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Embroidered Veteran Ribbons



Certainly the most interesting ribbons of the veterans were the embroidered ribbons. These ribbons were made between 1860 and 1900 by both American and European manufacturers. The most famous and intricate of these companies was the Thomas Stevens Company of England. The ribbons of Stevens are often referred to as Stevens-graphs and the portrait silks have extremely fine detail. The early Stevens ribbons were used as bookmarks and can be identified by a vee shaped bottom with a tassel. The U.S. Grant ribbon (left) was produced about 1865 and was one of the earliest from the Stevens Company. A few variations of this ribbon can be found with the title line of Vicksburg/ Fort Donaldson and Shiloh. The ribbons from the Stevens Company can be identified by name printed on the lower reverse, but many of the other manufacturers are not as easily identified. Some of the American manufacturers were B.B. Tilt, the United States Badge Company, Son of Paterson (NJ), P.W. Turner, Son of Turnersville (Conn.) and J.M. Litchfield & Co.

Not all the ribbons are of the fine line count as the Stevens ribbons, but are a coarser embroidery and usually are only

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The President's Message

Dr. George Finlayson, MD



Greeting to all members, old and new. This summer has seen a number of events that bear on the continued interest in the Civil War. In April a centennial rededication of a refurbished Grant's tomb was held. After the site suffered years of vandalism and neglect, the National Park Service, with funds voted by Congress, was able to arrange for the renovation project. Marchers in the dedication parade included members of the Sons of Union Veterans and the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

In July two of the last remaining widows of the Civil War met for the first time at Gettysburg. They each laid a rose on the coffin of an unknown soldier whose remains were recently found and reburied.

In my own hometown, Mansfield, our Civil War

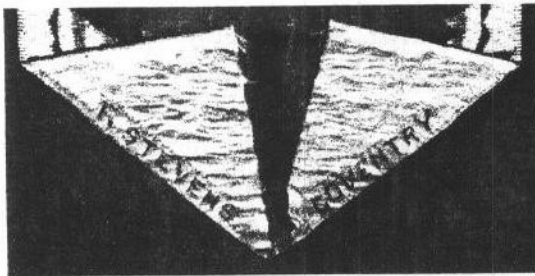
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text. Examples of these text ribbons are found at the Pittsburgh 1895 and Detroit 1891 National Encampments. The Detroit ribbon was used by the Executive Committee to identify their members. A small cloth hood was placed on the committee ribbons with the name of the respective committee printed on it. The badge shown has a metal top that no information is available.

The 1886 San Franciston ribbon of

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Reverse of Grant ribbon marked *T. Stevens - Coventry (England)*

ar soldier's statue monument,dedicated in 1881, had deteriorated and fallen to pieces. The sculpture of the soldier is now being reassembled, welded with missing pieces added, and an exact duplicate will be cast in bronze. The goal for the rededication is Memorial Day 1998.

Again a reminder, the Index for Volumes 1 through 9 of The Veteran is available for \$6.00 each. Make the request and send the check to me. I hope to see many of you at shows and auctions, and as always, good hunting and good health.



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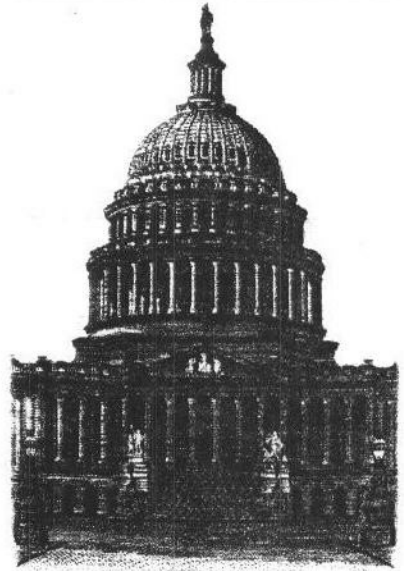
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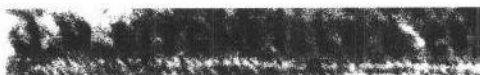


C. A. R. WASHINGTON, D. C. SEPTEMBER 20-24, 1892



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1886 was made by J. M. Litchfield & Co. The 1886 ribbon is unusually found in poor condition with a brown stain over the



complete ribbon.

