans, and for the maintenance of the widows of deceased soldiers.
- 4th. For the protection and assistance of disabled soldiers, whether disabled by wounds, sickness, old age, or misfortune.
- 5th. For the establishment and defence of the rights of the late soldiery of the United States, morally, socially and politically, with a view to inculcate a proper appreciation of their services to the country, and to a recognition of such services and claims by the American people.

I should be pleased if a "Post" could be organized in your Town, and trust that you will take hold and energetically push the matter.

Enclosed I send you a blank application for charter, which, after being signed, you will return to these Head-quarters, when a Staff Officer will be sent to master in and organize your Post.

By order of

LOUIS WAGNER,
Provisional Commander Department.

James Given
A. A. Gen'l.

Head-Quarters Grand Army of the Republic, U. S.
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, November 22, 1866.

SPECIAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

Brov. Brig. Gen. LOUIS WAGNER, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is hereby appointed temporary Commander of the Provisional Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, for the purpose of organizing Districts and Posts in said Department.

Gen. Wagner will make all reports promptly to the General Head-Quarters at Springfield, Illinois.

By order of

Maj. Gen. S. A. HURLBUT,
Commanding Grand Army of the Republic.

B. F. STEPHENSON,
Adjutant-General.

Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
PHILADELPHIA, November 28, 1866.

OFFICIAL:

James Given
A. A. Gen'l.

Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.
PHILADELPHIA, November 27, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 1. }

I. In accordance with Special Orders No. 1, Head-Quarters G. A. of the R., U. S., dated Springfield, Ill., November 22, 1866, I hereby assume command of this Department.

II. Commanders of Posts, G. A. of the R., within the limits of this Department, will at once report to these Head-quarters, as follows:—

- 1. Name and post-office address of Post Commander.
- 2. Date of organization of post.
- 3. By whose authority organized.
- 4. Present strength.
- 5. Location—Town, County and Congressional District.

III. A Provisional Department Staff will be announced in future orders.

IV. Honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors desirous of organizing posts of the Grand Army of the Republic within this Department will address these Head-quarters

LOUIS WAGNER,

Provisional Commander Dep't of Penna., G. A. of the R., U. S.

OFFICIAL:

James Given
A. A. Gen'l.

Head-Quarters Department of Pennsylvania,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, November 28, 1866.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

The following gentlemen are hereby appointed the Provisional Staff of this Department:—

- Col. JAMES GIVIN, A. A. G.
- Capt. WM. J. MACKAY, A. Q. M. G.
- Brov. Brig. Gen. E. R. BILES, A. A. D. C.
- Capt. J. HARRISON LAMBDAIN, A. A. D. C.
- Brov. Lt. Col. WASHINGTON M. WORRALL, A. A. D. C.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

LOUIS WAGNER,

Provisional Commander Dep't of Penna., G. A. of the R., U. S.

OFFICIAL:

James Given
A. A. Gen'l.

Headquarters Department of New York,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, July 18th, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 3. }

I. The following appointment upon the staff of this Department having been confirmed by the Council of Administration, is announced for the information of this command, and will be respected accordingly:

Aid-de-Camp,—Comrade J. HOWARD YOUNG of the District of Kings.

He will take rank from the 26th day of June, 1867, and will at once report by letter to these Headquarters.

II. The following named comrades having been appointed permanent Commanders of their respective Districts, and the appointments having been confirmed by the Council of Administration, they are hereby announced as follows:

District of the Highlands,—DANIEL ULLMANN of Piermont, with rank from the 20th day of April, 1867;

District of Oneida,—DAVID F. RITCHIE of Utica, with rank from the 20th day of May, 1867;

District of Montgomery,—ANGELL MATTHEWSON of Fort Plain, Post No. 10, to take rank from the 20th day of June, 1867.

They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Immediately upon the receipt of this order the above named Commanders will assume command of their respective Districts, and as soon as practicable will appoint their staffs, in accordance with Section 1, of Article 17 of the Rules and Regulations. The District of the Highlands and Oneida will remain as constituted by General Orders No. 3, of December 7th, 1866, and No. 5, of February 6th, 1867. The District of Montgomery will consist of the county of the same name.

