
The Camp Olden Gazette

News from the Camp Olden Civil War Round Table

January - February - March, 2006

President's Gavel -- by Bruce L. Sirak

2005 has pasted and we are all looking forward to what 2006 will bring us. I want to again congratulate the Presidents award recipients Barry Leilich, Kathy Conti, MaryAnn Sirak, and posumas to Danny Davis. Its people like these that make Camp Olden the great organization that it is. Everyone that attended the installation dinner held on December 19, 2005 had a great time.

Our two Event Coordinators are working very diligently to bring us some great events this year with very interesting changes. Theses events do not just happen so I would like to extend my deepest gratitude for what they do and encourage our membership to participate in the events.

The reenactment committee has already met a number of times this year. This year's reenactment looks to be very successful even with all the major changes that have to be made.

I would like to thank Bill & Carole Moore for agreeing to host our Installation dinner this coming January. It is panning out to be a very enjoyable evening. Both John and Barry has promised an evening of fine dinning and intrgue so stay tuned for more information about the 2007 Installation Dinner!

Just to bring you up to date, a year ago I told you about Henry Lawton, the New Jersey Civil War veteran who had the dream to have a park named to commemorate the original Camp Olden, and that his grave site had no Civil War Veteran identification. I am happy to inform you that Camp Olden CWRT has purchased GAR markers from the "Sons of Union Veterans" New York Department and not only is Henry grave site now marked so is his brother who was in the 4th NJ. Bill Ford our Museum Representative has confirmed in his research that they both were in the GAR.

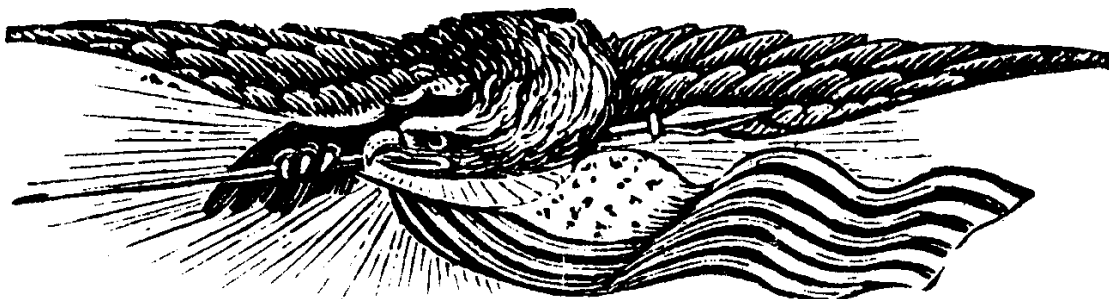
Upcoming Speaker Line up:

- April 6** Bill Styple on his latest book "Generals In Bronze"
- May 4** Arthur Green on Confederate Sharpshooters. (One for Stanley)
- June 1** Joe Bilby-also about his most recent book "A Revolution in Arms" A History of the First Repeating Rifles. -The Spencer & Henry Rifles
- July 6** William Saraceni- A Comparison of Lee & Grant at Appomattox Court House

Enjoy your Spring!

Your Obedient Servant

Bruce



CAMP OLDEN

The Boys
of 1861

Civil War Round Table & Museum
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“How a Jersey Girl Rescued The Old Battle Flag”

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by
Thomas Glover, Hamilton Twp. Library

STORY OF “FIGHTING 4TH”

Few persons of the many who annually view the collection of battle-scarred flags in the “war museum” at the state house know the story of heroism and daring that is woven, so to speak, into the torn and wrinkled remnants of the battle flag of the “Old Fourth.”

The Fourth New Jersey, one of Fox’s fighting regiments, was organized at Trenton, August 9, 1861, and finally mustered out July 9, 1865. It was commanded by Colonel James H. Simpson, a West Point graduate, who resigned August 24, 1862, succeeded by Colonel William B. Hatch, killed December 13, 1863, in action at Fredericksburg. Colonel William C. Birney then took command, resigning June 12, 1863, and succeeded by Colonel Edward L. Campbell, in command at the final muster-out. The Fourth was assigned to the famous Jersey Brigade, under the command of General Kearny. At Gaines’ Mills the regiment, with the Eleventh Pennsylvania Reserves, held its ground after all other troops had fallen back, but being surrounded, finally was forced to surrender, losing 45 killed, 103 wounded and 437 captured or missing. In fighting in the Wilderness and Spotsylvania the Fourth lost 23 killed, 139 wounded and 23 missing. It belonged to Wright’s division, Sixth Corps and out of a total enrollment of 1,867, lost 161 killed and 105 from disease, etc. Out of its original enrollment of 900, 131 were killed. Its total of killed and wounded was 588, and 27 of its members died in Confederate prisons.

