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"Poor is the nation that has no heroes; shameful is the nation that has them and forgets."



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President's Corner

by Dennis Loba

Hello again everyone and welcome new members! Summer is almost over and I hope everyone has enjoyed their vacations and other outings usually scheduled this time of year. I haven't been able to get out to any of the "shows," so unfortunately I've not seen any of you all "out making the rounds".

I traveled recently to Richmond, Virginia to attend the "Charter Presentation" meeting of the "The Army of the James Camp #1864," Sons of Union Veterans. I was lucky enough to know who was organizing the Camp so I was listed on it as one of its Charter members. While "we" are not the first organization

related to Union Veterans to exist in Richmond it was certainly a big step to have once again something like this there. I encourage anyone who can, to join a Sons or Daughters (Union and/or Confederate) organization to help perpetuate our Veteran's memories. That's all for now.....

Correspondence Notice

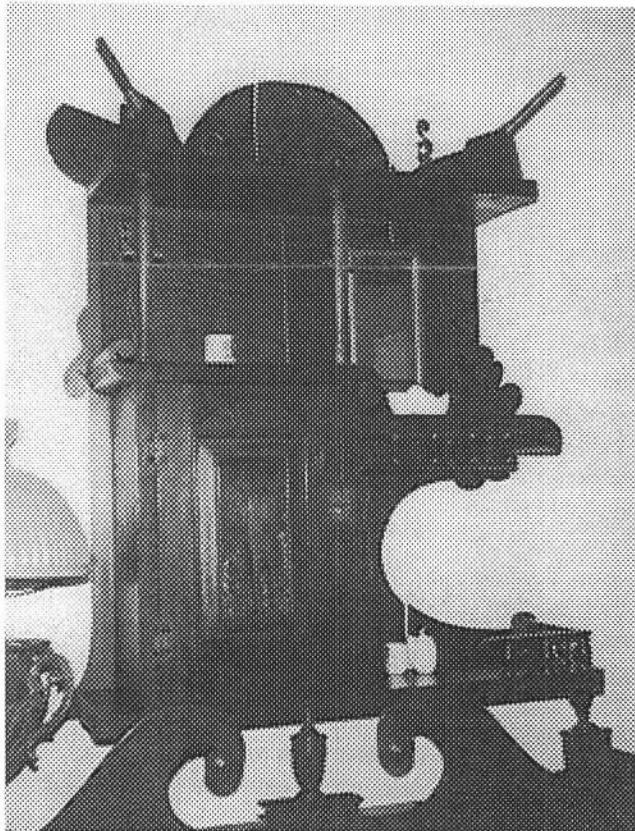
by Sec. Rance Hulshart

Lately a good bit of mail has been sent to Howard Siglag concerning a variety of club matters, mostly the newsletter. Mr. Siglag's job as treasurer is basically just to keep track of the clubs money. All such mail which he receives is forwarded to me as club secretary and editor of our newsletter *The Veteran*. In order to receive a faster response and eliminate the need of Mr. Siglag forwarding these letters to me I urge members to send any such mail directly to me. You'll find my address on the following page. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated by both Howard and myself.

GAR Hanging Cabinet

by David Maloney

This incredible and delightful "folk art" carved Civil War commemorative wall cabinet (left) was recently being offered for \$4,000. I didn't buy it, nor do I know who did or for how much. All I know is that I get goose bumps just thinking about it! The soldier's name, rank and date and "G.A.R." are carved into the arched crest which is flanked by two free-standing cannons and a pile of cannon balls atop a shelf that is supported with gilt cannon columns behind which is a carved American flag to the left listing the many battles in which the veteran apparently fought. To the right of the flag is a gilt-framed mirror. Beneath the flag is a hinged raised paneled cabinet door carved with a high bridge over a very dramatic abyss; above the panel is a arched lunette carved with "E Pluribus Unum".



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Feature Museum

The Friends Of The National Parks At Gettysburg, Inc. whose office is located at 10 Lincoln Square is featuring a C.W. veteran's display in the Pathway Exhibitor Center which is located at the same address but is in the front of the building. This is right next to the

Willis House on the square of Gettysburg, Pa. Featured will be items from Rance Hulshart's collection along with others. The display will begin June 17, 1994 and run until the end of October. While in Gettysburg, stop by and visit this display I am sure you will enjoy it.

Secretary's Message

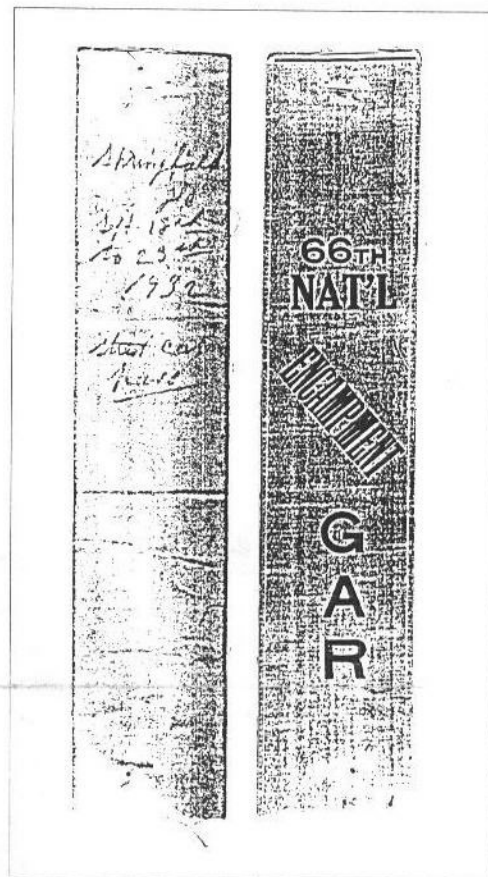
It was my pleasure speaking with many of our members at the July, Gettysburg C.W. Show. Quite a few that I spoke with either purchased something nice at the show or had recently purchased something elsewhere. It came to my attention at the show that Marshall Brighenti is having further medical difficulties. I urge all members to include him in their prayers asking for a speedy and complete recovery. Marshalls' address is R.D. #2, Box 61, Bell Vernon, PA 15012.