IV. It is also announced for the information of this command that the resignation of Commander CURTIS C. GARDINER of the District of Chemung, has been accepted to date from the 2nd of July, 1867, and that Comrade G. L. SMITH of Post No. 6, was on the same date detailed as temporary Commander of that District. He will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Official information of the following dishonorable discharge, and of the rejection of the following named applicants for enlistment, having been received at these Headquarters, they are hereby announced for the information and guidance of the several Posts:

HENRY B. NEWMAN, late private of C. Co. 10th Regiment of Kansas Volunteers, a native of New York, aged thirty-two years, dishonorably discharged from Post No. 82, District of Adams, Department of Illinois, on the 9th of February, 1867, upon the sentence of a court-martial for "conduct unbecoming a soldier and a gentleman, and unworthy of a comrade of the Army."

SAMUEL EDGAR, late of the 12th Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, rejected by Syracuse Post No. 7, Department of New York, on the 13th day of June, 1867:

WILLIAM WARNER, late of the 101st Regiment of New York Volunteer Infantry, rejected by Syracuse Post No. 7, Department of New York, on the 20th day of June, 1867.

By Order of JAMES B. MCKEAN, Grand Commander.

FRANK J. BRAMHALL,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Official:

E. Toussaint
Aid-de-Camp.

Headquarters Department of New York,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
NEW YORK, July 22nd, 1867.

GENERAL ORDERS, }
No. 4. }

I. Post Commanders will promptly report to these Headquarters, through the regular channels, all elections and resignations of officers, with the names and dates thereof; all rejections of applicants for enlistment, in accordance with Section 4, of Article V. of the Rules and Regulations; and all court-martials, suspensions, and dishonorable discharges in accordance with Section 5, of Article VI.

II. The reports required by Section 1, of Article XIV of the Rules and Regulations, and by Paragraph II of General Orders No. 7 of March 20th, 1867, must be forwarded promptly within ten days of the expiration of the quarter for which they are made, and will bear in addition to the information required by the blank form furnished therefor, the date of election of the officers reported therein, the time and place of the engagements of the Post, and the names of all comrades transferred from the Post with the dates of such transfers and the Posts to which they were transferred. The names of comrades received by transfer will be borne on the muster roll of recruits for the quarter with the date of transfer, instead of date of muster, and in the column of "Remarks," the Post from which he was transferred.

III. No recruit shall be mustered by any Department or District officer under any circumstances, unless written application be made in accordance with Section 1, of Article V of the Rules and Regulations, and the recruit be attached to a regularly organized Post, upon the rolls of which his name shall be borne. The mustering officer will date and sign the certificate of muster on the back of the application, and forward it with the fee for enlistment and muster to the Post to which the recruit is attached. All comrades of the Army in this Department not members of any Post will join without delay the Post nearest their respective places of residence, and no person will be recognized as a comrade who is not a member of a Post.

IV. The following regulation having received the approval of the Council of Administration is published for the information of this Command, and will be strictly observed by every Post therein.

Comrades will not be admitted to encampments of Posts in this Department upon the general password or parole merely, and sentinels will be instructed to pass within the lines only those who give the countersign of the Post, except upon the order of the Post Commander. Should any comrade who has not the countersign of the Post demand admittance, he will give his name and the number of his Post, upon receiving which the sentinel at the reserve will advance to near the center of the room, come to a shoulder, salute the commander, and report. If any comrade present vouch for the visitor's connection with the Grand Army of the Republic, the Commander will direct the sentinel to admit him, but otherwise will instruct the Senior Vice Commander to proceed to the outpost and test the visitor, when he will be admitted upon the favorable report of that officer and not otherwise. A proper regard for soldierly discipline and the observance of the important details of camp regulations, and the duties of sentinels, will never forget the maxim that "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

V. Countersigns will be promulgated quarterly by Post Commanders in general orders, and will never be used outside of the encampment save when given to the sentinel to secure admittance. The countersign may however be changed at any time if in the judgment of the Commander it should be demanded by the interests of the Post.

By Order of JAMES B. MCKEAN, Grand Commander.

