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## **MARSHALL HOPE AWARD** Western Tribune Best Department Newsletter 2014



Department Commander Gene Cheney (left) is congratulated by Past Department Commander James Baker on Cheney's election as DC.

Brothers,

Thank you for electing me Commander of the Department Colorado & Wyoming. I will endeavor to follow the example of PDC Barker. I will continue the awards and programs he instituted.

I am pleased to announce the creation of three new Appointed Officer positions: Department Counselor-Brother John Culey, Department Genealogist: Brother Richhart, PDC, and Assistant Department Webmaster-Brother Thomas Zink.

I look forward to working with Senior Vice Commander William Salmon, Junior Vice Commander Scott Kronberg, and all the other officers of the Department of Colorado and Wyoming. Secretary Richhart, PDC, and Treasurer Barker, PDC. Have already proven to be stalwart mentors. I am certain they will keep me on proper course.

I wish to thank Secretary Richhart, PDC, and Treasurer Barker, PDC, for their strenuous efforts to keep Idaho in our Department. Unfortunately it was not to be.

The 2016 Department Encampment is tentatively planned for 12 June 2016 at the Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado.



There have been a few changes to member application and ROTC/ROTC Award made at the national level. The information has been forwarded to the Camp Commanders and is available on the national site.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Brother Weart, CC, for the excellent job of putting together the Western [Tribune](#).

In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty  
Gene Cheney, Commander  
Dept. of Colorado & Wyoming

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### **Colorado's Centennial Camp 100 Participates in a Civil War Related Cemetery Tour** By Walter Weart, Camp Commander **Centennial Camp 100**

On September 26, Centennial Camp 100 participated with the Arvada Historical Society as part of their 14th Annual Cemetery Tour. This was done in honor of the 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. The event was also a fundraiser for the Arvada Historical Society and the Arvada Cemetery Association.

Camp Commander Walter Weart, Brother George Smith, and Auxiliary Member Susanna Weart each provided insights and understanding into the Civil War. Commander Weart portrayed his great, great Uncle, James Manners Weart, a 2nd lieutenant of the 21st New Jersey. Weart was the first man in New Jersey to enlist and the G.A.R. post in Hopewell was named for him. In character, Weart reviewed James' career, including his participation in the battles of Fredericksburg, Salem Church and Chancellorsville. Sister Weart was dressed in mourning attire explaining how women grieved for their loved ones during and after the Civil War.

Brother Smith was at the grave of Rufus H. Hurlburt and reviewed Hurlburt's life. He was born in June 1837 in Trumbull City, Indiana. He enlisted as a private in Company E, 29th Ohio Infantry 13 August, 1862 and mustered out as a Corporal 23 June, 1865. While serving with the regiment, he fought at Antietam (less than one month into his enlistment), Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and two of the three days of Gettysburg. After a regimental refit of five months, they joined Sherman's Army. The regiment then took part in the battles of Lookout Mountain, Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and Savannah. He was captured and paroled the same day March 16, 1865 at the battle of Averysville, North Carolina.

Hurlburt returned to Ohio after the war becoming active in GAR Post #4. Upon moving to Colorado in about 1880, he joined Major Anderson GAR Post #88 in Arvada. He remained a carpenter and was the first postmaster for the town of Westminster from 1910 through 1914.

Hulbert's tombstone was placed this past April by the Westminster Historical Society and the Westminster Rotary Club and Brothers John Buschmann and Geoffery Hunt participated in that ceremony.

Sven Hillring, a 1st Sergeant in the 1st Colorado Volunteers reenactors set up a typical campsite as would have been seen during the Civil War. Hillring discussed the various pieces of gear, including

a shelter tent and a soldier's daily life.

There are 21 Union Civil War veterans buried in this cemetery, representing both infantry and cavalry. The event was attended by well over 200 people and received very favorable comments.



Photo caption: Sister Susie Weart and Commander Walter Weart flank the monument which is engraved "To Those Who Served Our Country, They Gave Their Today For Our Tomorrow". The monument was erected by the Arvada Lions Club in 1969 and is the site of an annual VFW and American Legion joint memorial service each May.