Although I have some articles, etc. on hand I urge members to submit more as it is nice to have an extra supply on hand and as always that are greatly appreciated. It is important to remember while reading and hopefully enjoying our newsletter that without membership support there would be no newsletter. Please take the time in effort to help support your club the C.W.V.H.A. Any member who has submitted an article which has not been used yet, PLEASE do not feel discouraged. Rest assured I keep a file of all pending articles and as space, etc. permits they all will be used. Thank you all who have submitted articles, it helps make my job easier. Our new club membership badges are just about ready. The cost and how to obtain

them should be in the next issue of "The Veteran".

Sorry, friends!

Believe it or not, comrades, this here is the July/August 1994 issue of your beloved bimonthly newsletter, *The VETERAN*. "Why in tarnation is it arrivin' so late?" you ask? Well, my friends, these here high falutin' computers tend to become a might scittish now and then. All's we can do is sits back, scratch our heads, and try figurin' what the heck to do! It took some doin', but got her workin' agin. Don't worry, we'll get back on track soon.
- Dave Maloney



Illustrated to the left is a reduced copy of a ribbon used at the 66th National held at Springfield, Illinois in 1932. Written on the back is "Springfield/ Ills/ Sept. 18th/ to 23rd/ 1932/ Street car/ pass". Apparently these were given out to veterans, etc. entitling them to free or reduced rates on the street cars. Submitted by Nick Luberto.

1893 C.S. Veterans & Organizations in Maryland

from Civil War Roundtable of Frederick County, MD newsletter "Banner of the Blue & Gray" Nov. 1993
submitted by David Maloney

Exactly 100 years ago, Frederick's [Maryland] Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, C.S.A., served as president of the Society of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States in Maryland, a veteran's organization of 1,100 members.

Founded in 1871, the Society's first president was Maj. Gen. Isaac Trimble. The purposes of the organization were to bury Confederate dead,

to assist homeless or unemployed Confederate veterans, to help needy widows and orphans of Maryland Confederates, and to erect monuments.

According the February 1893 issue of the *Confederate Veteran*, in 1874 the Society was active in the establishment of Loudoun Park Cemetery. Moneys to pay for internments of Confederate Marylanders there were in part provided by an appropriation by the state of Maryland.

In 1878 the Society contributed \$1,000 for the Lee Monument in Richmond; in 1880 it erected a Maryland Confederate statue in Winchester; and in 1882 it donated about \$600 to the Southern Historical Society in Richmond.

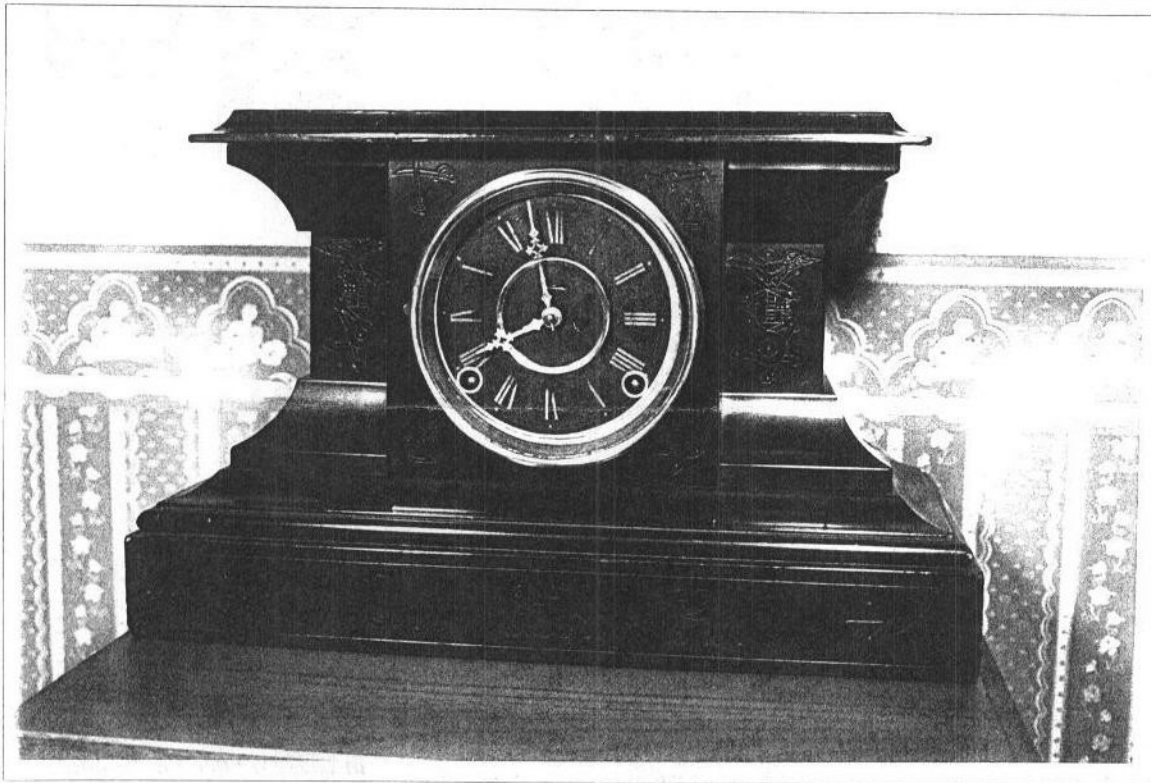
The February 1893 issue of *Confederate Veteran* stated: "No Confederate soldier is denied assistance while

living, nor permitted in death to lie in a pauper's grave. No matter how unfortunate his circumstances in life, a respectful burial, with proper attendance, in the Confederate lot is accorded him."

In 1888, the former buildings of the Pikesville Armory were converted into the Maryland Line Confederate Soldiers' Home. The Legislature of Maryland appropriated \$5,000 per year for its support.

William H. Pope, superintendent of the home in 1893, was an unreconstructed Rebel. "Now, a little insight into the way we do in Maryland," wrote Pope in the November 1893 *Confederate Veteran*. "We have no ex-Confederate societies, but several large, strong, and active Confederate societies. We have never mixed in any manner with the other side—have no joint reunions, no joint

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Illustrated above is a softwood G.A.R. mantel clock made by E. Ingraham & Co., Bristol, Conn. It is ten inches high and sixteen inches long. Stamped on the brass ring around the face is Nov. 10, 78. Pressed into the wood around the face is a branch-of-service motifs. To the left and right of the face is G.A.R. membership badge motifs and along the front base is "G.A.R.". The overall condition including the clock works are in excellent condition. Submitted by Jim Thurston.