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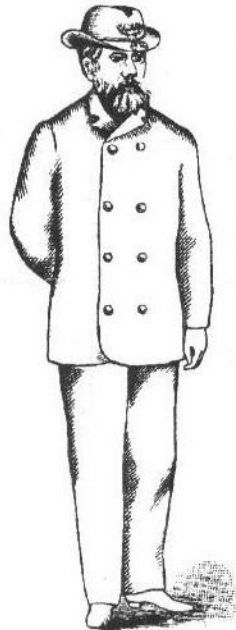
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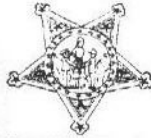
G. A. R. Button Hole Ornaments.



Ornament in color.

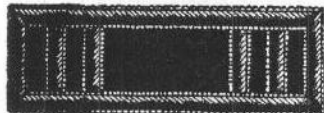


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Bronze Ornament.

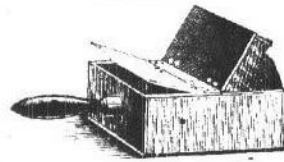
G. A. R. Button Hole Ornament, in color, each, 10 cents; dozen, 35 cents; gross, \$10.
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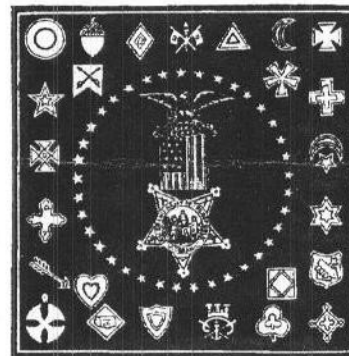


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Woman's Relief Corps Banner.

3996. W. R. C. Banner, 36x54 inches, front of fine flag silk; reverse of silesia, W. R. C. Badge, name, number and location handsomely painted in gold and colors, trimmed with gilt lace, cord and tassels, and fringe on end, staff surmounted by eagle, and belt for carrying banner..... \$38 00
 3996a. Same as 3996, but with silk on both sides, 44 00
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and colors, trimmed with gilt lace, gilt cord and tassels, gilt fringe on end, staff surmounted by eagle, and belt for carrying banner..... \$60 00
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Silk G. A. R. Handkerchief, each..... \$0 75

Flag Trimmings.

Staff, 9 feet..... \$2 00 to \$4 00
 Brass Spear Heads..... \$3 00, 4 00
 Brass Eagles..... \$4 00, 5 00, 10 00
 Flag Belts..... \$1 50, 2 50, 4 50
 Cord and Tassels, worsted..... 1 75
 Cord and Tassels, silk..... \$2 50, 4 00, 5 00
 Cord and Tassels, gilt..... \$5 00, \$7 50, 10 00
 Silk Bullion Fringe, gold colored, 2 inch yard... 50
 Silk Bullion Fringe, red or blue, 2 inch yard... 50
 Silk Thread Fringe, red, blue or yellow, 1 1/2 inch yard..... 25
 Gold Bullion Fringe, 1 1/2 inch yard, 55 cents; 2 inch, 70 cents; 3 inch..... 1 00



**CONFEDERATE
CORNER #13**
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Hope everyone had a good summer and was able to squeeze in a good CW show or two and find a neat piece for their collections. Even though Fall has fell, it's still summerlike down here in Dixie (mid to high 80's, etc). Gotta love it! Here we go.....



E. Bowles Collection
MBR#:917A6-4501
illustration at 80%

Desc: Unveiling of Lee/Virginia monument at Gettysburg, Cavalry veteran: 3 pc (white celluloid BAR in gold frame; yellow RIBBON; white celluloid MEDAL in gold frame); 2-1/2 x 5-1/8

OBV:

*Bar: VIRGINIA in blue text.

*Ribbon: in gold text on yellow: crossed sabers/GETTYSBURG/1917

*Medal: black & white photographic image of the Lee monument center; GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE at top in blue text, UNVEILING JUNE 8, 1917 at bottom in blue text.

REV: Safety pin clasp, same for ribbon on Bar; Mfg's name on Bar and Medal; Ribbon plain.

Mfg: The Whitehead & Hoag Co.