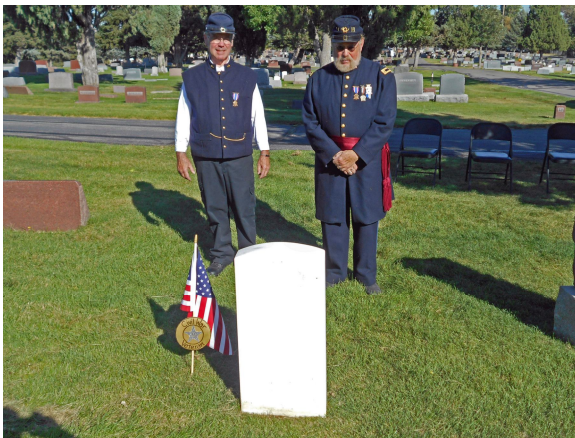


Photo caption: Brother George Smith and Camp Commander Walter Weart stand behind the tombstone of Civil War veteran Rufus Hurlbert.



Photo caption: Sven Hillring, a 1st Sergeant, the 1st Colorado Volunteers stands next to his re-creation of a typical Civil War soldier's campsite.



Photo caption: Brothers John Buschmann (left) and Geoffery Hunt (right) participated in the ceremony in April 2015 to place the headstone for Corporal Rufus Hurlbert.

**Centennial Camp 100 Flagpole Project & Veterans Walkway**

By Craig Ayler, PCC/ Centennial Camp 100

For years, a stark flagpole stood amidst the Civil War graves of the Grand Army of the Republic in Denver's Riverside Cemetery. To elevate and honor that feature, Centennial Camp 100, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, launched the Riverside Flagpole and Veterans Walkway Projects. On June 14, 2013, with the pouring of a concrete platform large enough to hold a color guard, the Flagpole Project was completed.

We next went forward with the Veterans Walkway. The volunteers of Centennial Camp 100 broke ground on April 27, 2014 on the first block of memorial bricks for the walkway. We continued to work on weekends, around weather, heat and cold, to complete the five 8' x 8' brick blocks of the Veteran's Walkway on August 8, 2015.

The Fairmount Cemetery is the owner of Riverside Cemetery. Judge Robert P. Fullerton, Chairman of the Fairmount Board and a member of Centennial Camp 100, and also Kelly W. Briggs, President and CEO at Fairmont Cemetery, granted approval of the projects thus enabling the camp to complete the work. Centennial Camp 100 is grateful for their time and support.

We are proud to have currently received memorial bricks for veterans from the Civil War, World War II and Vietnam with their memorial bricks in the walkway. Our goal is to honor all veterans who have served our country through its history.

**Department Elects new Officers at 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment** by Jim Barker, DC (Camp 100)

The Department's 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Encampment was held 6 Jun 2015 at The Academy Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by Department Commander Jim Barker. Twelve Brothers attended representing Camps 1, 7 and 100. During the reports of Department Officers and Camp Commanders, the encampment approved recommendations to 1) purchase a half-page ad in the National Encampment brochure and 2) send a Certificate of Appreciation to Brother Charles Beal, PPC of the Department of California & Pacific for his work in documenting the Civil War memorials in Pueblo, CO.

Moving to new business, Commander Barker announced that the State of Idaho had been transferred from our Department to the newly created Department of the Columbia. All of the Brothers living in Idaho remain members of Capt. Lot Smith Camp 1. They may, at their option, transfer to one of the new department's camps or become dual members. PDC Richhart offered to assist the Columbia Department organize a camp in Idaho.

Commander Barker then presented the Department's awards for the past year. The James E. Jewell Awards for the outstanding recruiter went to PDC Eric Richhart of Camp 1. The A. V. Bohn Award for the outstanding Camp went to Centennial Camp 100.

There being no further business, the encampment nominated and elected officers for the year. Prior to the election, the encampment voted to separate the office of Secretary /treasurer into two offices. The following Brothers were elected or appointed for 2015-16:

