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## Collecting Photographic Veteran Postcards



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31st Anniversary, Mason Hill, Michigan, Indiana  
47th Annual Meeting at Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Celebration and tour the old town north of St. Louis  
AUGUST 24-25, 1912



J. M. RAYMOND  
733 FIRST PLAZA, CINCINNATI

Postcards that relate to veterans are not uncommon, ranging from Memorial Day to other patriotic subjects, but the cards that have photos of the veterans and their activities are really special. The card above is representative of these outstanding finds that are still available at a reasonable price. This card is a fine example showing two veter-

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## The President's Message

Dr. George Finlayson, MD



The 21st Ohio Civil War Show and the 12th CWWHA encampment are history and both surpassed all previous records of quality and enjoyment. A conversation with Don Williams, the show's promoter, reveals that he also believes this Ohio show was his best ever. Our dinner attendance was 44, a new total, and we welcomed several members new to the association or to the show itself. Everitt Bowles entertained with his stunning collection of rare C. W. Veterans related badges and his candid history of collecting, including the 'ones that got away!' In addition, on Friday evening, several of us enjoyed a tour of Mansfield's Soldiers and Sailors building, soon to become a museum, open to the public.

A slate of officers was elected: Julieanne Brighenti as Secretary/Treasurer and Roger Heiple as Editor were reelected. Don Limpert, our new President, has been in the CW veterans collecting field as long or longer than anyone else and is an outstanding selection to lead the association. Our ever increasing membership will probably soon lead to a more structured approach to communication and recruitment. We now comprise an organization of about 180 members nationwide from a humble beginning. To quote from Volume 1, Issue 1 of our newsletter:

"On April 25, 1987, while attending the Ohio Civil War Collectors show in Ashland, Ohio, a dedicated group of 20 people formed a new organization, The Civil War Veterans Historical Association. Our primary purpose is in the researching and collecting of material from the numerous veterans organizations and unit reunions, not just the GAR and UCV."

We have adhered firmly to our stated goals and we have enlarged our 20 person circle to include some of the finest people in the country.

Don't miss the 22nd Ohio Civil War Show on May 1 & 2, 1999.

And finally, I wish to express my genuine gratitude to the officers who served with and supported me these last 3 years and to all the members who contributed to our successful growth.

**Notice of Dues  
1998-1999 Dues  
Are now being  
Accepted.**

**Please send \$10 to  
Julieann to continue  
your membership and  
subscription to the Vet-  
eran. The Veteran will be  
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If you have any questions or wish to discuss an article,

# The New President's Message



**Don Limpert**

Greeting to all members of the association. First I would like to take a moment to thank George Finlayson, MD and his wife Betty for all their guidance and leadership during his term of office. George has generously assisted this organization in many ways and we have grown during his presidency.

As the new President I will try to follow the high standards of our three preceding Presidents. Our organization has received national attention and we have gained many new members from all over.

One of the issues that I will investigate further is the matter of a second meeting yearly meeting of the association. During the Springfield Ohio Civil War Show last year, so many of our members were in attendance that we looking into a dinning room at a local restaurant. This may not be the only solution to the second meeting question, so I will continue to discuss this with the membership. Your comments may be mailed to me at P.O. Box 524, Manchester, MI 48158.

I thank you for the honor of the office. After collecting GAR/UCV and Civil War materials for more year than I can remember, I welcome the opportunity to give back to our common interests.

## New Members

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GAR Postcards, Lithographs, Mich re-  
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## CW Units.

### Why you need to send in dues today.

If you didn't attend the Annual Dinner in Mansfield, you most likely haven't had the opportunity to pay you 1998-99 dues. Taking care of the dues today will insure that the **Veteran** will continue to arrive. Last year we had a number of members wait and it takes time and money to contact each member to remind him, or her, that we need their \$10 dues. Sending in your dues now, keeps our costs down and allows us to remain at \$10. Julieann's address is on the cover.