FRANK J. BRAMHALL,

Assistant Adjutant General.

Official:

J. Howard Young
Aid-de-Camp.

LETTER TO G.U. MILES REGARDING DEBTS

Springfield Ills.
July 23 1869

Major G. U. Miles }
Pittsby }
Ills }
}

Some years ago I signed
a note for Jacob Coody which was to pay for a horse
he brought from it as "George" but had to present
my duty so but could not catch my eye & horse
I signed it at is now nearly double, I was denied
once for the note since being here I saw Jack &
Jack told me it was paid he also told his uncle
Richard it was paid, It is this day presented
to me for payment, it will take my horse
or buggy one, and I have lost my utah place
and have to go to work hard again to make
I support for my infirm family I cannot do
without my horse and buggy I feel distressed I
thought I was done paying security debts Major I
have to have my horse & buggy put up and sold
would not his uncle club up & pay it rather
than to have my property sold It does appear to me
that I never will get my head above water again
please Major or the Dry & help me out of this
scrape The Man is willing to give any time
Monday I will pay but unless I do in will see it
he knows he can make it out of me B. P. Stephenson

ANSWER FROM G. U. MILES

Petersburg Ill July 25th - 1869
 Dr B. F. Stephenson Springfield Ill

My Dear Sir

It is within grieves me every much the time has been that I cant & would help you but now unfortunately for me I am not able to do it. I have had to sell my home to pay my debts & now am without a shelter to put my head under of my own ^{of own} Simon Rickard \$2,000 John F. Miles (my nephew) \$1,500 & my Brother R. B. Miles \$1,100

I am Post Master here but it yields me but a mear trifle it takes two assistants to tend it at \$300. a year each besides office rent fuel lites & Stationary - leaving a mear pittance for me - if I ever am able to do you a favor I will shortly do it

G. U. Miles

The National Asylum for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.

MANAGERS.

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 The Chief Justice. The Secretary of War. } His Offices.

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Major E. E. TRACY, Deputy Governor.
 Dr. C. McDERMONT, Surgeon.
 Capt. A. P. WOODRUFF, Treas. & Steward
 _____ Chaplain.
 Mrs. E. L. MILLER, Matron.

Central Asylum, Columbus Ohio Aug 6 1869

Comrade B. F. Stephenson A. S. S. A. K
 Dear Sir

I take the liberty of enquiring of You in what manner I can have a Department of the Grand Army of the Republic established in the State of Georgia - I write You at the request of my Brother (an ex Union Officer) who informs me that there is upwards of a

Hundred of Union Officers & Soldiers in
 the City of Atlanta (where he resides) who
 wish to have a post established there.
 And as there is no branch of our Organiz-
 ation in Georgia at present I wish
 to know if it is the intention of
 the Commanding Officers to organize
 a Post in the State and in what way
 if any can I be of Service to you in
 so doing. Please answer at an early
 date and oblige Yours, Fraternally
 Finley W. Basline
 Late Private Co C 115th Ohio Inf

LETTER FROM CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT WITH 3BN CUT.



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Head-Quarters Department of Connecticut,

Norwich, Conn., July 13 1864

Major P. F. Stephenson
 Adj^{nt} Genl &c

Comrade

For completing
 files & the information of this Dept. Please
 the honor to request that you be furnished
 with your Order N. S. G. A. R. No 1 to 38 inclu-
 sive

Your comrade
 J. H. Leames
 Adj.

LETTER CONCERNING DR. STEPHENSON'S HEALTH

I hereby certify that I am well acquainted with B. F. Stephenson late surgeon of the 4th Regt Ill^o Vols having known him for a period of twenty years who is now an applicant for Invalid Pension he is suffering severely from Chronic rheumatism his right side being more affected than the left, the disease is very painful of nights at times preventing sleep for whole nights together his feet and legs often swell so that it is impossible for him to wear boots his arms and shoulders are so affected that it is difficult for him to put on or off his coat at any time and though once a slender person he is now rarely able to write at all and then in the most scrawl
I am ~~well~~ satisfied his disease is the result of

exposures and arduous labors while in the Army
I knew him well while in the service and he was a most faithful and indefatigable worker one whose whole heart was in the cause.
The applicant in my opinion is wholly disabled and I fear will remain so he is a man of good habits in all things and have no hesitation in affirming that his disease was contracted while in the service and in the line of duty my knowledge of the above facts is from personal observation and I further certify that I have no interest whatever in the prosecution of this claim for Pension