Department Commander - L. E. (Gene) Cheney, CC, Camp 100

Senior Vice Department Commander - William J. Salmon, CC, Camp 1

Junior Vice Department Commander - Scott Kronberg, Camp 100

Secretary – Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1

Treasurer - James M. Barker, PDC, Camp 100

Council Member - James Davenport, PDC, Camp 12

Council Member - Garry Brewer, PDC, Camp 7

Council Member - Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7

Patriotic Instructor - Geoffrey R. Hunt., PDC, Camp 100

Chaplain - Willis S. Whittlesey III, Camp 1

Graves Registration Officer - Craig A. Ayler, PCC, Camp 100

Civil War Memorials Officer- James M. Barker, PDC, Camp 100

Historian - James M. Barker, PDC, Camp 100

Eagle Scout Coordinator - Gerald Mosely, PDC, Camp 1

GAR Highway Officer - Gary Parrott, PDC, Camp 7

Department Organizer - Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1

Newsletter Editor - Wally Weart, CC, Camp 100

Webmaster - Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1

Asst. Webmaster – Thomas Zink, Camp 100

Counselor – John H. Culley, Camp 100

Genealogist - Eric D. Richhart, PDC, Camp 1

All incoming officers were then installed by Brother Alan Russ, PDC, National Secretary and dual member of Camp 100.

DC Barker presents PDC Eric  
Award  
Richhart the James Jewel Award

DC Barker presents CC Wally Weart the A. V. Bohn



### WRITE AN ARTICLE!

We need your articles for publication in the Western Tribune.

Photographs, etc., accompanying articles are much appreciated.

Send your articles & photos to the Editor at: [wj@nilenet.com](mailto:wj@nilenet.com)

Pictures from the 87th Department of Colorado Wyoming 87th Encampment



DC Barker presents PDC Eric Richhart the James Jewel Award.



DC Barker presents CC Wally Weart the A. V. Bohn Award for the *Western Tribune*



National Secretary Alan Russ installed PCC Gene Cheney as the new Department Commander.



(Left) Outgoing Commander Jim Barker, PDC; congratulates Incoming Commander Gene Cheney, PCC.



(L-R): Outgoing Commander Jim Barker, PDC; National Secretary Alan Russ, PDC; Incoming Commander Gene



(L-R): John Culley, PCC Craig Ayler, DC Gene Cheney, PDC Jim Barker, Nat. Sec. Alan Russ, PDC Eric Richhart, PDC Gary Parrott, Tom Zink, CC Wally Weart



The Empty Chair in honor of the G.A.R.

**Welcome new members**

By Walter Weart, Editor *Western Tribune*

We want to welcome the following new Brothers and look forward to their active participation their Camps.

Lot Smith Camp # 1;  
Joseph Richard Bouley  
Michael Warren McCormick  
Kevin Salmon former USAF  
Jordan Salmon active duty US Navy  
Shane Salmon former USMC

Centennial Camp 100:

George Smith  
Jason E. Miller  
Christopher Waakles

Additionally, two candidates have been elected but have not yet been obligated:

Larry Cox  
Dennis R. Schildhauer

**Brief Biographies of Some GAR Comrades**

by Jim Barker, PDC (Camp 100)

**STEVEN SCHUETZ** was born in Switzerland on 4 November 1837. He was working as a saloon keeper when he enlisted as a Private in Co. B, 4 MO Veteran Regiment in April, 1864. As a part of the Army of the Southwest, he participated in several skirmishes on the frontier. He was discharged at St. Louis in the fall of 1865. Comrade Schuetz was a member of Lincoln Post No. 2 at Butte, MT.

**SELDON B. KINGSBURY** was born 29 Oct 1840 in Camden, OH. He enlisted as a Private in Co. C, 7 OH Inf in April 1861. Serving in West Virginia, he took part in the battle of Cross Lanes and was later taken prisoner. He was confined in Libby Prison for about three weeks then sent to Parrish Prison in New Orleans. He remained there until Gen Benjamin Butler began to force his way up the Mississippi when the prisoners were moved to Salisbury, NC. He was paroled in the summer of 1862 and returned home where he was discharged for disability, the result of disease he contracted during his imprisonment. Returning to school, he graduated from Oberlin College in 1864 as was later commissioned as 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in an Ohio State Regiment. He worked as a school teacher until 1872 when he began a law practice. He also served as Superintendent of schools for ten years at Flint, MI and later at Constantine, MI. Comrade Kingsbury was a member of the E. Baker GAR Post at Hailey, ID and served as Post Chaplain and Post Inspector.