**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**  
**CANADIAN POSTS**

Most persons, especially those in Canada, are not aware of the services performed by Canadians during the American Civil War. In a statement accredited to Sir John A. MacDonald, Canada's first Prime Minister, as many as 20 to 50,000 Canadians participated in the civil War. Although most fought in northern armies it is known that many fought for the Southern cause.

Their reasons varied, as did those of native Americans. For some, it was purely financial, for others it was to preserve the way of life in their adopted land. Whatever the reasons, both North and South benefited from services provided by the men and women from Canada.

At the conclusion of the war some Canadians returned home while others settled in the United States where they had served. Others died on the battlefield like the men they fought beside.

Those veterans who settled in Canada refused to give up their associations developed during the war and maintained close ties with their old comrades in arms.

In the spring of 1891 a number of ex-soldiers and sailors who had served during the rebellion met for the purpose of forming a Grand Army Post in Toronto. Application was made to the Department of New York and on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1891 a charter was granted forming the J.S. KNOWLTON Post #532. The first Post Commander was Alexander Johnson and the Post was named after James Knowlton who served with the 4<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup> and 139<sup>th</sup> New York Infantry units during the war. Newspaper reports from the late 1800's indicate that there were as many as 200 members of the Grand Army of the Republic who belonged to the J.S. KNOWLTON Post in Toronto.

In addition to Post 532 in Toronto, there were a total of four other GRAND ARMY Posts in Canada West (Ontario and Quebec) by the turn of the Century. The HANIBAL HAMLIN POST (652) in London, Ontario; the WILLIAM WINER COOK POST (77) in Hamilton, Ontario; the JOSEPH BENARD POST (77) in Coaticook, Quebec and the HANCOCK POST (73) in Montreal, Quebec. It is believed that the HANCOCK POST was the first GRAND ARMY post formed in Canada and was created on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1890 as part of the Department of Vermont.

**This article was provided by Pete Willetts.**

## Joint Encampment of Andrews Post and R.E. Lee Post

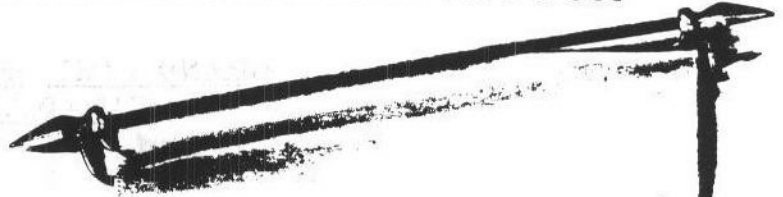
I'll take the liberty of sending along to you an example of a "joint reunion" ribbon, that I have in my collection. (as a matter of fact the only one.) It should as well serve a double purpose as well to clean up where R.E. Lee Camp No. 1 was heading for in June of 1897.

It is shown at it's actual size with brass top piece and gold fringe. The lettering is red and the illustrations of Andrew and Lee are done in blue. The ribbon is a cream color. I picked it up in Somers, Ct. It's a nice piece, one of my favorite ribbons. I've been collecting for a short time, and enjoy very much your newsletter.

Kyle Johnston, Tucson, Az

*The editor thanks both Mr. Johnston and Mr. Willetts for their contributions to the **Veteran**. The original concept of this newsletter was for members to contribute to build each issue. Contributions have been slow and I need you help.*

**The editor**



John D. Andrew  
POST 15 G. A. R., BOSTON.

Robert E. Lee  
Camp No. 1, Confederate Veterans, Richmond.

June 16, 17 and 18, 1887.