A. S. Dodds M.D.

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G.A.R. & RELATED G.A.R. Badges, Medals, Ribbons

General — No State

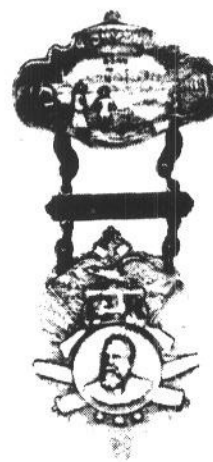
2695. **G.A.R. Medal.** Obv. standing soldier with rifle, two tents. Rev. G.A.R. badge, "Fraternity-Charity-Loyalty, 1861-1865." White-metal, 38mm, top hole. Mostly bright XF+ \$10.00-\$12.50+



2696. **Past President Daughters of Union Veterans Badge, ca. 1890.** Very fine quality rolled gold plate 2 part badge. Top pin bar enameled blue "President," chain to pendant, legend, etc. No ribbon, 1 1/4 x 2 1/4". Scarce! Choice XF \$25.00-\$35.00+
2697. **Enameled Committee Badge.** Top pin bar, rwb; ribbon (frayed), pendant with "GAR" enameled rwb, on bz., 32 x 65mm. XF \$10.00-\$12.50+
2698. **Last Reunion Pinback, 1938.** Multicolor pinback & ribbon. "75th Anniversary/1983-1938/(Union & Confed. soldiers shaking hands, crossed flags)/ Battle of Gettysburg." 32mm. Choice AU. \$12.50-\$15.00+
2699. **Womans Relief Corps "J.V. President" Badge.** 3-part: top pin bar; mint yellow ribbon, WRC cross pendant. Bz, 1 1/2 x 3". In original box! Choice UNC \$10.00-\$12.50+
2700. **W.R.L. "Executive Board" Badge.** Same as above, but different top pin bar. In original box! Choice UNC \$10.00-\$12.50+
2701. **W.R.C. "Field" Badge.** Same as above, but different top pin bar. In original box! Choice UNC \$10.00-\$12.50+
2702. **W.R.C. "Special Aid" Badge.** Similar to above, but different top pin bar, with small pendant over ribbon. XF \$10.00-\$12.50+
2703. **G.A.R. Business Card.** Of Lorenzo D. Immell, Washington, MO. Claims agent. Color G.A.R. badge on cream. VF/XF.
2704. **Lot of 8 G.A.R. & Related Ribbons.** Mavericks, but attributable: Mallory Lake; Williams Post 78; Stauffer; J.B. Denworth, etc. 7 diff., all custom mounted on cardboard cards, ca. 2 x 6", various colors, condition. Ave. VF \$35.00-\$40.00+
2705. **Lot of 15 G.A.R. & Related Ribbons.** Similar to above lot, on cards, but less attributable, one detailed bust, several "PA" ribbons, somewhat smaller, ca. 1 x 6, varies. Ave. F\$15.00-\$17.50+