It was during the engagement at Gaines’ Mills, June 27, 1863, that, the Fourth faced a ‘galling fire for hours, holding opposing forces in check and finally submitting to capture when its ranks had been reduced to almost half their strength through death and injury.

When they surrendered to the rebel forces, their battle flag was taken and finally placed, shortly after, in the state house at Austin, Tex., Texan troops having accepted the surrender of the Fourth regiment.

Mrs. Hettie K. Painter, M. D. [Served a Civil War Nurse]

Research by: William J. Ford

Hettie K. Painter was born in 1821 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Joseph and Charity Kersey nee Cope. Her father and mother died when she was quite young and she was adopted by her uncle and aunt, Mordecai and Esther Hayes of Chester County, Pennsylvania. The Hayes' were widely known for their humanitarian work. Esther was the daughter a minister in the Society of Friends who was well known and beloved by all. Her adoptive parents fostered Hettie's organization skills and early practical education. These skills would serve Hettie well for the many positions she would latter fill.

She married Joseph H. Painter, of West Chester, Pennsylvania. After their wedding Hattie and Joseph moved to Ohio, where Hettie devoted her time to benevolent and charitable enterprises.

In 1852, Hettie and Joseph returned east and resided in Philadelphia and latter in Camden, New Jersey. During this time she continued her medical studies, "having had from her childhood a natural turn and desire to make herself useful in that profession." She graduated from the Penn Medical University in 1860 after taking a regular course of lectures.

Hettie, her husband Joseph, and their two sons were supporters of the anti-slavery movement. Their home was always open to fugitive slaves fleeing from bondage. At the out break of the Civil War she offered her services and organized the first hospital south of the Potomac River at the Theological Seminary under the auspices of General Phil. Kearney. Hettie had forty men detailed as her assistants. A great and grand work was achieved at this place. After the first battle of Bull Run, under commissions from both Governors Parker, of New Jersey and Governor Curtin, of Pennsylvania she followed the army, laboring in hospital and on the field. General Ulysses S. Grant gave her a free pass for all railroads and steamboats operating against Richmond, with orders to officers to assist her in her work. She received and dispensed large stores available to the benefit of soldiers from a number of different States, giving comfort to the weary and



soothing the dying that were far from their homes and friends. She wrote letters to their loved ones (and ofttimes penning the last words of noble, brave men, who had fought valiantly under our flag) until the surrender of General Lee.

Hettie then moved to Washington D.C. and continued her services at the different hospitals there. By order of Surgeon General Barnes, she frequently accompanied the sick and wounded to northern hospitals and to their homes by way of hospital cars. Hettie continuing her services at hospitals until the troops had all been removed. After the War, Hettie continued practicing medicine in Washington D.C. and Alexandra and Richmond, Virginia.

In 1868 she visited her two sons, who were pioneers on the Union & Pacific Railroad: Jesse K. Painter was stationed in Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory and L. M. Painter was stationed in Corinne, Utah Territory. While there her health had thoroughly given away. Upon her recuperation, she again practiced medicine. Her practice extended as far west as Sacramento, where her patients included the family of Governor Bigler, and south to Salt Lake, where she located. Here she had an extensive practice. Her patients included the family members of Brigham Young and Bishop John Sharp as well as other prominent families in the territory. She practiced medicine until her health again failed, and she was compelled to cease business. She was almost at death's door when her son, Jesse K. edged her to moved to the mountains of Colorado for recovery.

She then moved to Lincoln, Nebraska where her husband had gone into business. In the course of one year she was again able to resume practice, in which she has been remarkably successful. From her extensive travel and experience in medicine she saw the importance of erecting an infirmary, where chronic cases could be more successfully treated. This is the first institution of the kind in the West. In this enterprise she has been eminently successful. From the manner of

treatment and the healthy and salubrious climate of Nebraska she has had patients from Connecticut to California.

In 1883, Mrs. Hettie K. Painter, organized, with forty-five other charter members, the Woman's Relief Corps, of the Farragut Post, of the G. A. R., in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was elected their first President.

Sadly enough she passed away on August 9, 1889, at the age of 68. She was laid to rest in the G. A. R. circle of Wyuka Cemetery, in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was the first Civil War Nurse to be buried there. Slowly, she became a forgotten name among the residents, but not the veteran's groups, of Lincoln, until May 25, 1975, when she was inducted into the Hall of Fame, of Prominent Women of Nebraska.