## Photographic Postcards

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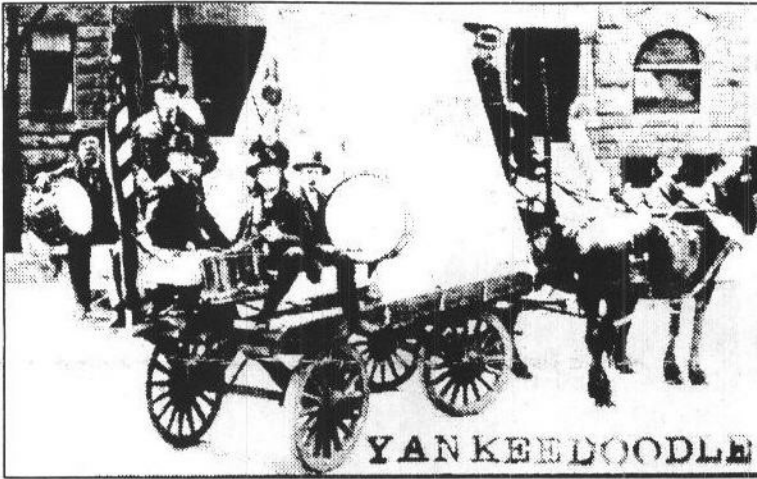
ans of the 11th. Michigan Infantry and a badge of the reunion. Printed on the reverse is: "**Comrades and Friends: Again we welcome you to join us at our reunin and to helOp make it one of the grand-est of our lives. We are confi-dent that the good citizens of ka-lamaxoo will do all in their power to make it worth to ap-pear in force and with our co-operation the visit to this city can be made memorable. MV. Givvespie, President.**"

To the right is another 11th. Michigan Inf. Showing the "3 Hard-tacks" M.V. Gillespie, E.S. Gray, and J.M. Raymond. Mr. Raymond was living in Chicago and a member of the Chicago Veteran Fife & Drum Corp's as shown in the lower postcard.

Postcards became popular in the early 1900's. Many of the early postcards were printed in Germany. But most photo cards were printed in the United States. The sur- vival rate of these cards is good, for they were saved as mementos of the occasions. Cards are found in both used and unused condition, with good condition used cards a little more desirable with the post- marks that date the card.



## Photographic Postcards



The card to the left titled "Yankee doodle" is another Chicago Fife & Drum Corps card from Major J.M. Raymond. Printed on the side of the tent is "*Are you reading the War Stories in the \_\_\_\_\_ Daily News.*"

The drum is covering the name of the paper being advertised.

The second card is a photograph of the Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5 from Chicago, at the Annual GAR encampment of the Dept. of Illinois in Joliet, Ill. 1911. They are standing in front of the Headquarters Hotel in Joliet. This is another card from the collection of Major. J. M Raymond, as member of this Post in Chicago.



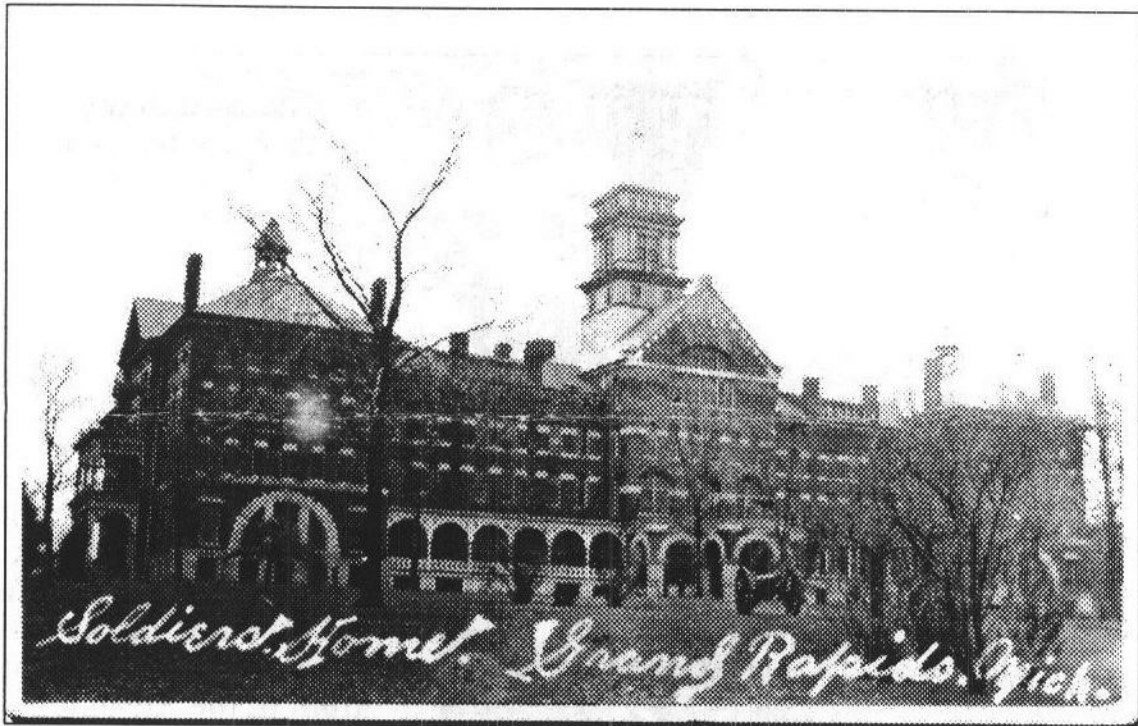
The last of the J.M Raymond cards is his personal card with a wartime photo copied from a CDV with a printed caption, "*J.M. Raymond, Drummer Boy, Age 14, 1861-65, 11th. Michigan Inft.*" At this time Mr. Raymond was the National Drum Major of the Association of Civil War Musicians.