By State Where Used

2706. **Interesting Collection of 12 Badges & Buttons.** All mounted on 9 x 12" cardboard, from an old collection. Includes PA 32rd Enc.; D.C. 1892; 26th Enc., W-M medal; PA Reading 39th Enc., 1906; IL: Freeport 44th Annual Enc., 1910; 2 part standard G.A.R. badge; MA Lynn shoe badge; CT Ansonia, Memorial ribbon; 4 buttons. Nice arrangement. Ave. VF/UNC \$85.00-\$95.00+
2707. **CO: Denver 62nd National Encampment Badge, 1928.** Top eagle pin, two ribbons behind two pendants: Moffat Tunnel and Elbridge Hawk bust. Bronze, 1 1/4 x 7". Choice XF\$17.50-\$20.00+
2708. **CO: Pueblo, 1906 Impressive Badge.** A most interesting badge believed to be G.A.R. From top pin (RR track) are two nuggets of copper & silver (?) ore (3rd missing). Behind is a purple ribbon (poor from rub of nuggets): "Grand ??? Re-Union 1906" with interesting metal pendant of "Minnequa Steel Works - Pueblo, Colo.," shown. Another ribbon behind, "Visit/Pueblo/No. 90," gold on white. 2 1/2 x 7". F/VF, stains, frayed as noted. \$15.00-\$20.00+
2709. **D.C.: Reunion 8 U.S.C.A. Heavy Washington, D.C., Ribbon, 1892.** Capitol bldg. Black on red, 2 1/2 x 6", on card. XF/AU. \$10.00-\$12.50+
2710. **Dedication of Statue to William Tecumseh Sherman, Washington, Ribbon, 1903.** Photo pin & ribbon. "34th Reunion Society of the Army of the Tennessee," Oct 15-16, 1903, gold on blue ribbon, with celluloid photo pinback at top, 44mm; 2 1/4 x 5 1/2". Was this the status by Augustus Saint-Gaudens? Choice XF, cello yellowed \$22.50-\$25.00+
2711. **D.C.: 30th Dept. Convention Women's Relief Corps, Washington Ribbon, 1913.** Delegate ribbon, black on white; screen Washington monument behind, 2 1/2 x 7 1/2", on card. VF/XF, pin holes, spotting \$15.00-\$17.50+
2712. **IL: Aurora 65th Annual Encampment, Dept. of IL, 1931.** Medal. Obv. bust of A.C. Best, Cmd. Rev. legend. Bronze, 39mm, top hole. XF/AU.



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2712. **IN: Richmond 32nd Encampment Badge, 1911.** 3 part bronze badge, enameled "GAR," bust of Starr, 2 x 4 1/4". Choice XF \$15.00-\$17.50+
2714. **IN: Indianapolis W.R.C. Convention Badge, 1913.** 3-part bronze, W.R.C. logo, pendant of Foster, statue on lower pendant, Dept. of Ind., 2 x 4 1/4". Choice XF \$15.00-\$17.50+
2715. **IN: 2: Indianapolis National Encampment Sons of Veterans Badges, 1920 & 1921.** Lot of 2 similar 4-part badges, top pin bar, silver on gold ribbon, bar, pendant. Both XF+, one ribbon frayed \$30.00-\$32.50+
2716. **IN: Indianapolis Ladies of the G.A.R. National Conv., PA Delegate Ribbon, 1949.** Gold on red, 1 1/2 x 4 1/2". XF.
2717. **IN: Indianapolis Daughters of Union Veterans Delegate Ribbon, 1949.** 59th National Conv. Black on gold, 1 1/2 x 4 1/2", pin. AU.
2718. **IA: Des Moines State Encampment Badge, 1902.** 2 part, top/pin: "Souvenir," star shape pendant. Gilt bronze, 1 1/4 x 2 1/4". XF/AU \$12.50-\$15.00+
2719. **IA: Mason City Memorial University Dedication Button, 1904.** Celluloid pinback, 1 3/4", picture of building. "Dedicated to G.A.R." XF/AU, yellowed \$12.50-\$15.00+