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banquets, no decoration or memorial days in common...We *knew* we were right when the war closed, and we *know* today that we are right."

Confederate veterans' organizations in Maryland besides the Society included the Association of the Maryland Line, 600 members; Beneficial Association of the Maryland Line, 300 members; Murray Association, 50 members; Company A, 1st Maryland Cavalry, 30 members; Company C, 1st Maryland Cavalry, 50 members; Alexander Young Camp, Confederates of Frederick County, 100 members; Baltimore Light Artillery Association (2nd Maryland Artillery), 60 mem-

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Dragoons

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ANDERSONVILLE

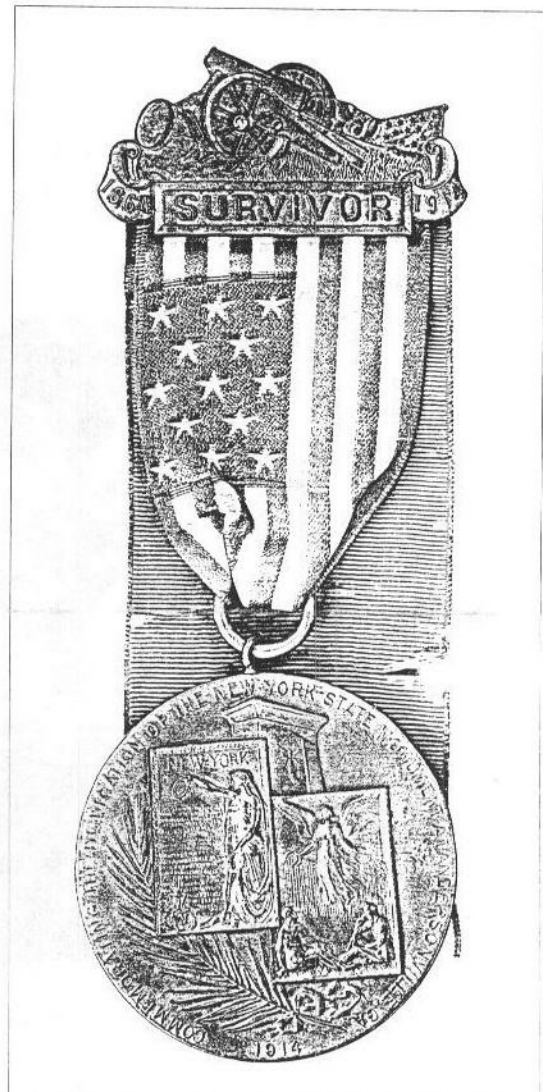
APRIL 29, 1914

By Howard Siglag

During the Civil War, the South used approximately 68 detention centers and prisons to house captured Union troops. The five largest were located at Richmond and Danville, Virginia, Salisbury, North Carolina, Florence, South Carolina and Andersonville, Georgia. In these five Confederate prisons, 36,784 Union detainees died and were buried in adjoining cemeteries of which approximately 10,000 were New York State volunteers. It should be remembered that of all northern prisoners held in southern prisons (there were more than 125,000 in Richmond alone), less than 80 took the Confederate oath of allegiance in order to survive. The rest paid the ultimate price. At Andersonville in the 14 month period between February 1864 and April

1865 there were 49,485 prisoners, almost 10,000 from the State of New York. Of these, 13,722 perished including 2,238 New York State martyrs.

In 1905, a commission from the State of New York was empowered to erect a monument in the national cemetery at Andersonville. This monument (see facing page) was completed in 1911 but remained undedicated. In 1913 New York State passed an act creating a dedication commission of 13 men. Three were New York State senators appointed by the president of senate, five were assemblymen appointed by



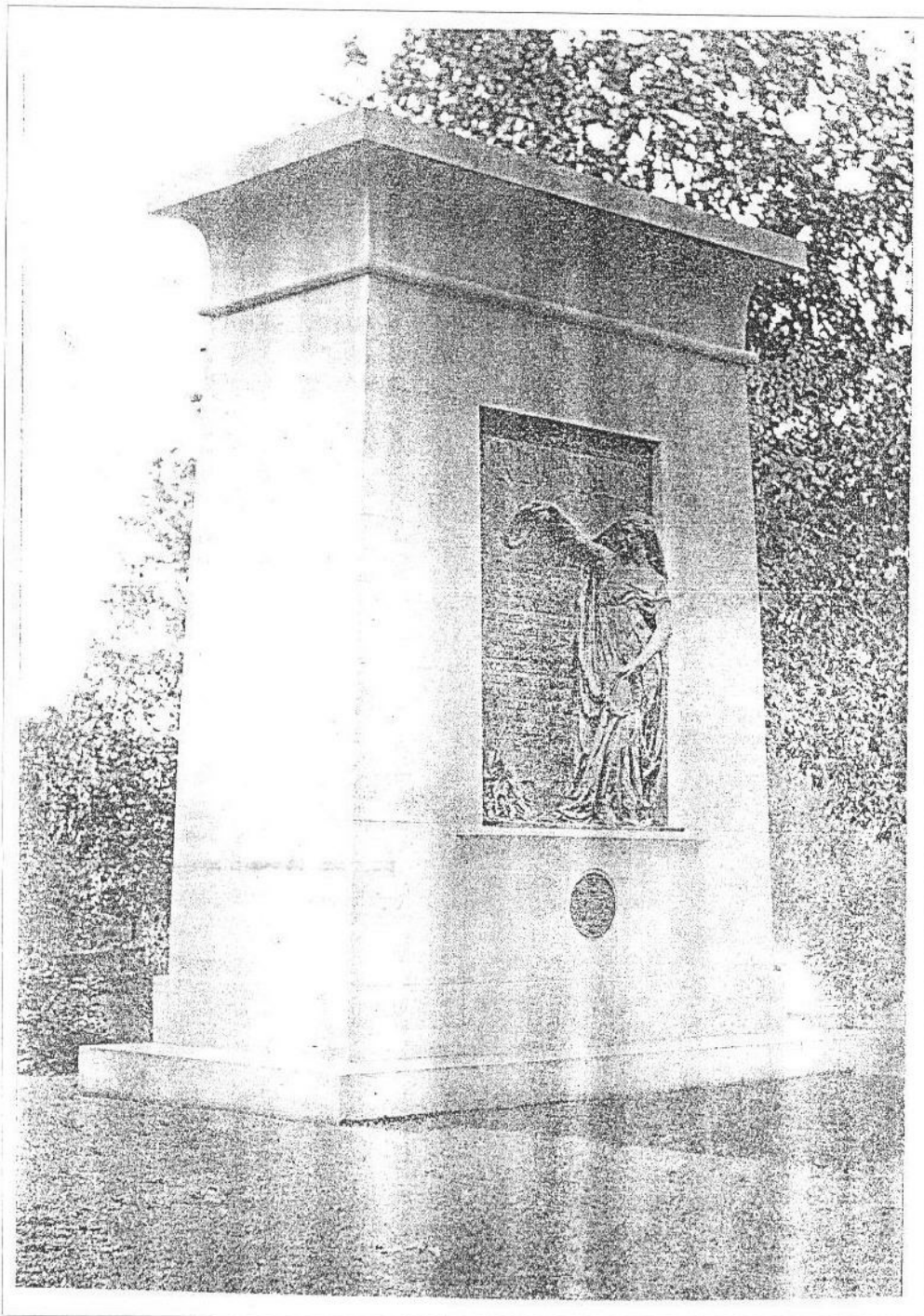
Above. New York State Andersonville Survivor's Medal of Honor

