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Harry C. Mock

Harry Claude Mock was born January 30, 1876, in St. Louis, Missouri. He was the middle child of Lewis T. and Amanda C. Humble Mock. During the Civil War, Lewis served in Co. G. 38th Indiana Infantry and Co. A, 118th Indiana Infantry (6 mos.). Ther family moved to

Kosciuszko, Ind., when Harry was four. His father died when Harry was five years old and so Harry and his older brother were relied upon to support the family. As a result, Harry was forced to leave school and seek employment at the age of 12.

At age 14, Harry left Indiana to join his brother (five years older), who owned a small printing plant in Alma, Nebraska. Two years later, they leased the *Harlan County Times*, which they published for two years. The Mock Brothers had the distinction of being the youngest publishers in the Missouri valley. At the expiration of the lease, new equipment was purchased and the *Alma Record* was established. The plant was sold in 1897 and a few months later, the *Hastings* (Neb.) *Evening Record* was established. Three successive crop failures caused the financial failure of the paper.



In 1901, Br. Mock went to work for World-Herald Publishing in Omaha as a night police reporter. After two years, he left to become a salesman for a telephone manufacturing company in Chicago, traveling throughout a 22-state territory. Community minded, Harry was appointed to fill a vacancy on the city of Lincoln, Neb., registration board in 1910.

On September 8, 1906, he married Emily Cicilia Carlson in Morganville, Kansas. Their children: Ruth C. (1909) and Adah O. (1907–1924), Claudia Joy (1914–1979) and Louis Teola (1918–1960).

After 12 years as a salesman, due to ill health, he moved to Minneapolis, where he was a journeyman printer. In 1916, he moved to Wisconsin and took a job as editor of the *New London Press* for two years.

Br. Mock then moved to Sheboygan in 1918 to work as a news writer for the *Sheboygan Press.* That was followed by jobs at the Badger Tanning Company, the Vollrath Company (food service equipment and supply manufacturer), and as a bookkeeper in a grocery store.

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By 1924, he was working at Crocker Chair Co. in Sheboygan and had been elected secretary of the Plymouth Association of Commerce.

While in Wisconsin, Br. Mock joined the Sons of Veterans, U.S.A. and Sheboygan's Carl Witte Camp #37 in 1920. He was elected camp commander later that year and re-elected twice. In 1921, he was a mid-term appointment as division patriotic instructor and reappointed in 1922. He was elected division commander in 1923. When his daughter died in 1924, he was temporarily inactive. He again served as division patriotic instructor in 1925 and 1926.

He moved to Beardstown, Illinois, where he was secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. In 1929,

Br. Mock and his family moved to Carlinville, Illinois, and again was the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in promoting the city's Christmas decorations and in 1938 was the first to turn on the city square's Christmas lights. He retired after 12 years because of a heart ailment. He died of a heart attack on November 27, 1948, at age 72, and was buried in Mayfield Memorial Park.

Information Sources:

Ancestry.com Harlan County Journal (Alma, Neb.), December 16, 1948 Sheboygan Press, November 11, 1921; June 13,1923; June 17, 1924; December 30, 1924





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Mid-Winter Meeting & Patriotic Luncheon



Above, Department Officers and Brothers from throughout the Department met to discuss various topics prior to Camp #1's Patriotic Luncheon, on February 3rd at Alioto's Restaurant in Wauwatosa.

Below, The 54th annual Patriotic Luncheon featured a large presence by Lincoln (a raffle prize), and a large crowd of nearly 90. The event raised funds for the many Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 programs throughout the year.

Photos by PDC Kent Peterson



Patriotic Luncheon continued



The speaker, longtime Lincoln presenter Nic Bur, received an appreciation certificate from PCinC Steve Michaels. Bur outlined a long series of similarities between the 1864 presidential campaign and the current one, 160 years later, such as infighting, name-calling and fights over the voting process. "The more things change, the more they stay the same," Bur said. But Lincoln's focus on personal relationships, patience, perseverance, media interviews – plus the capture of Atlanta in September – carried the day.