Other G.A.R. & Related Items

2720. IA: Des Moines 60th National Encampment Badge, 1926. 4-part "Representative" top bar, pendant, gold ribbon & pendant of human. Cmdr. Bz. 2 x 4 1/2". XF. \$15.00-\$20.00
2721. MA: Dept. of Mass. Badge, ca. 1892. 3-part, pin/bar, white ribbon (frayed), MA seal, "Adopted 1892," etc. on bz. pendant. 1 1/2 x 3/4". XF, dirt. \$10.00-\$12.50
2722. MA: Dept. of Mass. Ladies of the G.A.R. Ribbon. Badge printed on ribbon. Back on red. 1 1/2 x 4". VF, short at bottom.
2723. MA: Boston 35th National Encampment Badge, 1904. 3-part bronze, with alan, center in lower pendant. Official Souvenir. 1 1/2 x 3". XF, pin broken.
2724. (MA) Boston — Idaho Ribbon, 1917. Large "IDAHO" in blue & red on white ribbon, on card. 2 1/2 x 3 1/2". XF. \$10.00-\$12.50
2725. MA: Boston LYCOLN National Encampment Badge, 1924. Unlisted in King. Lincoln. 6-part bronze & enameled badge. Top pin enameled red, 4 bars, bust of Lincoln right, legend around rim. 1 1/2 x 5/8". Struck by Robbins Co. Scarce. Choice XF. \$25.00-\$30.00
2726. MA: Boston Sons of Union Veterans 49th Encampment Ribbon, 1950. Black on yellow. 1 1/2 x 4 1/2". pin XF.
2727. ME: Portland 63rd National Encampment Badge, 1929. 5-part badge, top eagle pin with rib ribbon (frayed, poor), bar & 2 pendants — statue & bust of Nease, cmdr. Bz & N.S. 2 x 6". Choice XF, except ribbon. \$20.00-\$22.50
2728. MN: Minneapolis 40th Nat'l Encampment Badge, 1906. 2-part. Souvenir, star shaped pendant. Gilt bronze. 1 1/2 x 2 1/2". Choice AU. \$10.00-\$12.50
2729. NY: Dept. of New York Badge. 3-part, top pin-bar, "Excelsior", purple ribbon (frayed); oval pendant with smoking man, bz. 1 1/2 x 1". Choice XF. \$10.00-\$12.50
2730. NY: Utica 34th Annual Encampment Delegate Badge, 1900. 4-part, top bar, red ribbon; bar, pendant of Kay, cmdr. "Compliment of the Citizens of Utica," handshakes, nicely done! Choice XF. \$15.00-\$17.50
2731. (NY): Saratoga Springs 41st National Encampment Ribbon, 1907. Top cello pin, separate rwb flag on top of gold on red ribbon, tassels, 2 1/2 x 7". VF/XF. \$15.00-\$17.50
2732. NY: Albany Ladies of the G.A.R. 22nd Annual Dept. Conv., 1915. 4-part badge with photo of Mrs. Smith, pres., on lower pendant. Delegate pin, red ribbon. 1 1/2 x 3". XF \$12.50-\$15.00
2733. NY: Buffalo Sons of Union Veterans National Conv. Ribbon, 1953. Auxiliary — Rhode Island. Black on white, 2 1/2 x 5". F/VF, folds, stains.
2734. NE: Omaha Ladies of G.A.R. 11th Annual Conv. Ribbon, 1902. Gold stamped on rwb ribbon, 2 x 3 1/2", on card. XF. \$10.00-\$12.50
2735. OR: Astoria 26th Annual Conv. W.R.C. Ribbon, 1918. Dept. of Drs. Red & blue lagon white ribbon, 2 1/2 x 7 1/2", on card. VF/XF. \$12.50-\$15.00
2736. OR: Portland S.U.V. 29th Encampment Ribbon, 1951. Auxiliary 9. Eugene, OR. Blue on white, 1 1/2 x 3 1/2". XF.
2737. (PA): Boys in Blue of Philadelphia. In gold on blue ribbon, 2 1/2 x 6", on card. Faded VF.
2738. PA: Philadelphia 33rd National Encampment Badge, 1899. 5-part enameled rwb badge. Top pin bar "Member" with pendant Liberty Bell. Rwb/gold ribbon, double pendant below of enameled rwb flags, etc. Bz. 2 x 4 1/2". Nice! Choice AU. \$17.50-\$20.00
2739. (PA): Allentown Walton Ribbon, 1903. For commander of PA G.A.R. Silver on blue, 1 1/2 x 5", on card. UNC.
2740. (PA): Erie Gran Ribbon, 1908. Silver on blue & gold, 1 1/2 x 5", on card. UNC.
2741. PA: Harrisburg Sons of Union Veterans 70th National Encampment Badge, 1956. 3-part, top name pin, gold ribbon; cel. loid button with photo of the "G.A.R. Memorial - Dedicated 1956 - Gettysburg, PA." Black on yellow. Overall 2 x 5". VF/KF. \$12.50-\$15.00
2742. SD: Pierre 28th Annual Conv. W.R.C. Badge, 1911. Top rwb ribbon/pin gold stamped; cello button with view of state capitol, etc. 1 1/2 x 3 1/2". Choice AU. \$10.00-\$12.50
2743. TX: San Antonio 31st Annual Encampment, Feb. 1916. G.A.R. standard badge obv., Dept. of Texas, etc. Bronze. 35 x 47mm. XF. \$15.00-\$20.00
2744. WI: Milwaukee 23rd Nat'l Encampment Badge, 1899. 3-part badge. Badge top pin; rwb ribbon & 2 pins. White-metal pendant/metal of WI state seal, G.A.R. 1890, etc. 39mm. 1 1/2 x 3 1/2". XF. \$15.00-\$17.50
2745. Incredible Collection of 30 Different G.A.R. Brass Buttons. An impressive group of 30 brass buttons, believed to be all different, some duplication possible, carefully mounted on 9 x 12" heavy cardboard with variety differences noted. All ca. 1 1/2". From an old collection. A rare set that would be difficult, if not impossible, to duplicate! Ready for framing. Choice XF/AU. \$150.00-\$175.00
2747. Collection of 20 Buttons & Badges. Interesting mounted collection of 12 different large and 8 mixed small G.A.R. brass buttons. All on 9 x 2" heavy cardboard. Hand drawn design of GAR hat, etc. Center a 3-part badge of the C.T. Thompson 50th Annual Reunion of the 2nd Cav. Heavy Arty., 1915, with photo of cmdr. with GAR hat & badge. Row of boxes mentions the type of each button. Rare grouping and very nice! Avg. Choice XF/AU. \$125.00-\$150.00
2748. Some of Confederate Veterans Document Group, ca. 1937. Interesting lot of 6 documents, awards, etc. all related to "Leah A. Pettus," many with elaborate hand lettering, include citations of service, certificates of office, etc. All with gold seal & ribbon, signed, etc. From 8 x 11 to 11 x 14". Avg. VF/XF \$15.00-\$20.00