the speaker of the assembly and five were veterans appointed by the governor, all who enlisted from and were presently New York State residents and survivors of Andersonville. The commission planned to invite all enlisted and resident New York State veteran survivors of Andersonville to the dedication ceremony using newspa-

per invitations, direct veteran contact by legislators and through all active New York State G.A.R. posts. Of the estimated 400 New York State veteran Andersonville survivors in 1913, 248 were in good enough health to be considered for the trip. They were to supply a medical certificate to make the 3,000 mile round trip and could be accompanied

by a friend or family at a cost of \$60 each, all inclusive. By 1914, this number dwindled to 142, their average age being 72 1/2 years. \$20,000 was appropriated which included round trip transportation from New York City, a sleeping berth in the Pullman car and meals. The commission adopted a New York Survivor's Medal of Honor badge

made by Whitehead and Hoag and a guest badge made by J.F. Neuman (N.Y.). The itinerary included Richmond, Danville, Salisbury, Andersonville, Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. April 26th 1914 was chosen as the date of departure because it was Memorial Day in the State of Georgia. Unbeknown to all, April 27th was the 92nd anniversary of Ulysses S. Grant's birth. The commission prepared 7,000 New York State flags that were to adorn the graves of her dead. The Secretary of War arranged for a band from Fort Screvens, Savannah, Georgia to be present at Andersonville and President Wilson appointed Colonel W.C. Langfitt to travel independently as his personal representative at the dedication ceremony. One nurse, (Julia Littlefield, daughter of an Andersonville prisoner) and one physician (Edwin L. Ford, M.D., an Andersonville survivor himself) tendered medical care when needed. At 9 PM on April 26th 1914, a group of 222 persons, 142 veterans and 80



Above. Front of the Andersonville monument.

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guests (38 female and 42 male gathered at Pennsylvania Station to begin their pilgrimage. At 9:30 PM, their journey began aboard two trains adorned with small New York State flags "to the shrines of Patriotism". Richmond was the first stop on April 27th. Of the 6,570 graves in this national cemetery, 892 are known and 5,678 are unknown. With the exception of a few curious neighborhood children, not one Richmondite showed interest in this event. In the afternoon, Governor Stuart (nephew of General J.E.B. Stuart) received the group cordially in the state capitol

and the evening was spent at the banquet celebration in honor of Grant at the Jefferson Hotel. Danville was the morning stop of April 28th. There are 1,331 graves of which 1,172 are known and 159 unknown. Again, flags had been placed on New York State graves but here, the Daughters of the Confederacy adorned these graves with flowers and Danville citizens and the United Confederate Veterans came in respect and fellowship to participate in the service—an expression of brotherhood and true Southern hospitality. The afternoon was spent in Salisbury where the group was met by the

mayor and leading citizens with banners flowing. In this cemetery there are only 113 known graves. The "dead lie numbered and not named" with 12,035 unknown union soldiers buried in 18 deep

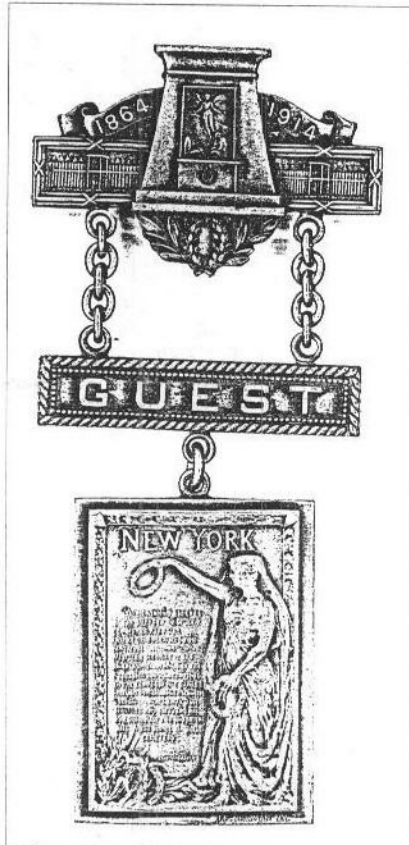
trenches, one upon the other on less than one acre. More than 2,000 are New York State sons. Southern companions gave farewell greetings and the last leg of the journey was completed the morning of April 29th. The Andersonville cemetery could not be more remote nor inaccessible. It is 1/3 of a mile north of the stockade and houses 13,722 graves, 12,791 known and 931 unknown. It was a splendid day with full foliage, summer temperatures, flowers in bloom, the army band playing solemnly and state flags flying high over 2,238 New York soldiers graves "like hands waving to dear friends" as far as the eye could see. The surviving veterans reverently reentered their old prison stockade and on the breast of each was pinned a badge of honor inscribed with his name, his company and his regiment with the words, "Survivor-Presented to

_____ by the State of New York in recognition of his heroism, sacrifice and patriotism".

After a barbecue lunch held within the stockade, the veterans presented a loving cup to the chairman of the commission (a survivor of Libby Prison) Senator Abraham J. Palmer, filled with water from Providence Spring. With the bugles sounding, the monument dedication was completed and the final prayer was closed with "taps". Many a tear was shed and it was a proud day for New York State who conferred her final honor and tribute 50 years belated to her fallen sons. That evening, the trains started their return northward. On the morning of April 30th, they stopped at Chickamauga, than to Chattanooga and finally to the New York Peace Monument at Lookout



Above. National Society of Andersonville Survivors membership badge.