NOTE: Most of the above history is taken from "HISTORY OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA," By: A. T. Andreas, published in 1882. This is the only extensive history of Dr. Painter found so far. The remainder of information was found in various Lincoln, Nebraska newspapers, over the past 120 years.

Camp Olden Civil War Round Table in 2006

And what a terrific year it promises to be! The monthly general meetings will continue to bring interesting guest speakers to entertain and share their knowledge about a variety of Civil War topics. The museum is open to visitors on weekends and special days. The Events committee is working on some very interesting trips for 2006. The reenactment committee has begun plans for the July reenactment at Veteran's Park. The Education committee is already filling in its schedule with visits to area school as well as looking towards the next Junior Camp Olden.

But to make all these activities work we need you. Why not volunteer some time and help out at the Annual reenactment in July, docenting at the museum, a Junior Camp Olden event or writing something for the newsletter.

It is time to show your support of Camp Olden Civil War Round Table and Museum in another way. Please complete the Membership Application form that is on this page and submit it along with your dues for 2006 to Ms. Connie Davis, Treasurer.

Camp Olden Civil War Round Table and Museum Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Birthdays: _____

Telephone No. (_____) _____ - _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Membership: Single (\$25) Senior Single (\$20) Student (\$15)

Family (\$35) Sr. Husband & Wife (\$25)

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Saperstein and Joann Leilich-June 26. If your name did not appear on the birthday wish list last year or you did not receive a Happy Birthday card please email Kim at kdaly14@aol.com so we can add you to our list.

Donna Sirak is still recovering from her back surgery back in November. We send her well wishes and high hopes her recuperation time will soon be over.

Just an FYI – Jared Daly will be going for his 3rd tour of duty this spring. Deployment may be anytime between April and June. Jared was supposed to be out July of 2006 but has been held in for a 3rd deployment. It seems there was no one trained to do his job if he left so the commander pulled out this little used rule that says they can keep him in past his discharge if there is no one to do the job. So, he'll miss reenactment '06 but hopefully be in town for '07. Keep him in your prayers. Shannon and the kids will be moving to Ewing. Anyone have any kids reenactments clothing so Grand mom can get them into "IT"?

Any news to share, important dates to acknowledge? Call or Email Connie 587-0584, conniemdavis@verizon.net or Kim 581-3549, daydreaming513@aol.com with the name of someone you know needs a missive from our Club or with some news you want to share.

NOVEMBER 27, 1909 - DAILY STATE GAZET'
Fourth New Jersey's Battle Flag of Some of the Survivors



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It was late in the year of 1863 that Miss Mary Hamilton, a Jersey Girl, and a loyal one, saw the flag in the Texan capital, and in part loyalty and part mischief she immediately concocted a daring scheme for its recovery.

Miss Hamilton knew of other loyal lasses in Austin, and was not long in securing a round dozen brave volunteers.

The bevy of girl's saddled horses the next afternoon and rode to the state house. In accordance with prearrangement, the girls, all except their youthful leader, cantered about the grounds and not at all averse to making the acquaintance of the guards. Miss Hamilton had slipped within the building. There were guards there, but her aides were fully equal to the demands and exigencies of the occasion, bandying, cajoling and bidding for favor until the two score rebel guards formed in twelve distinct groups about twelve blushing Yankee maidens. Talking, laughing and making engagements with their quarries, the girls finally enmeshed them so completely that every inside guard was drawn in to the door.

As one of the fairest led five of the unsuspecting inside guards to the door, little Miss Hamilton, her demure little figure vibrating with excitement and her flushed face showing deepest coral beneath a crown of jet black ringlets, hurriedly ripped the tattered colors from their staff, rolled them up and hid them safely beneath her hoop-skirts and petticoats.

The flag was never found by the Texas "Johnnies" and some time later it was returned to the "Old Fourth" by its fairest protector.

This is roughly, the story connected with the old flag, and with a view to having their pictures" taken 'neath the shadow of its folds, seven of the ten survivors of Company B, the Trenton company, yesterday gathered at the state house where a staff photographer of the "State 'Gazette" took the accompanying photograph. Reading from left to right those in the picture are: Standing — John - W. Hindley and Orrin Burbank. Sitting — Henry Lawton and Charles Hanson. Front row — Lafayette Homer, John P. Beech and Joseph Lawton.

Camp Olden Civil War Round Table is going to Richmond Virginia!!!

May 20th and 21st leaving Hamilton Police
station at 7:30am sharp!