Red Wing Astronomy

2749. "Reunion 6th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, 1898-1927." All in white on blue, 5 1/2" dia. Center crossed rifles. "St. Monmouth Ill." Not marked. Choice XF/AU. \$45.00-\$60.00
2750. W.R.C. Cast Iron Flag Stand. Massive 4-point, 6 1/2" diameter cast iron stand, four slots & ballast, 3" high. "W.R.C." in each of 4 sections of cross. "Loyalty, Fraternity, Charity, 1863" outside. XF, gold on top of black stain, chipping. \$22.50-\$25.00
2751. W.R.C. Cast Iron Flag Stand. Similar to above in size, weight, etc. outside of cross: "Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic." Pat. 1924 date on underside, Minneapolis. Original finish. Choice XF. \$25.00-\$27.50
2752. Tin Cup, Toledo, OH, 1906. "2nd Nat'l Encampment, G.A.R. Made by American Cup Company." Nice tin cup, 3 1/2" across, 2 1/2" tall, litho red & blue. VF, chip on litho. \$22.50-\$25.00
2753. Book: "History of the Grand Army of the Republic." Interesting book by Robert Beath. This copy has had newspaper & other clippings pasted over some pages, others removed. HB, gold on blue cover, 7 x 10". Interesting. VF. \$17.50-\$20.00

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A PAGE FROM THE MINUTES ADOPTING THE GREAT REPUBLIC AS THE
"Official national organ of the Grand Army of the Republic"

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Commander Stephenson offered the following resolutions which were adopted.

Resolved, That 'The Great Republic' be, and is hereby adopted as the national organ of the Grand Army of the Republic."

The Great Republic is paper edited in Washington D.C. by L. Edwin Dudley, was for some time the organ of the G.A.R.

After the Indianapolis Convention, J. B. Webber, mentioned previously in these pages as one of the assistant Adj. Generals of the preliminary organization became Adj. Gen. Department of Illinois.

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