Cards with both a wartime and veteran photo should be considered rare and very desirable.

This group of personal cards from Mr. Raymond is unique and provides considerable information on the Musicians activities.

## Photographic Postcards – Old Soldier’s Homes

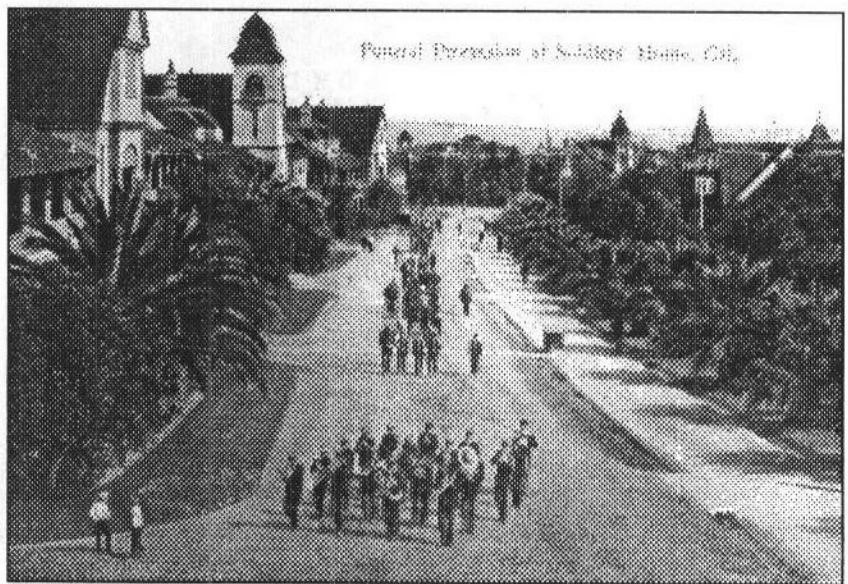


This postcard from the Michigan Soldiers Home in Grand Rapids is from 1910 and is a black and white photo with the title line marked in ink directly on the negative. Cards from the soldiers homes are wonderful records of the vast network of state, federal and private soldier homes constructed to care for the disabled and aged veterans.