Trip includes round trip deluxe motor coach bus w/restrooms
and VCR for movies

Accommodations at Comfort Inn Sweets

Trip also includes the following:

- ❖ Breakfast both days (on board bus Sat.)
- ❖ Richmond visitors center (Iron Works)
- ❖ Ticket for a Self-Guided tour of the Civil war museum
- ❖ Ticket for a guided tour of the Confederate White House
- ❖ Battlefield Tour of Fort Harrison & Hollywood Cemetery (graves of presidents & other famous history makers) & monument row
- ❖ Winery tour and free tasting
 - Free shuttle from hotel to anywhere in the city for dinner Saturday night!
(Cost of dinner not included)
 - *Cost only 180.00 single 155.00 double. 115.00 student price (w/
adult) (*based on **30-32** people)
 - Bus stop for light dinner on ride home. & Snacks & Door prizes on bus
for ride back to Hamilton.

Back at the police station by 9:00 –9:30pm Sun. (traffic could
extend arrival past 9:30pm)

See John Maleski or Barry Leilich for details
609-259-1428 (John)

If there is not a sufficient number of people to warrant a tour bus, we may have
to resort to other means of transportation.



JUNIOR CAMP OLDEN DAY XI

On Saturday, 10 June 2006, between the hours of 9 in the morning, and 3 in the afternoon, young persons 8 to 14 years of age can once again enlist as a soldier of the Civil War or participate as a lady of the Civil War period.

Soldiers and Ladies will join in military drills, camp life activities, music, games, songs, crafts and FUN!



\$22 per participant

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KIM DALY – (609) 581-3549. kdaly14@aol.com
RAINDATE – SUNDAY, JUNE 11, 2006**

**Held at the Civil War and Native American Museum
2202 Kuser Road
Hamilton, New Jersey**

Titty Sause Yams

On the old plantations of Georgia prior to the Civil War, yams or sweet potatoes were very popular. The white potato was not popular in the South then and today has not gained a great deal of favor. Rice is even more popular than the white potato in most of the Old South today.

Slave wet nurses were used in bringing up the plantation owners babies. If the mother could not or would not care to nurse her baby, which was often the case, the slave wet nurse would nurse them. In Africa nursing women often put honey or honey mixed with water on their nipples. This not only prevented soreness due to suckling it also makes a baby that is not feeding well suckle long and more often.

An African woman named Canary Richardson who was a cook on a Northeastern Georgia plantation made the following recipe based on the honey and water mixture. It is the greatest recipe ever made with yams or sweet potatoes and one that will bring you instant compliments.

Boil sweet potatoes with their skins or jackets on for 20 minutes in water with 1½ teaspoons of salt per quart. Remove the sweet potatoes from the water and put them into an oven set at 380 degrees and bake until done, usually about 40 minutes. Never remove the skins or jackets from the raw sweet potatoes and then try to boil them as this will ruin them entirely. Take from the oven and remove the skins or jackets. Spoon them up into bite size portions and put in a shallow vegetable dish. Avoid breaking up the flesh as much as possible. Pour a generous amount of the following sauce over them at once and serve.

Take one half cup of water and place in a small pot and heat until good and warm. Add one-fourth cup of honey to the water and stir in until well dissolved. Remove from the heat. Add one teaspoon of almond flavoring and one teaspoon of cherry flavoring. You can get these both at practically all grocery stores. Stir in and pour over the bite size portions of yams. Put small pieces of butter over the yams.

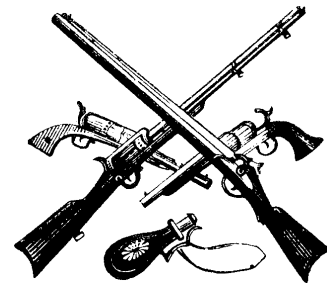
Members, Volunteers and Friends!!!

The Civil War and Native American Museum will be instituting its Spring and Summer schedule of operation beginning in April. The Museum will be open four full weekends per month, both Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

For more information contact the museum at (609) 589-8900.

Camp Olden Members

We are still looking for old clothing, not just any old clothing but period Civil War style clothing. We are planning a dress up box to be used as part of our outreach. So if you want to find a new place for that old uniform that does not fit any longer, that dress that does not fit into the character that you have evolved into, or just want some new duds, drop it off at the Museum on any weekend that it is open.



No passion on Earth, neither love nor hate, is equal to the passion to alter someone else's draft.

-H. G. Wells

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May 4, 2006 – Arthur Green on Confederate Sharpshooters
June 1, 2006 – Joe Bilby on A History of the First Repeating Rifles
July 7,8,& 9 2006 - Camp Olden Reenactment for 2006

Up and Coming Events

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