**SIMON HAUSWIRTH** was born in Berne, Switzerland on `16 December 1844. He was a miner. He enlisted 7 Dec 1863 as a Private in Co. C, 35 WI Inf. Detailed as a bugler, he was attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 3 Div, 19 Corps. He took part in the battle of Spanish

Fort and many skirmishes. In June, 1865 he went with his regiment to the Texas-Mexican border in anticipation of trouble with Emperor Maximilian. He was discharged 15 Apr 1866. Comrade Hauswirth was a member of Lincoln Post No. 2 of Butte, MT

**RANSFORD SMITH** was born 17 Jan 1834, in Oxford, OH and was a lawyer by profession. He graduated from Miami University in 1855, was admitted to the bar in 1856, and elected Mayor of Hamilton, OH in Apr 1859. He enlisted 20 Jul 1861, as a Private in the 35 OH Inf. He was promoted to 1LT in Aug of that year and to Capt in June of 1862. At that time he was assigned as Aide-de-Camp to Col McCook who commanded the 3 Bde, 3 Div, 14 Corps. He participated in engagements at Mills Spring, Pea Ridge, Corinth, Springfield, Perryville, Spring Hill, and Horpith River. He resigned from the army 20 Mar 1863. He joined the GAR at Ogden, UT in Apr 1881 as was a member of J. A. Dix Post No. 3. He was a Past Commander of the Department of Utah and served as Post Chaplain, Post Adjutant and Post Commander. He served as delegate from Utah to the National Democrat Convention in Jul 1884 and was a candidate for the 49<sup>th</sup> Congress.

**AHIMAN V. BOHN** was born in Massillon, OH on 12 Nov 1836. Before the war he was a railroad man, serving as a passenger conductor, ticket agent and various other duties. He enlisted 24 May 1861 in Co. K, 15 IL Inf as a private. He was promoted through the grades of Lieutenant, Brigade Quarter-

master and finally Major on 20 Jun 1864. Attached to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Army Corps, he was in the battles of Shiloh, Hatchie River, Vicksburg, Atlanta, and was with Sherman on his march to the sea. Discharged on 23 Jun 1865, he was engaged in coal mining in Missouri and Illinois serving as superintendent, manager and owner until 1874. By 1878, he was engaged in silver mining in Leadville, CO. Comrade Bohn was a member of the James A. Garfield GAR Post in Leadville. He served as Post Commander and was elected Commander of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming in 1885. Additionally, he served as the Commander of the 5<sup>th</sup> Grand Division of the Sons of Veterans. The Department's A. V. Bohn Award for the Outstanding Camp was created in his honor.

**CHARLES S. WARREN** was born in Utica, IL on 20 Nov 1847. His family has originally settled near Cold Spring, NY about 1755. Gen G. K. Warren, the commander of the 5 Corps was his second cousin. Raised in Illinois, he moved to Colorado in 1862, settling in South Park. He returned to Illinois in May 1864, and enlisted as a Private in Co. A, 132 IL Inf. He was discharged 20 Jan 1866 as 1SGT of Co. C, 147 IL Inf. In Apr of that year he traveled to Montana driving an ox team. He taught school in Deer Lodge County for a year then tried his hand at placer mining. In 1871, he was appointed Deputy Sheriff for Deer Lodge County and was elected Sheriff in 1873. He then moved to Butte where was the first Police Magistrate. He served as Deputy Assessor for Silver Bow County and later as Clerk of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District. He was 1LT of Co. A, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, Montana Volunteers and Adjutant of Clarke's Bn during the first Nez Perce War in 1877. He served as Commissary of Musters with the rank of Major and later as Commissary-General with the rank of Brig. General on the Governor's staff. He was a charter member of Lincoln Post No. 2 in Butte where he served as Post Adjutant and Post Commander. He was a Past Department Commander of the Department of Montana

**WILLIAM H. NYE** was born in Boston, MA on 8 September 1833 and was living in Fall River, MA when the war started. He raised Co. A, 7 MA Inf in Jun 1861 and served as its 2LT. He was promoted to 1LT a year later. He participated in the battles of Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Seven Pines, Malvern Hill, Antietam, and several other engagements. He was discharged on 6 Dec 1862 for disability. By July 1863, he was in California engaged in the drug store business. He moved to Boise, ID in 1865 and continued in the apothecary business until Aug 1866, to concentrate on the mining business becoming an owner of the mine at Wood River, ID. Comrade Nye was a charter member of Patrick Collins Post No. 11 at Boise which was then a part of the Department of Utah serving as Senior Vice Commander and Post Commander. He also served as Department Junior Vice Commander and a member of the National Council of Administration. He was also a member of the Loyal Legion and the Society of the Army of the Potomac.