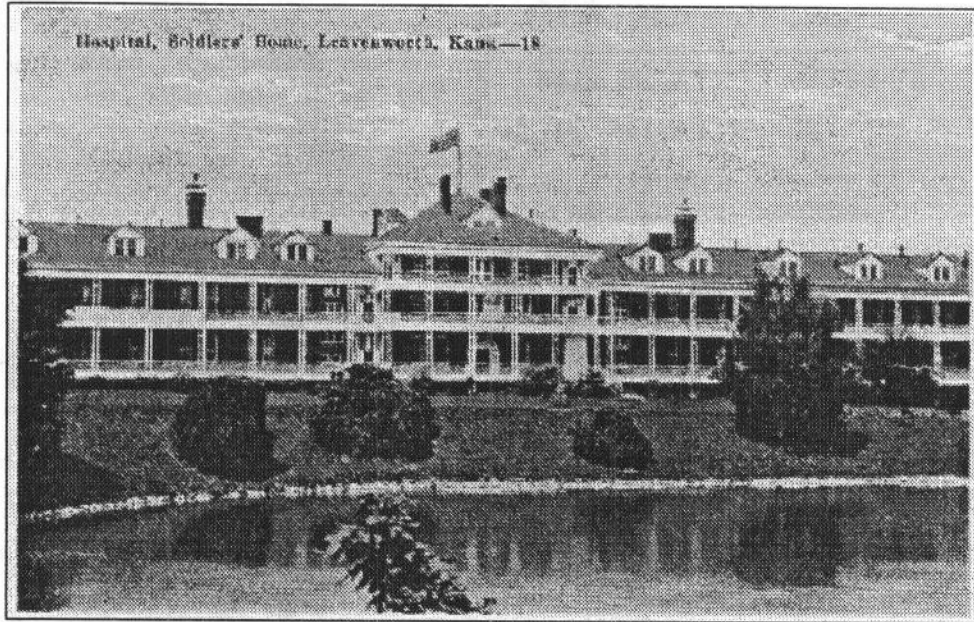
Spencer W. Haynes, card

Veteran

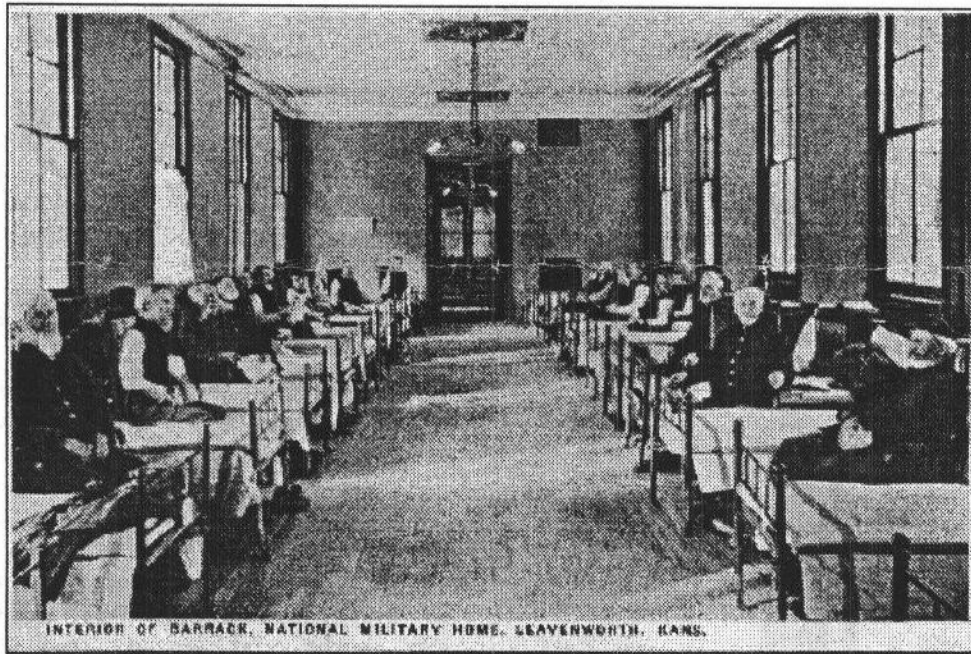


Soldier Home at Santa Monica, California  
Funeral Procession to cemetery

## Photographic Postcards – Soldier Homes



Hospital at Solders' Home in Leavenworth, Kansas



Leavenworth, Kanasa Old Soldiers' Home Barracks, rare interior view



**CONFEDERATE  
CORNER #16**  
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Greetings everyone.... I've been running an ongoing series on Confederate Ladder and Shield badges in The Confederate MBR Newsletter since Jan of 1997. Thought I'd sorta tie it all together for those who haven't seen it yet. These badges were apparently popular in the 1880's and 90's but beyond that there seems to be very little known about them. Who produced 'em? When? How? Why?