Above. New York State Guest Badge to dedication of Andersonville Monument

Mountain for a final farewell. Incredibly, there was no illness nor loss of life to mar the success of the trip and the trains reentered Penn Station at 9:30 PM on May 1st, 1914, exactly five days after starting their "pilgrimage to the shrines of patriotism".

For the reason why such a high number of those who died at Andersonville are identified refer to *The VETERAN* March/ April 1994 issue page 7 for an article on Dorence Atwater who played a large part in identifying many of the soldiers buried there.

Anti-Confederate Sentiments

Despite occasional occurrences of and attempts by some veterans to hold joint U.S. and ex-C.S.reunions, National G.A.R. Encampments on Southern soil, and allowing blacks into membership in the G.A.R. Posts, many G.A.R. and related Union veteran organizations members were vigorously opposed to one or all of these ideas. All three of these did indeed occur. In retrospect, these same type of feelings were held by many of the Confederate Veterans. Strong anti-Confederate sentiment is plain to see in the illustration to the right of a red, white and blue striped ribbon with gold print. It is marked "One Country/ And/ One Flag/ And/ Never Another Rebel Rag"/ Union Soldiers Co., Phila./ Copy-righted August 1889". Members please submit any informative information concerning this unusual manufacturer to the editor for future publication. Submitted by Rance Hulshart

Detroit G.A.R. Memorial Hall in Danger - Your

Help Needed

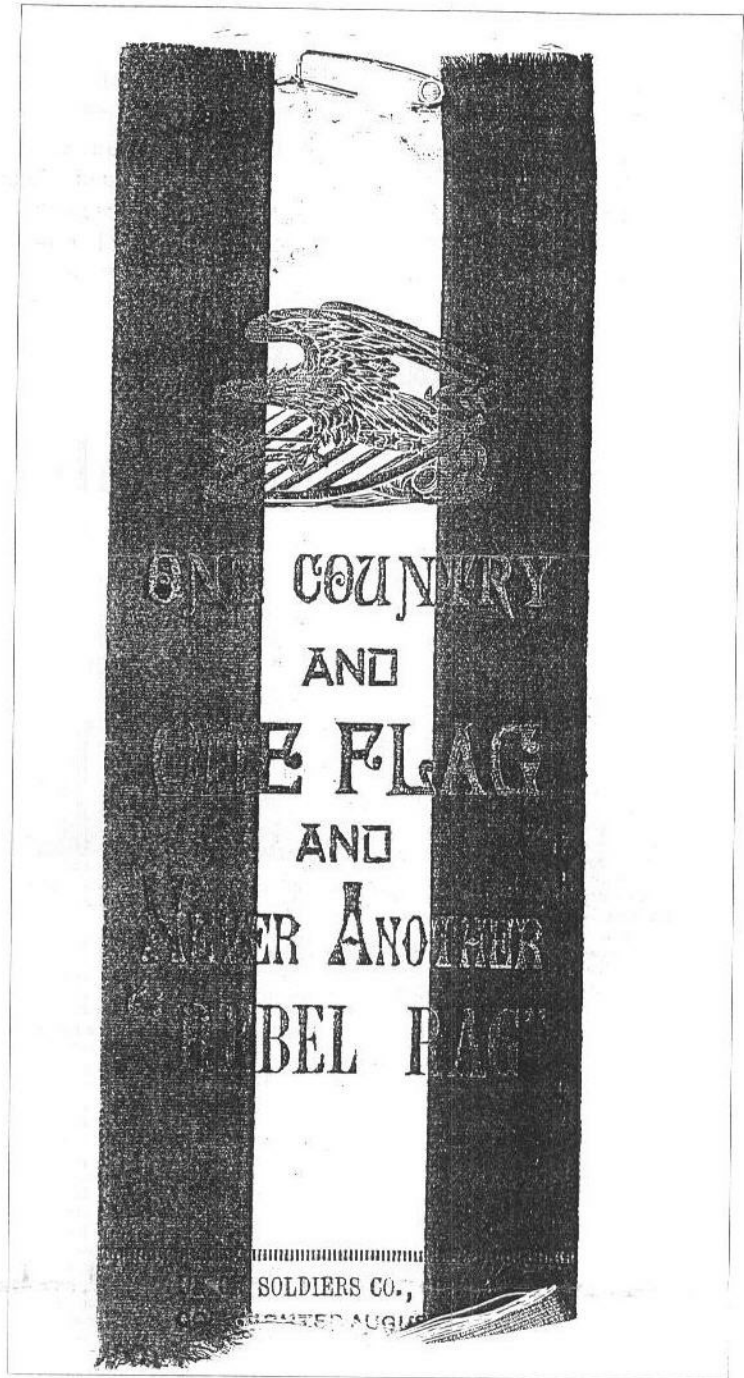
By Rance Hulshart

Illustrated on the following page is a copy of a newspaper clipping Jim Thurston recently sent me regarding the possible fate of the historic Detroit G.A.R. memorial Hall. Also illustrated is the obverse and reverse of an early postcard that features this building.

As you can imagine, not many of the original G.A.R. buildings remain, and I feel that it is important that we strive to preserve those that do. Not too long back the Corporal Skelley Post No. 9 located Gettysburg, Pa. was essentially lost by destroying its original charm, most of it's contents, and turning it into a show place by none other than Historic Gettysburg Adams County. Personally, I do not find this very historical. In any case,

after making a few phone calls I came up with the following addresses. Whether you live in Michigan or not, I urge all members to contact one or more of the following expressing your desire to keep this historical building as it is—possibly even making it protected as a historical building.

Above. Anti-Confederate ribbon.