E. Bowles Collection
MBR#:917A6-4502

illustration at 80%

Desc: Unveiling of Lee/Virginia monument at Gettysburg, Artillery veteran: 3 pc (white celluloid BAR in gold frame; red RIBBON; white celluloid MEDAL in gold frame); 2-1/2 x 5

OBV:

Same as MBR#:917A6-4501 except:

*Ribbon: gold text on red: crossed cannons with 3 cannon balls /GETTYSBURG/1917

REV: Same as MBR#:917A6-4501

Mfg: also The Whitehead & Hoag Co.

Comments: An interesting pair. There is undoubtedly an infantry piece to complete the set. It would probably be identical in all respects except it would have a blue ribbon with crossed muskets in gold and the same text in gold. So how about you - do you have one? If so, gimme a hollar!

Confederate Corner #13 (cont)

A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS - PLEASE?

The research for my book on *The Southern Cross of Honor and The Military Service Awards of the UDC* is slowly winding down. I am, however, still short a couple of illustrations. Can/will **YOU** help?

IF YOU HAVE A SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR WITH A BAR REVERSE THAT'S NOT SHOWN BELOW PLEASE CONTACT ME!!!

SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR CHARLES W. CRANKSHAW ON BAR

IMAGES NEEDED:

Pin Clasp A-Not Named : Pin Clasp B-Named



Pin Clasp A



Pin Clasp B



Pin Clasp C



T-Bar



Lapel Stud

SOUTHERN CROSS OF HONOR NO CRANKSHAW NAME ON BAR

IMAGES NEEDED:

Pin Clasp/T-Bar! : Lapel Stud A-Not Named

Pin Clasp or T-Bar

Existence suspected but not confirmed!

Lapel Stud A



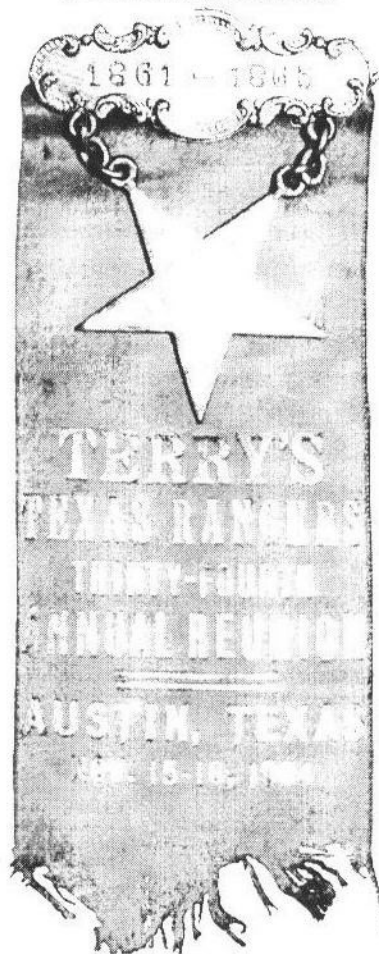
Lapel Stud B



Lapel Stud C



TERRYS TEXAS RANGERS 34TH REUNION



Dr. G. Finlayson Collection

MBR#:904V2-4401

Desc: Terry's Texas Rangers, 34th reunion badge: 3 pc (BAR with inverted five pointed, silver colored STAR hung below; RIBBON on back of Bar): 2 x 5

OBV:

*Bar: pot metal; 1861-1865

*Star: R (Rangers) in circle in center, T-E-X-A-S in five points of star.

*Ribbon: red; gold text TERRY'S/TEXAS RANGERS/THIRTY-FOURTH/ANNUAL REUNION

/2 lines/AUSTIN, TEXAS/NOV.15-16, 1904.

REV: Safety pin type clasp on Bar; Star and Ribbon plain.

Mfg: Not noted

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The Soldier's Memorial Building Toledo, Ohio

In 1881, a committee was appointed to study the possibility of building a soldier's memorial building in Toledo. Among the leading citizens on the committee was Mrs. Kate B. Sherwood (future WRC president)

From this committee a resolution to form a Soldier's Memorial Association was made and members were chosen from the Ladies Aid Society, the Forsyth Post, and citizens of Toledo.

The first major event surrounding the construction was billed as "Toledo's Triumph". On July 4th., 1883, a grand day was planned, opening with the laying of the cornerstone at Adams and Ontario Streets. Following the speeches and grand military review was held with regiments from Ohio and Michigan.