**JOHN C. FRIEND** was born in Chandlerville, IL on 16 Jul 1847 and worked as a telegrapher operator and a miner. He enlisted 3 Aug 1863 in Co. G, 11 OH Cav as a Private and was later promoted to Corporal. He took part in the battle of Platte Ridge against the Indians in Jul 1865 retrieving dead and wounded from the battlefield under heavy fire. He was discharged at Fort Laramie on 21 Jul 1866. He was elected to the lower house of the Wyoming legislature in 1871 and the upper house in 1873 and 1877. Afterwards he was the editor and manager of the Carbon County *Journal* in Rawlins, WY. He was the first secretary of the Wyoming Press Association and later the Rawlins City Clerk. Comrade Friend was a charter member and organizer of the C. W. Collins GAR Post in Rawlins serving as Adjutant and Post Commander.

**MOSES M. BANE** was born 30 Nov 1826, in Athens County, OH. moved to Adams County, IL after graduating from Starling Medical College in 1849. He was twice elected to the Illinois state legislature before the war. He raised and was commissioned Colonel of the 50 IL Inf which was mustered in on 20 Aug 1861. The regiment was attached to the 3 Bde, 2 Div, 16 Corps of the Army of the Tennessee. He fought in the battles of Forts Henry and Donnellson, Shiloh, Tuscumbia, AL, Lay's Ferry, Resaca, and Rome, GA. He lost his sight arm in the battle of Shiloh. In 1864, he commanded a brigade until the effects of his wound and broken health led to his resigna-



tion in August of that year, After the war he was employed as an Assessor of Internal Revenue, Special Agent of the Treasury Department, Commissioner of the Joliet (IL) penitentiary, Secretary of the Territory of Utah and Receiver of Public Moneys in the US Land Office at Salt Lake City. After the last job he moved to Spokane Falls, Washington Territory, where he was appointed by the Governor as a member of the commission to build the Territorial Penitentiary. He resigned that position in Jul 1886 to return to his old home in Quincy, IL. Unable to perform surgery due to the loss of his arm, he studied law and practiced as an attorney. Comrade Bane was one of the first members of the GAR having joined the post organized by Dr. Stephenson at Springfield, IL. He joined the James B. McKean Post in Salt Lake City and served as Medical Director and Department Commander of the Department of Utah. He was also a member of the Sedgwick Post at Spokane Falls, Washington Territory.

**L. R. LITTLEFIELD** was born in East Greenfield, RI on 6 May 1841 and was by occupation a printer. He enlisted in Nov 1861, in Co. E, 3 MN Inf as a Private. He participated in the first battle of Stone River on 13 Jul 1862, but was taken prisoner. He was paroled at McMinnville, TN after five days of confinement. He took part in the campaign against the Sioux Indians in the winter of 1862-63 and was at the battle of Wood Lake. He was exchanged in the spring of 1863 and was sent to Columbus, KY where he served the remainder of his term in the Government Printing Office there. He reenlisted in Co. G, 2 US Veteran Volunteers and served in the Shenandoah Valley. He was a guard at the execution of the Lincoln conspirators in Washington DC. He was discharged in Brattleborough, VT on 14 Feb 1866 and moved to Utah where he was employed for a time as a printer on the Ogden *Pilot* newspaper. He subsequently moved to Sacramento, CA. Comrade Littlefield was a member of the John A, Dix Post No. 4 in Ogden Utah.

**HENRY T. SNYDER** was born 2 Aug 1845, in Rogersville, OH and was engaged in railroading before the war. He enlisted in Co. D, 4 IA Inf in 6 Jul 1861. He served as a Private Corporal and Sergeant. He fought in the battles of Pea Ridge, Yazoo River, Arkansas Post, the siege of Vicksburg, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, and Sherman's march to the sea. He was in the Grand Review in Washington at the end of the war. His legs were injured in a wreck of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad on the way home. He received an honorary commission as a Lieutenant upon his discharge at Louisville, KY on 1 Aug 1865. He moved to Utah and became a dry goods merchant. Comrade Snyder was a member of the John A. Dix Post No. 42 in Ogden, UT. He was Senior Vice Commander of either his post or the department.