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Please lend your support by contacting the following:

Governor John Engler
111 S. Capitol Ave.
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Sen. Donald W. Riegler, Jr.
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Suite 343
Detroit, Michigan 48207
(313) 226-3188

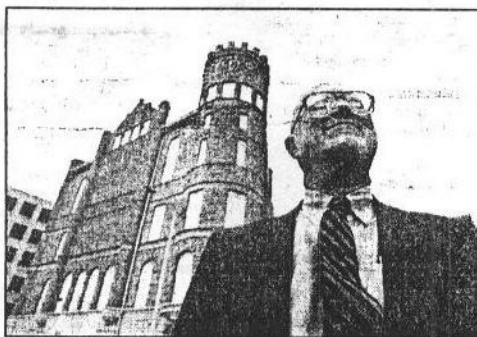
Senator Carl M. Levine
McNamary Bldg. Room 1860
477 Michigan Ave,
Detroit, Michigan 48226
(313) 226-6020

Illustrated to the right is a very uncommon state regimental (8th Kansas) ribbon part of the effects of John Holt. The ribbon is white with red and blue print. Submitted by Rance Hulshart.

DEVELOPMENT

Glory hallelujah for GAR

All over Detroit there are people who are trying to revive a tiny portion of the city. Mike Davis' portion is the GAR Memorial Hall. No doubt many passersby have puzzled over the castle-like building at Grand River and Cass in downtown Detroit. There's nothing else in Detroit quite like it. Boarded up these past 10 years or so and owned by the city, the massive stone building with its turrets and battlements is a unique reminder of some forgotten part of the city's history.



ERIC SEALS/Detroit Free Press

"This is one of the few remaining historical buildings in the city," says Mike Davis of the GAR Memorial Hall.

Davis wants to bring some of that history — and the building that embodies it — back into our lives. The key, Davis tells anyone who'll listen, is to preserve and find a new user for the structure.

Built between 1899-1901, the building served as a fraternal hall for veterans of the Civil War. Their organization was known as the Grand Army of the Republic, or GAR, and hence the name of this obscure but important structure.

For many years after the turn of the century, gray-bearded veterans met there to smoke cigars, remember their battles, and swap stories. GAR lodges, or units, met in the hall until the mid-1930s.

The City of Detroit took over the structure and used it as city offices. A dance troupe practiced there, and Alcoholics Anonymous held meetings in the building. Lots of other groups did, too.

By the early 1980s, the decline of Detroit had taken its toll on the GAR building and its surrounding district. Many buildings were leveled for parking lots. The city eventually boarded up the GAR building to stave off deterioration.

Enter Mike Davis. About the same time the city boarded up the GAR hall, Davis was winding down a 25-year career as a spokesman for the Ford Motor Co. Bored with PR work, he decided to pursue his true love, architectural history and preservation work. During his master's degree studies at Eastern Michigan University, Davis began looking at the GAR building and, in his words, fell in love with it.

Partly it was in his genes. His grandfather and great-grandfather served in Gen. Grant's army during the Civil War. The elder ancestor served as an infantry officer at Chickamauga and other battles; the younger was a drummer boy.

But Davis also had a yen for history. After he left Ford, he became executive director of the Detroit Historical Society and served in that job until 1992.

Davis was smitten by the role the GAR hall had played in Detroit's local history. The and for

Historic hall for Civil War veterans ought to get new life, preservationist says

the hall had been donated to the city long before by the famed Lewis Cass, a Michigan territorial governor and one of its most important 19th-Century citizens. In the early 1900s, the GAR hall became an important meeting place for local power elites.

"Detroit, many years ago, for a variety of reasons, really destroyed a lot of its historical character," Davis says. "This is one of the few remaining historical buildings in the city."

Davis doesn't have any particular use in mind, nor does he want to own the building himself. Rather, he hopes to convince the city to preserve the structure and sell it to somebody who truly appreciates it.

Mike Kirk, a preservation architect, sees other advantages to renovating the GAR building. The corner on which it sits is one of the gateways to downtown. For potential uses, Kirk suggests everything from a bed and breakfast to office, retail or residential space.

Happily, the city of Detroit may

JOHN GALLAGHER



be in sync with the preservationists this time. About a year ago, the city's real estate department had prepared a "for sale" notice, with a price tag of about \$50,000. There was interest from the Knights of Columbus, among other groups, in buying the building.

The pending "for sale" listing was shelved for the time being, for reasons that remain a little obscure. I've heard that the city lacked money to pay for the ads, and also that the building lies in the corner of Mike Iltch's proposed Foxtown district. City officials may have preferred to hold the building until Iltch's plans cleared up. Whatever the case, the GAR building seems to be a perfect project for someone with a little money and an interest in helping the city.

It has a good location. A renovated GAR building could be a gateway to a new downtown. The building is structurally sound, says Kirk, who surveyed it in the early '80s. And the Richardsonian Romanesque architectural style is unique in Detroit and eligible for historic preservation tax credits.

The danger is that someone with a bulldoze-and-build-anew mentality will come along and gain control of the building. We've already lost too many pieces of Detroit's history that way. East Jefferson Avenue, for example, once a stately avenue of majestic homes and apartment buildings, is quickly becoming a suburbanizing strip of fast-food outlets.

But let's be optimistic. Despite being boarded up for a decade, the GAR building has a corps of dedicated fans. They may yet save the building, just as people like them all over the city may yet save Detroit.

And they'll do it the way the city was built in the first place, brick by brick, block by block, building by building.