Later in the afternoon a sham battle was arranged with both Union and Confederate forces. As the battle started, a heavy rainstorm began and the troops finished in a downpour. This battle of Shiloh was carried off with much success, in spite of the rain, and the spectators watched from under the stands and nearby buildings.

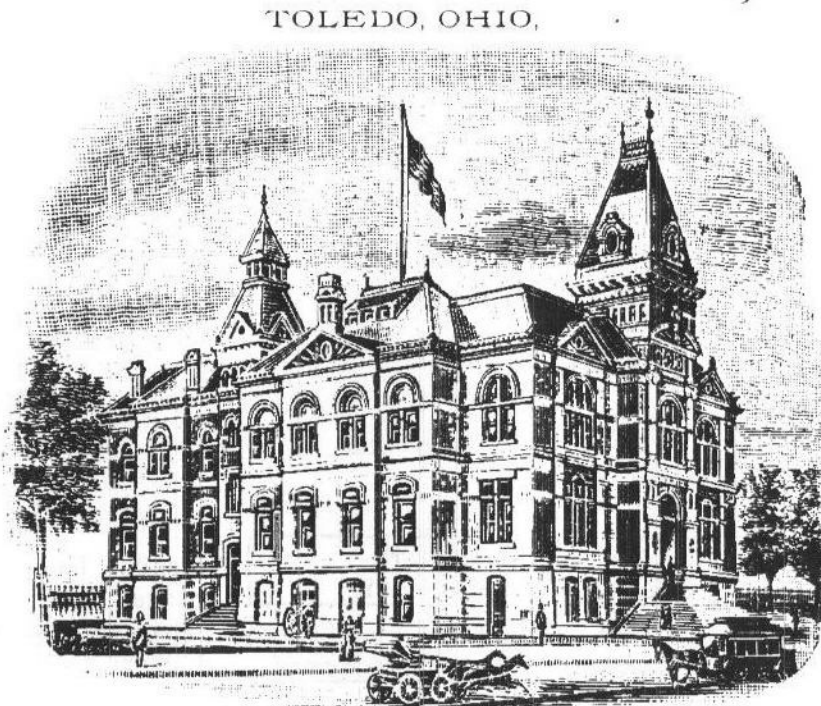
During the construction the title of the building passed from the Memorial Association to the City of Toledo so that it could be completed. The total cost of construction was \$65,000. On February 22nd, 1885 the building was dedicated and a grand ball was held following the dedication.

The Soldier's Memorial building

faced Adams Street across from the Court House in the center of the city. The broad stone stairs brought a visitor to the first floor, 12 1/2 ft. above the street. The main tower was over 100 ft. The building was very ornate, with many shields, flags, and memorial urns. The style of architecture was Classic Renaissance.

The basement was reserved for artillery and infantry store rooms. The first

SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL BUILDING,
TOLEDO, OHIO,



floor contained the Headquarters of the Memorial Association, the library, and meeting rooms. The second floor held the large meeting halls and the third floor was reserved for military companies and their meeting rooms. The building was considered the largest of its type in the country at the time of construction. This grand building is no longer standing and torn down by the city.

Grantville: part 2- Continued

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home, the building alone of which will cost at least thirty-five thousand dollars, and which will be begun as soon as the sum of five thousand dollars has been secured. Sixty thousand dollars will be spent immediately in the erection of various buildings on the town-site.

It requires no very astute intellect or brilliant imagination to discover what a beautiful spot this will be at an early day, and how its property will more than double in a few months' time.

The agents are W.H. Holabird & Company, Fifth Street, between D and E. Mr. Holabird himself has served his country in both army and navy of the Rebellion, and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic. Consequently he knows what the old veterans want, gratified easily by the foresight and energy united to form the superior business qualifications of Mr. Holabird.

Editor Notes:

The area that was "Grantville" is now part of the city of San Diego, and is located East of the San Diego Mission and Jack Murphy Stadium. Heading East from Interstate 5 on Interstate 8, you will pass Interstate 15. The next exit is Mission Gorge Rd. Exit at that road and travel North into what was Grantville. Today, this area is a busy California community, with nothing that would give anyone a clue that this was once planned as a veterans' city. The names of Holabird, VanDever and Sheridan are the remaining names of veterans. Grandville park, located close to the hospital is one of the few uses of the name "Grantville". No traces of a soldiers home exist, and there is no evidence that one was ever built.