Photo by PDC Kent Peterson



The Lincoln Raffle prize Photo by PDC Kent Peterson

Camp News & Activities



CK Pier Badger Camp #1 - Milwaukee

Camp 1 members who attended the Membership Orientation, held on Zoom last fall, were honored with certificates at the March meeting. From left are Mike Deeken, CC Grant Johnson, PCC Tom Mueller and Will Ammann. Brothers from all over the Department took the live online course.



During the winter, Camp 1 helped current veterans, joining Auxiliary 4's distribution of blankets and necessities to the Palliative Care unit at the Zablocki VA Hospital. This was the first time since before COVID that such a visit was allowed.



At the Mid-Winter Meeting, Department Commander Bob Keonecke initiated Camp #4's newest member Brother Greg Heal. Brother Heal is a Lineal member through his Great-Great Grandfather William Heal, who served in Company H, of the 12th Indiana Infantry. *Photos by PDC Kent Peterson*



L.G. Armstrong, Camp #49 ~ Boscobel



mitigating the adverse impact UV radiation on the contents of the GAR Hall and needs to be replaced for an approximate cost of \$1,000. At this time, we need to raise approximately \$3,037.

Brothers and Sisters attending the State Encampment at the GAR Hall on June 8, 2024 will be able to see the work accomplished so far: selective plastering of the meeting room and stairwell, fresh paint on the exterior of the Hall, and new gutters and downspouts installed last year.

L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 in conjunction with Boscobel's 4th of July parade will hold our Annual Brat Feed fund raiser and membership drive at 11 am. We will be hosting tours of the GAR Hall all day.

Please consider helping the L. G. Armstrong Camp #49 raise the needed funds through donations and grants to maintain the last GAR Hall in Wisconsin. L. G. Armstrong Camp #49, the Boscobel GAR Hall Preservationists, and the Women's Relief Corp. are working on the next phase of restoring the last GAR Hall in Wisconsin. It will consist of additional plastering of the upstairs meeting room and the stairwell leading up to the room. The work will also include installation of more period-looking light fixtures and wiring. The restoration is an ongoing project due to limited availability of funds at this time.

The GAR Hall is on the National register of historic places and therefore requires work done to meet those requirements. Qualified tradesmen are difficult to find and unfortunately the one who we are working with will retire next January, so the next phase of plastering needs to be accomplished before then. The estimated cost of this next phase includes \$1,650 for plastering and \$387 for wiring and purchase of period-looking light fixtures for a total of \$2,037. The protective film on the windows has exceeded its life span for effectiveness in



Col. William Colvill Camp #56 - Minnesota



Col. William Covill Jr, Camp 56's namesake, Cannon Fall, Minnesota.

Veteran of Hubbard County, will be honored in our first ceremony of the year on April 27, 2024, at the Greenwood Cemetery in Park Rapids, Minnesota. Teus served in the 47th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and died on March 28, 1936, at 89. At our March 30 meeting, the camp confirmed that our goal for 2024 remains at 20 Last Union Veteran ceremonies. As in 2023, we could add more as the season and research permit. With the research completed in twenty counties and progressing rapidly in another twelve counites, Camp 56 is on pace to exceed our goal for the year. *(Continued on page 10)* Camp 56 held its spring meeting on March 30 at the Scottish Rite Temple in Minneapolis and set a busy agenda for its Last Union Veteran ceremonies. We surpassed our goal from 2023, and the camp looks to do the same in 2024. In addition to our Last Union Veteran work, the camp is busy adding names to the SUVCW National Database. As of March 22, we have added 1,444 names, bringing our total for Minnesota to 11,553. Our work to set new headstones is progressing in six counties: Aitkin, Crow Wing, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, and Stearns. With the help of our American Legion and VFW partners, Operation Headstone set our goal for the year to complete 250, with requests submitted for an additional eight counties.

Research has been completed to add another nineteen counties to our growing list of Last Union Veteran honorees. Pvt. Franklin Christian Teus, the Last Union



Sherry Sotenson, Marie Bregier, and Iris Cjapman, cousins of Last Union Veteran Albert Woolson, attended his ceremony in Duluth last August. Camp members Mark Campbell (holding the American Flag) and Vern Barker (holding the SUVCW Flag) provided SVR support during the program.