**SAMUEL B. MANN** was born in Mount Pleasant, IA on 20 Apr 1844 and was a farmer before the war. He enlisted 7 Dec 1861 as a Private in the 4 IA Cav. He was promoted to 1LT in Jan 1865. He took part in the battles at Jackson, Champion Hill, Black River, Vicksburg, and Canton He was Gen Grant's orderly at Vicksburg. He was wounded twice near Helena, AR. He participated on the raid on Memphis and went with Sherman to Meridian. Later he was detailed to go up the Red River with Gen Banks to recruit negroes for regiments at Vicksburg. He was captured thirty miles below Alexandria, LA on board the steamer *LaCross* after a night action lasting an hour and a quarter. Tricking his captor, LT Lewis of the 2 LA Cav, by telling him there was an agreement to parole all prisoners on the field of battle, he and thirteen others were released and returned to Vicksburg. Upon recommendation of Gen McPherson he was promoted to 1LT in the 48 US Colored Inf for his service. He fought his last action with his new regiment at the siege of Fort Blakely. After the war he became a school teacher. Comrade Mann was a member of the Patrick Collins Post at Boise, ID serving as Chaplain of that post.

**HENRY PAGE** was born 4 May 1840 in Sharon, VT. He enlisted 8 May 1861, in the 11 MA Inf. He was promoted to Quartermaster Sergeant on 13 June and in September of that year was promoted to 2LT for gallant conduct at the battle of Bull Run. In Oct 1861, he was assigned to the staff of Gen Hooker, Commanding the 1<sup>st</sup> Div of the 3d Corps. In Apr 1862, during the Peninsula Campaign he was transferred to the staff of Gen

McClellan. On 26 Nov 1862, he was promoted to Captain for gallant service at the battle of Antietam and appointed Assistant Quartermaster, Army of the Potomac. In 1863, he was again assigned to Gen Hooker. On 15 Jul was transferred as Division Quartermaster of Buford's Cavalry Div but shortly afterward was transferred to Gen Meade's Staff. In June 1864, he was assigned to Gen Grant's staff corps but in Jul was made Acting Chief Quartermaster of the Cavalry Corps and later confirmed as Chief Quartermaster with the rank of Lt Col. In Nov 1864, he was assigned as the Acting Chief Quartermaster of the Middle Military Division under Gen Hancock and served in that position until the end of the war. On 31 Mar 1865 he was brevetted Major, Lt Colonel and Colonel for faithful and meritorious service. In July 1865 he was assigned to the Office of the Quartermaster-General in Washington, DC. In Nov he was reassigned as Depot Quartermaster at Little Rock, AR. In 1866, he was made Chief Quartermaster of the Department of Arkansas and Indian Nation. In October of that year he was assigned as the Disbursing Officer of the Freedman Bureau, Department of Arkansas and Indian Nation on the staff of Gen Ord and on 25 Apr 1867 was assigned the additional duty as Military Treasurer of the State of Arkansas. He was mustered out in July 1867. During his service he participated in the battles of 1<sup>st</sup> Bull Run, Yorktown, Williamsburg, Seven Days, South Mountain, Antietam, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Mine Run, Cold Harbor, Spotsylvania, Petersburg, Hall Town, Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Waynesboro and numerous cavalry skirmishes. He was wounded twice and captured once but escaped shortly afterward. After the war he continued as Treasurer of Arkansas and later served as a U.S. Indian Agent. He moved to Utah and for several years served on the Utah Commission as a member and clerk. Comrade Page was a member of the James B. McKean Post of Salt Lake City, UT and has served as Junior Vice Commander and Post Inspector.

**ELBERT HENRY SAWYER** was born in Milford, MI on 18 Dec 1843 and was a teacher. He enlisted 15 Aug 1862 in the 8 MI Inf. He fought in the battles of South Mountain, Antietam, Vicksburg, Jackson, Knoxville, Weldon, Spotsylvania and others. He was wounded at Antietam and again at Spotsylvania. The latter wound resulted in paralysis and he was medically discharged in Feb 1865. He then served on the staff of Gen Van Cleve in Missouri with the rank of Major and Colonel. Moving to Colorado he became the longtime President and Commander of the Grand Army Collegiate and Military Institute in Canon City, CO. Comrade Sawyer was a member of Greenwood Post No. 10 in Canon City and has served as Assistant Adjutant General of the Department of Colorado & Wyoming.