**CONFEDERATE LADDER BADGE TYPE 2**



**E. Bowles Collection : MBR#:602V4-3801**

I believe this to be an early design, possibly

one of the first manufactured types. It is made of white metal and has a gold metallic fringe at the bottom. Two Bar styles may be observed. In vol 7.#3 of **THE VETERAN** (nov/dec 1993) there was an old ad for the "Nelson Introductory GAR Badge" on pg 9. The publication date was unfortunately not noted. I've not seen a Confederate "Nelson" style badge. Information, anyone???????

**CONFEDERATE LADDER BADGE TYPE 3**



**R. Reeves Collection : MBR#:603V4-4001**

The Ladder Bars of the Type 3's are made of white metal, but I've noted the coin bottoms in zinc, white metal, and nickel (or something very similar to nickel). I've observed 7 distinct Bar styles with 3 different attachment devices (both with and without ribbon retainers). One of the more inventive style

ribbon retainers is shown here. It was also made of white metal and was attached to the reverse of the second Ladder Bar. From this retainer one might conclude that the Type 3 Ladder Badges could be ordered with or without a ribbon (Ladder badges with ribbons are very rare!). Note also the text styles. Were Type 2's and 3's produced by the same firm?



Confederate Corner #16 (cont)

CONFEDERATE LADDER BADGE TYPE 3A



*E. Bowles Collection* : MBR#:603V4-5101

Type 3A is identical to Type 3 except it only has three Ladder Bars, and has a white metal shield at bottom instead of a coin-like medal. Once again, note the text style, especially "CO.D." on the top Bar and "VOL. INF. C.S.A." on the shield. Virtually identical to the two previous examples. Made by the same folks?

CONFEDERATE LADDER BADGE TYPE 4



*Dr. G. Finlayson Collection*  
MBR#:604V4-4501

A departure from the previous three Ladder

badge styles, gradually moving toward the Shield Badges. Again, the Ladder Bars and Shield are of white metal. Two Bar styles are noted - 2 and 4 hole punched. Two different attachment devices are noted on the reverse of the top Ladder Bar - safety pin type and safety pin with ribbon retainer. Once again, we might conclude that the badge could be ordered with or without a ribbon.

On the shields, note the crossed rifles. I believe this was available as a customizing feature since I've also observed the Type 4's with crossed sabers and plain with no weapon design.

This is the first Type (at least that I have seen) offering shield edge designs. Three different edge designs have been noted:



SHIELD STYLE 1  
plain, no edge design

SHIELD STYLE 2  
solid black line  
edge design



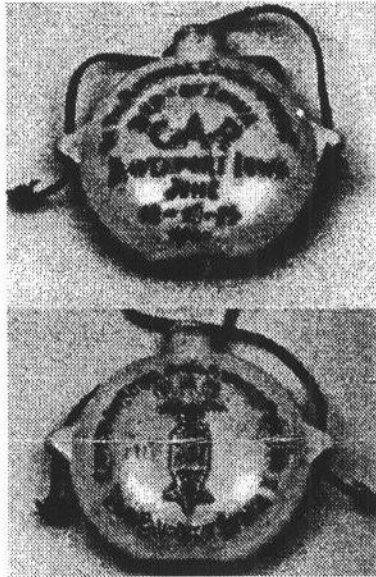
SHIELD STYLE 3  
wavy line  
edge design

By way of general observations, note the decreasing number of Ladder Bars in the four Types, coinciding with an increase in the design complexity of the bottom medals. Types 2 and 3 both had 4 Ladder Bars, Type 3A has 3 Bars and Type 4 is down to 2. The quality of the metal seems to remain fairly consistent between the Types. White metal is a durable alloy of 2/3 copper and 1/3 tin. It appears to wear well over time and be fairly impervious to the corrosive effects that act on other metals.