Col. William Colvill Camp #56 - Minnesota continued



Commander Carlberg addressing the Boy in Blue Symposium on March 23, 2024. Photo Credit: John Phillips

The camp continues to draw in more men on the recruitment front, with another four initiated on March 30: Patrick Haley and John Swenson. We reviewed several applications and should add three to four recruits at our next meeting. Camp members Commander Gary Carlberg, Sr. Vice Commander Mike Huttner, Bruce Stenzel, and Matt Nyquist attended the Boy in Blue Symposium on March 23. Commander Carlberg gave an update on the work of the camp and received an extended ovation for the number of soldiers the camp has added to the SUVCW Database. Carlberg and his alter-personality, Maj. Gen. George Meade is scheduled to present the Controversial Maj. Gen. Meade on April 9, 6:30 (Chippewa Valley Museum, Eau Claire, WI), April 17, 7:00 (Rochester CWRT), and April 20, 7:00 (Cannon Valley CWRT, Northfield, MN). Other scheduled events for this spring include Graves Registration at the Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery (date TBD), Memorial Day Celebrations (May 27), and Decoration Day at the Soldiers

and Sailors Monument in Summit Park, St. Paul, 6:00 (May 30). On May 30, the camp will conduct a headstone dedication at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 8, 10:00, at the Scottish Rite Temple in Minneapolis. Please visit our robust Facebook page for regular updates on our work.

Department Events Calendar

May 11 – SVR Artillery Safety School – Boscobel

May 27 – Memorial Day

June 8 - 141st Department of Wisconsin Encampment-Boscobel

August 1–4 – 143rd SUVCW National Encampment – Lexington, Kentucky

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Thank you to everyone that contributed to this Edition!

"The Lady Unknown"

Who was "the lady unknown" who helped Lincoln make safe passage to Washington, D.C., and avoid an assassination plot in Baltimore only days before his presidential inauguration?

Employed by Allan Pinkerton's detective agency, Kate Warne was America's first female private detective. She was able to make her way into prominent secessionist circles without raising suspicion, because women were deemed powerless in 19th-century sexism.

Such prejudice was her main argument when she surprised Pinkerton by responding to a job posting for private detectives. As Warne told Pinkerton, "She could go and worm out secrets in many places to which it was impossible for male detectives to gain access."

Warne discovered the Baltimore conspiracy while undercover as "Mrs. Cherry" or "Mrs. Barley" – a Southern woman with a strong accent, who wore a cockade pin signaling her allegiance to the South and who partied at the secessionists ' headquarters. After Warne shared details of the plot with Pinkerton, they and others eventually convinced Lincoln to take it seriously and proceed with caution.



Kate Warne, a Pinkerton agent, gathered vital info about the plot to kill Lincoln while he was passing through Baltimore on the way to his inauguration.

On Feb. 21, 1861, Lincoln's inaugural train arrived in Philadelphia. Around 100,000 people welcomed him as his car-

riage drove to the Continental Hotel. Lincoln had a busy schedule that included speeches, a public reception, a concert and fireworks.

Around 10:15 p.m., he prepared for bed but received a note to urgently go to the room of his adviser, Norman Judd. Lincoln listened as Pinkerton told him that when his train pulled into Baltimore, a mob would be waiting to murder him as he changed trains. Pinkerton urged that Lincoln instead should leave immediately for Washington.

While Lincoln was concerned, he declined because he wanted to speak at Independence Hall in the morning, but said he would consider the warning.

But before Lincoln could go to bed, Frederick Seward, the son of his future secretary of state, William, arrived with a letter from his father that also told of a threat against Lincoln's life in Baltimore. This second warning helped convince Lincoln that the threat was real.

Around 5 p.m. on Feb. 22, Lincoln had decided on a new course of action to get to Washington. The plan was to meet Pinkerton in Philadelphia and take a secret train into Baltimore.

Pinkerton took the president-elect to a different station to catch the train. At the station, they met with Kate Warne, who was gathering information and managing logistics.

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Warne had purchased and secured four train tickets – for herself, Pinkerton, Lincoln and his bodyguard – for a sleeping berth to Washington via Baltimore. She pretended to be Lincoln's caregiver while he wore a disguise and pretended to be her ill brother. Warne remained alert all throughout the night until they were safe in D.C. Her sleepless vigilance inspired the slogan of Pinkerton's National Detective Agency – We Never Sleep.