**WOODWARD HODGSON** was born 5 Jul 1846 in Au Sable Forks, NY and was an engineer before the war. He enlisted 3 Nov 1861 as a Private in the 1 US Sharpshooters. He was later promoted to Corporal, Sergeant, 2d Lieutenant and Captain. He fought at the battles of Big Bethel, Yorktown, White House, Hanover Court House, Fair Oaks, Peach Orchard, Savage Station, White Oak Swamp, Charles City Crossroads, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Kelly's Ford, Paine's Farm, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Shady Grove Church, Petersburg, Jerusalem Plank Road, Deep Bottom, Oak Grove Church, Ream's Station, Mine Run, Ellis Ford, and Boyden Plank Road. He was wounded three times and was discharged at Petersburg at the end of the war. He then worked as a railroad constructor. Comrade Hodgson was a member of the James B. McKean Post at Salt Lake City and has served as Junior Vice Commander.

**ISRAEL R. WEAMER** was born in Indiana County, PA on 10 Jan 1843 and was in the hotel business before the war. He enlisted 3 Aug 1861, as a Private in Co. B, 38 OH Inf. He was later promoted to Corporal and for two years served as an orderly at the headquarters of the 3d Div, 14th Corps. He took part in the battles of Mill Springs, Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Corinth, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Kennesaw Mountain, Jonesboro, Peachtree Creek as well as all the engagements around Atlanta. He was with Sherman on the march to the sea. He was discharged 22 Jul 1865. After the war he was engaged in mining in Colorado. Comrade Weamer was a member of Winfield Scott Post in Aspen, CO.

**ELIJAH SELLS** was born 5 Feb 1816, in Franklin County, OH. He had been a farmer, manufacturer, merchant, and at the outbreak of the war was serving his third term as the Secretary of State of Iowa. After the war began he assisted the Governor organizing troops of that state being appointed Paymaster of the Army. In 1863, he was commissioned a Master in the U. S. Navy. He was assigned to the receiving ship *Grampus* in the Mississippi Squadron and was later promoted to Lieutenant. He resigned 1 Aug, 1864 to accept a position as

auditor in the Treasury Department. He was later the Treasury Auditor for the Post Office Department. Comrade Sells was a member of the J. B. McKean Post in Salt Lake City, UT and was a Past Commander of the Department of Utah.

### **Significance and Legacy of the Life of Henry Wells Jackson:**

Speech Given at the Dedication of the Memorial to Henry Wells Jackson November 11, 2015  
by Paul A. Hoffman

Henry Wells Jackson's life is unique for many reasons. He was the first documented Utahan killed in battle in the American Civil War that we are aware of. In saying this, we need to recognize that other Utahans also died in the military service in that war, including two from the Lot Smith company, one who drowned while trying to cross a river and another one who died of disease or sickness. In honoring Henry, we are not diminishing the sacrifice or valor of such other men. But there are no other documented accounts of a Utahan or a Mormon who died as a result of battle in the Civil War.

Is this important? Yes, I would suggest it is very important. Today, if you go to the National Museum of the Civil War in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, there is a memorial to each state of the Union, the approximate number of men from that state who served our country in the Civil War, and the number of fatalities from that state. Utah's is the only one I could find that had no listed fatalities. Zero. This memorial makes it look like Utah made no sacrifice in saving the Union and freeing the slaves from bondage. Henry's story is therefore very important because here was a Utahan and a Mormon who made the ultimate sacrifice for those worthy causes.

Henry is also the first documented member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints known to have died as a result of battle in any national conflict of the United States. Now, you may ask, did not some of the Mormon Battalion die during the War with Mexico in 1846 and 1847? Yes, about 20 men of the Mormon Battalion men died from sickness or disease while serving their country, but not as a result of battle, as Brigham Young predicted. Again, in honoring Henry, we are not diminishing the sacrifice or valor of such other men.

Henry was the very first Latter-day Saint we are aware of who died as a result of battle in any American national conflict. This is very significant because in the many national conflicts of the United States since that time, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Persian Gulf War, the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq, and the ongoing war against terror, many hundreds of Latter-day Saints have offered the supreme sacrifice of dying for the United States of America as a result of hostile enemy fire. Henry was the very first in that long line of honored Latter-day Saint veterans. It is therefore very appropriate that we honor Henry Wells Jackson on this Veterans Day, 2015.