Most of the local people know little of the soldiers home and colony. Inquiries at the Mission drew a blank. A discussion with a house mover that has been in the area for a long time provide a couple of clues. He stated that he had moved a couple of homes that were thought to be homes of Civil War veterans. Grantville would certainly be a fine project for someone living in the San Diego area. If anyone is interested, the editor would help supply available source materials and leads developed in three trips to the area.



1908 Embroidered
National Encampment Ribbon
Toledo, Ohio



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portant with textiles, and these ribbons should receive special care. Restoration of the ribbons is almost impossible and if a ribbon is in very poor condition a backing of a similar silk could be attached.

The 3BN-GAR Column

Early Veteran Activities following the War



Symbol of the Early GAR -1865-68

Who was the founder of the Grand Army of the Republic?

It now seems this is not a question, as B. F. Stephenson is universally recognized as the founder by all current historians and collectors of Grand Army materials. Yet, as late as 1883, a number of veterans were still actively discussing this topic. The controversy can be traced to two important sources. First, the GAR almost was defunct in the early 1870's. When the many departments reorganized, much of the early history was lost. Records had been lost by neglect and in one case, fire at the National Headquarters. Second, the History of the GAR by Robert Beath gave way to much credit to Rev. Rutledge. Stephenson had died at an early age, so neither his testimony or papers were available to set the record straight. A number of veterans claimed to be there at the beginning. In a document, Beath himself is credited for being a founder of the GAR.

So the 19th. National Encampment decided to put an end to this situation and developed a resolution as follows:

The question having been raised as to whether the late Comrade Dr. B. F. Stephenson, of Springfield, Ills, was really the first mover in the organization of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is deemed but sim-

ple justice to his memory, as well as to his family and comrades, to here give the resolution adopted by the Department Encampment of Illinois, held at Springfield, July 12, 1866. It is as follows: 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 there fore. Resolved, That for the energy, loyalty and perseverance manifested in organizing the Grand Army of the Republic, he is entitled to the gratitude of all loyal men, and that we, as soldiers, tender him our thanks, and pledge him our friendship at all time and under all circumstances.

In his Blue Book, Comrade Beath also gives the credit to Comrade Stephenson for suggesting the idea of the organization and making the draft of the first ritual.

This resolution did actually establish Stephenson as the founder of the GAR, but a second controversy continued, "Was Stephenson the first commander of the GAR, provisional commander, or just the founder without any title of commander-in-chief?"

This will be answered and it will be proved beyond any doubt in the 3BN column in the next issue of **The Veteran.**

RLH

The Veterans Colony & Soldier Home in Grantville, California Part Two

The veteran colony of Grandville is still surrounded by mystery. No remains of the colony can be located and almost all traces have disappeared. This is the second half of a manuscript in the collection of The San Diego Historical Society.

Two hundred and twenty acres of this superb Mission Valley have been selected, after every spot has been gone over and examined thoroughly, to be sure that the most available, and the very best all things considered, has been secured, which have been cut up into a town site of fifteen hundred lots laid out around the projected soldiers' home, which with the campus will occupy two entire blocks, the campus being oval in form, with Grant Circle leading around it, with Lincoln, Meade, Sherman, Sherdian, Logan and other avenues, and with cross streets named for people prominent in laying out the town. All this work has been done by the Junipero Land and Water Company, who are now laying water pipes, and will soon begin the construction of an electric road to

connect with the one already operated by a motor to Old Town. Preparations are being made to insure this spot to be one of the most desirable in every way, and it already is by nature, in the entire State. The thousands and thousands who come to Southern California will all visit Mission Valley, because it has a history; their patriotic sentiments will be aroused, because it has a soldiers' home; and they will invest, and, unable to get away from so charming a spot, will in the majority of cases stay there.

It will be one of the most beautiful sections of the State; for plenty of money and hard work by a public-spirited town company and a live real-estate agency, seconding, the original bountiful provisions of nature, will guarantee that result. At the foot of Logan Avenue, fronting on the San Diego River, has been located a twenty acre park and garden for the home, which will be made as beautiful as bloom can make it.

In order that people may contribute liberally to the building up and settling of this town, the proprietors offer to donate one-third of the entire proceeds of sales to the Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of erecting and maintaining a

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