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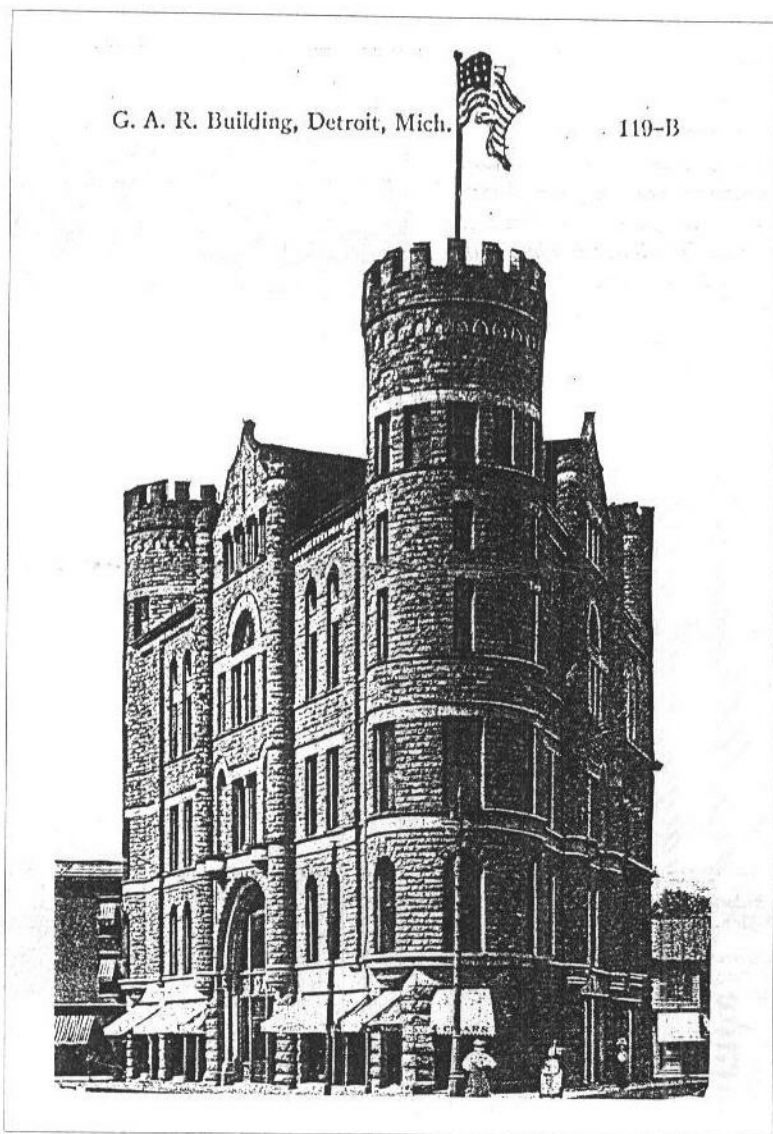


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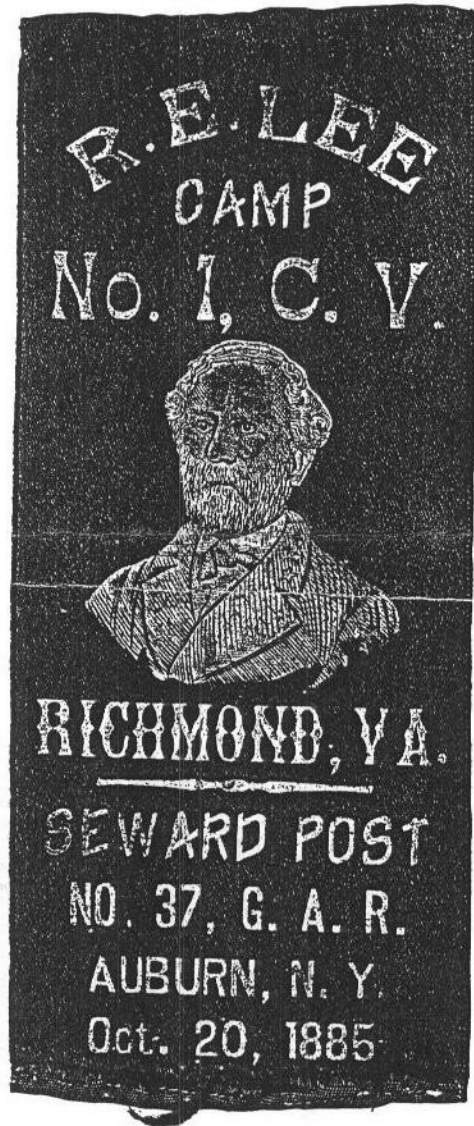
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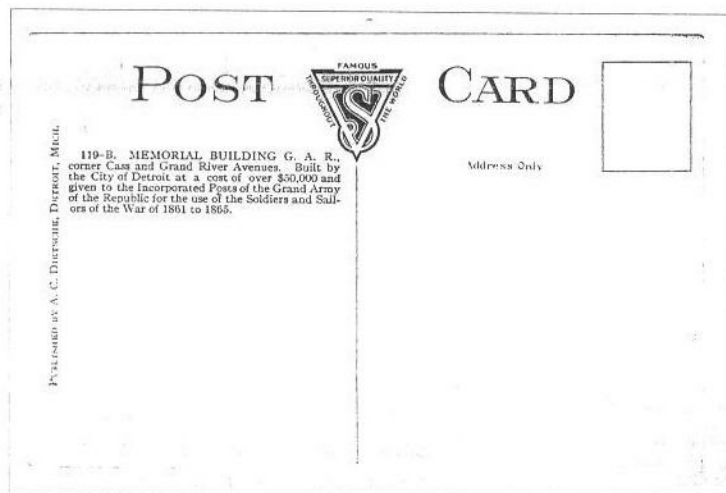
1894 and 1939 Pittsburgh National Encampment items and Memoriam badges, etc. from posts located in Pittsburgh and nearby vicinities. Also any West Va. G.A.R. Contact Dave Aeberli, Box 811, 238 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046.



Above. Early postcard depicting the G.A.R. Building in Detroit.



Illustrated above is a U.C.V./G.A.R. red ribbon with gold print. It has a brass safety pin fastener on the reverse top. It apparently commemorates a joint reunion of these two organizations. Whether it was held at Richmond, Va. or Auburn, N.Y. is unknown to me. Any member who can shed some light on this ribbon is urged to contact Ronald Erwin, 8 Flamingo Drive, Rochester, N.Y. 14624



Above. A reduced image of the reverse side of the above postcard describing the Detroit G.A.R. Hall.

Illustrated on the facing page is an August 21, 1868 Dept. of PA G.A.R./3BN Transfer Certificate (card) given to H. Alexander by Post 127 (this post never used a name) located in Greenville, Pa. Mercer County. Note the Pa. state seal and the early GAR/3BN motifs. The certificate is marked in small print "Conklin & Co. lith. Philada." Submitted by Jim Thurston.

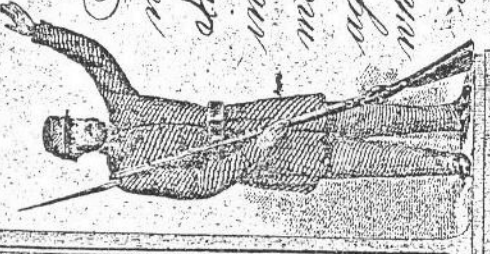


Grand Army of the Republic
PENN. SYLVANIA.