There seems to be a real paucity of information on the white metal badges. With an open exchange of information in mind, I'd very much appreciate hearing from any members who might have some data on these treasures (CS or US!). My address is at the start of this column.

Next time we'll take a look at the Confederate Shield badge Types I've encountered.

Items recently seen at auction

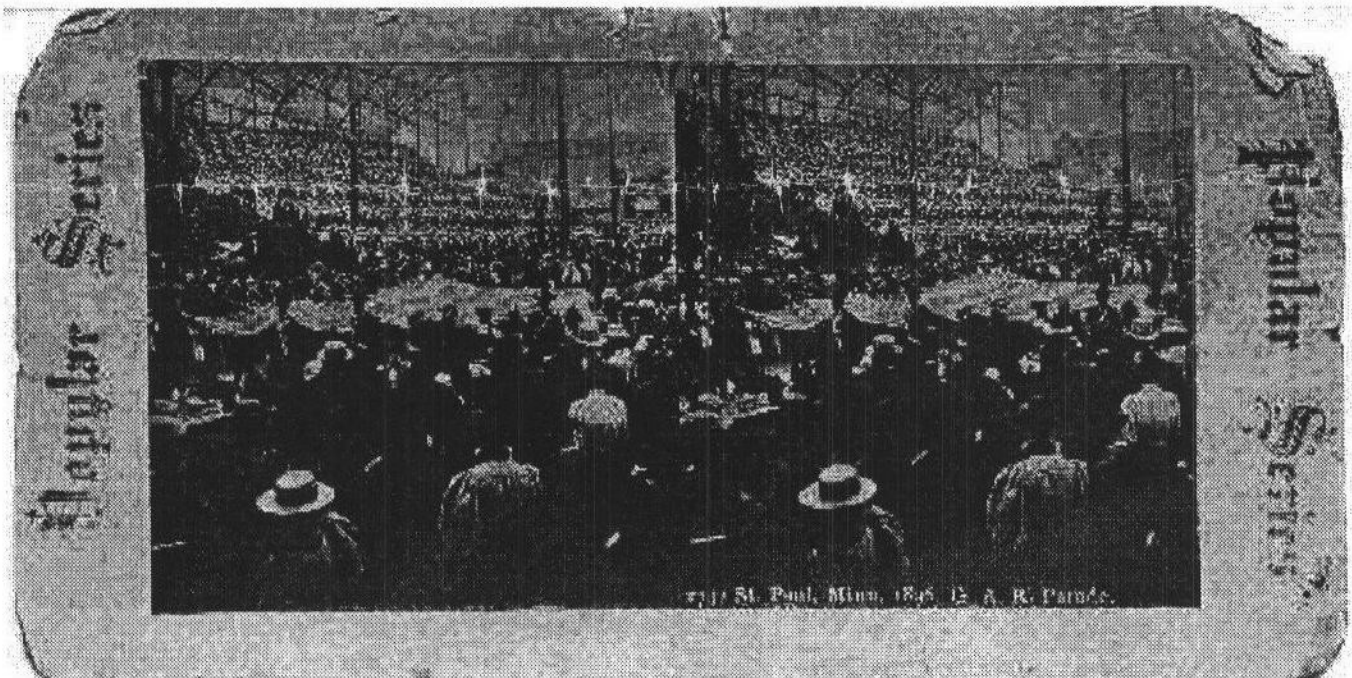


Souvenir canteen from the 26th. Annual Encampment of the Department of Iowa, June 12-14, 1900. Described as a cobalt stoneware item. This was sold at over \$160.



Above – 1899 Souvenir badge from Philadelphia National Encampment. What makes this special is that it was in the original box.

Left – Embroidered ribbon manufactured by Best & Co. for the 26th. National Encampment in Washington, D. C.



Steroview of the GAR parade in St. Paul, Minn. In 1895.