But Henry's life was much more than that. I am sure that Henry himself would prefer to be remembered not only for his death but for the many positive things he did during his life.

As a 19-year-old young man, Henry served in the Mormon Battalion, as a musician in Company D. After serving a full year, when most of the other Battalion men were mustered out of the service in Los Angeles in July, 1847, Henry reenlisted along with 80 other Mormon Battalion men and served their country another 8 months in San Diego until March, 1848. Those men who reenlisted have become known in history books as the Mormon Volunteers. Henry also served in the Utah Territorial Militia in 1851 and 1853. Thus, prior to the Civil War, Henry served almost 2 full years in the military service of his country.

Henry was also an accomplished horseman, sharpshooter, and musician, who had a natural musical talent. It is said that he learned to play the fiddle and fife with ease and he was often requested to play the fiddle at Mormon dances by Brigham Young himself.

Most importantly, Henry was a devoted family man. He married Eliza Ann Dibble in 1850 and they had 6 children, 3 of whom died at an early age. Many of Henry's and Eliza's descendants are here with us today. You are all part of a very proud family heritage.

Henry and Eliza were frontier settlers. From 1850 to 1857, they helped settle Tooele Valley, Utah, and San Bernardino, California.

While Henry was in Washington, D.C., seeking his back pay, he needed money, so he began carrying supplies by wagon for the Union Army in the capital for \$35 per month. Eventually, his duties took him outside the safety of the capital, and, on one of these trips, his wagon train was captured by Confederate forces. After 3 months in a Confederate prison camp, he was furloughed as part of a prisoner exchange. At that point, probably because of the way he was treated as a prisoner and because he needed money, Henry decided to join the Union Cavalry and he became a first lieutenant in the 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment of District of Columbia Volunteer Cavalry.

The rest of Henry's story as a Civil War officer, and the campaigns and battles he participated in, and his eventual death, are well-documented in an article that I co-authored with Devan Jensen, which was published in Volume 15 of Mormon Historical Studies.

Additionally, I have produced a 30-minute documentary DVD of Henry's life that I would like to present to Elder Snow, as the Church Historian, and to the Pioneer Memorial Museum and the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for display or viewing here at the Museum. Also, I would like to make this DVD available, free of charge, to all descendants of Henry Wells Jackson and Eliza Ann Dibble. Please see me after the dedication if you would like a copy.

In closing, I would like to point out that the article and DVD contain a copy of the heart-rending last letter that Henry wrote to Eliza from his Army camp at Deep Creek, Virginia, on April 16, 1864, just a month before his death. In that letter, he apologized to Eliza for not being there to help her raise their family, declaring his determination that he would return to Utah in a few months, and stating to Eliza: A . . . my little children as well as yourself have scarcely even been out of my mind and my heart has ached for you. Even though Henry never saw Eliza again in this life, because their marriage was sealed with priesthood authority, I have no doubt that his heartache for Eliza has long since been happily satisfied.

Finally, I would like to quote Brigham Young's prophecy about the Mormon Battalion, as recorded in Daniel Tyler's history of the Mormon Battalion, at page 354: The Mormon Battalion will be held in honorable remembrance to the latest generation; and I will prophesy that the children of those who have been in the army, in defense of their country, will grow up and bless their fathers for what they did at that time. And men and nations will rise up and bless the men who went in that Battalion. . . . As the Lord lives, . . . you will never be forgotten, worlds without end, but you will be had in honorable remembrance, for ever and ever.

Jackson Barlow, by working so long to have this memorial established on the Utah Capitol grounds, you have helped to fulfill Brigham Young's prophecy as it relates to Mormon Battalion member Henry Wells Jackson.

Thank you very much.



Society President speaking - Maurine P. Smith speaking at Daughters of Utah Pioneers Library.

Scouter Jackson P. Barlow At Daughters of Utah Pioneers Library



Across the street from Utah Pioneers Library at Utah State Capitol Grounds shows the Daughters of Utah Pioneers Monument in Honor of Capt Lot Smith's Company with new Plaque in honor of Lt. Henry Wells Jackson.

PDC Eric Dan Richhart of Capt Lot Smith Camp 1 with Scouter Jackson P. Barlow in front of Utah Pioneers Monument



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