DEPARTMENT OF
HEAD QUARTERS, P.O. NO. 127
9th St
District of
County



This Certifies that Comrade *J. C. Alexander*
whose Signature appears in the margin, was on the
twenty first day of August 1868 regularly mustered
into the Grand Army of the Republic, and received as a
member of Post No. 127 Having paid all demands
against him to Oct 1st 1868 and being under no charges
whatever we have granted him this transfer - CARD,
and recommend him to the true regard of all Comrades
of this Army.



BY ORDER OF



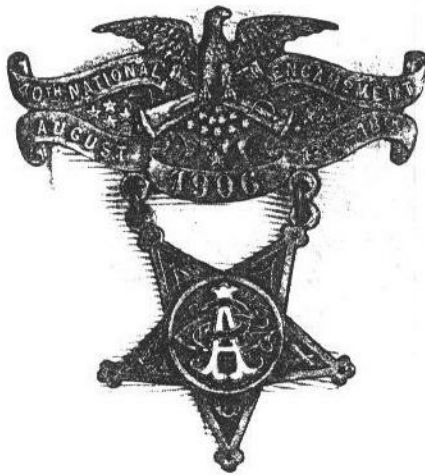
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Commanding Post.

C. W. Lawrence
Post Adjutant.

40TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT DELEGATE'S BADGE 1906 MINNEAPOLIS, MN

article and illustration submitted by
Dennis Loba

The G.A.R.'S 40th National Encampment Delegate badge while simple in design, is still one of the turn-of-the-centuries nicest bronze badges. Its pin bar consists of a copy of the

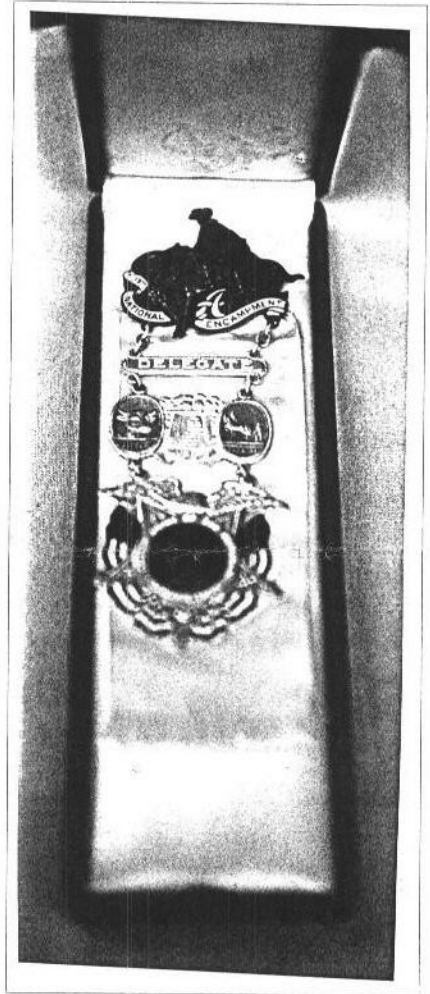


Above. 40th National Encampment Delegate's Badge 1906 Minneapolis, MN

membership badge eagle grasping the sword blade, cannon barrels and balls. There are two scrolls, one with the inscription "40th National Encampment" and the other inscribed "August 1906 13th 18th". There are also nine stars in between the scrolls and the eagle. Hanging by a pair of single chain links is a small G.A.R. "star"—again like the membership badge star (it is smaller in size than the membership star) with an intertwined "GAR" in red, white and blue enamel.

The ribbon is more of an orange color than the typical yellow-gold color of most delegate ribbons. It hangs behind the star and it holds the badge's bottom suspension, a wreath-like shaped ring with a delicate swivel and a suspended canteen. Along the outside rim of the canteen is the inscription "Member G.A.R. Memorial Halls, Minneapolis". On the center of the canteen is depicted the Minneapolis G.A.R. Memorial Hall itself.

The reverse of the pin bar is blank but the badge maker's name "S.D. Childs & Co. Engravers Chicago" appears on the back of the star piece. The canteen's reverse pictures a quiver and bow on the left side edge and a peace pipe and tomahawk on its right. Pictured at the center of the canteen's reverse is a water falls scene with the word "Minnehaha" underneath it.



Illustrated above is a 1095 Denver Delegate's badge in its original box. The box is covered in a green leather-like material and has a white lining. The box has a push button opener and a pins hinge to limit travel.



Left. G.A.R. Multit-colored metal ashtray with glass insert. Marked in fine print "F.S. Towle Co. NY - Germany", Diameter is 4 1/2".

GUSKY'S

For those members who collect or possess souvenir spoons, one whose purpose is probably unknown is a souvenir spoon from the 28th National G.A.R. encampment held at Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1894. Illustration #1 is a view of this spoon which features among other things a cut-out, fully uniformed soldier at the end of the handle, and a bowl that is marked with the top part of the G.A.R. membership badge and with the inscription "Gusky's/ 1894". Just what is the meaning of "Gusky's"? Recently the back cover of a paperback booklet "History Of The Washington Infantry Of Pittsburgh, Pa. Thirty Sixth Anniversary 1855-1891" solved the mystery. Illustration #2 is a reduced copy of the advertisement found on the back cover. Apparently Gusky's offered these for sale or as a premium during (and probably a little time before and after) the 28th National G.A.R. Encampment held at Pittsburgh, Pa. in Sept. of 1894.

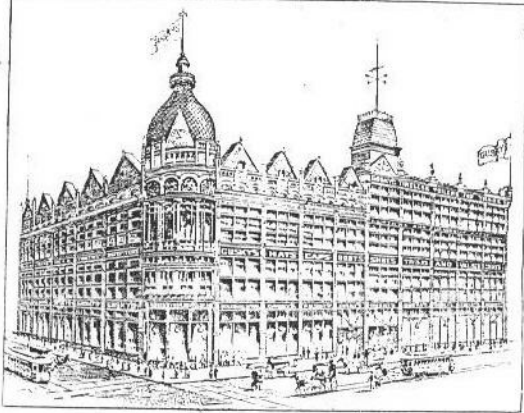


Right - Advertisement (reduced) for Gusky's Emporium.

Left. "Gusky's" souvenir veteran spoon.

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