The nearly empty night train made its way to Baltimore and arrived there around 3:30 a.m. on Feb. 23. For Lincoln, the most dangerous part of the journey still lay ahead. To reach their destination, they had to ride in a carriage from President Street Station to Camden Station over a mile away, to catch a train to D.C. One hour later, the train pulled away from Baltimore and headed for Washington, where it arrived at 6 a.m.

A little more than a week later, he was inaugurated as the 16th president of the United States.

Pinkerton praised Warne and they worked closely together throughout the Civil War. Pinkerton also put Warne in charge of the newly created Female Detective Bureau, "where she exhibited great kindness, strength of will, and force of character."

Warne died in 1868 from pneumonia, at age only 34 or 35. Pinkerton buried her in his personal plot at Graceland Cemetery in Chicago.

This article is primarily taken from the National Park Service website at https://www.nps.gov/foth/learn/historyculture/kate-warne-private-detective.htm

Topic chosen for patriotic presentation to Camp 1 meeting by CC Grant Johnson.

Camp #1 & Auxiliary #4 mark graves

The tombstones that Camp 1 and Auxiliary 4 are providing this year at Forest Home Cemetery span the gamut of service, for a soldier who enlisted eight days after Fort Sumter and for a draftee in September 1864.

Both were on duty when the war ended. The graves have been unmarked since their deaths in 1889 and 1902, respectively.

The stones are the latest in more than a decade of effort, as part of the Adopt a Soldier program conducted by Brother Tom Ludka and Marge Berres of the Woman's Relief Corps. The Camp and Auxiliary have donated stones annually, and some members also have done so on their own.

Overall, Ludka and Berres' efforts have provided 269 stones. With the help of other researchers, more graves are being found every few months.

"Many thanks, once again, to all of you for your continued

d The Odd Fellows lot at Forest Home Cemetery has 1st Sgt. Thomas Franey on the left side of the inner ring. Franey died in 1889. This is provided by Marge Berres from cemetery records.

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support in our efforts to provide headstones for unmarked Civil War veterans," Berres told the Camp and Auxiliary.

One stone is for 1st Sgt. Thomas J. Franey, who enlisted

on April 20, 1861, in the 1st Wisconsin Infantry (3 month unit), Co B. He was from Green Bay and served to Aug. 21 of that year, then was in the 19th Wisconsin Infantry, Co. E, from Jan. 15, 1862, to Aug. 9, 1865. His residence was Milwaukee when he enlisted in the second unit.

Franey died at age 55 in 1889 and is buried in Section 15, in the northwestern part of the cemetery, in the distinctive lot of the Odd Fellows, a historical fraternal organization that dates to 1835 in Wisconsin and earlier in the England.

The second stone is for Pvt. Theodore Carl, 18th Wisconsin Infantry, Co. B. He was a draftee from Milwaukee and served from Sept. 21, 1864, to July 2, 1865. Carl died at age 72 in 1902, and is buried in Section 4, also in the northwestern part of Forest Home.

The lot of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows consists of two rings of graves around a center stone. Ludka and Berres have placed other military stones in that lot over the years.

The website of https://www.ioofwi.org/ gives the group's history: "In 18th century England, it was odd to find people organized for the purpose of giving aid to those in need and of pursuing projects for the benefit of all mankind. Those who belonged to such an organization were called 'Odd Fellows'. Odd Fellows are also known as 'The Three Link Fraternity,' which stands for Friendship, Love and Truth."

The first Odd Fellows lodge in the USA was founded in 1819, and its presence in Wisconsin dates to 1835 in Mineral Point, in the lead-mining era.

The national website is https://odd-fellows.org/ The group has "members of all faiths, races, genders, occupations and abilities, with over 600,000 members in over 10,000 Lodges in 30 countries." It also gives the "historic command of the Odd Fellow as "visit the sick,

relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan."

Franey's three-month 1st Wisconsin fought Falling Waters, Md., in its brief time, and had duty at Harper's Ferry and guarding fords of the Monocacy River. In the 19th Wisconsin, his action was at Virginia places like Drewry's Bluff, Bermuda Hundred and Petersburg. The 19th occupied Richmond on April 3, 1865.

As for Carl, he and other non-veterans in the 18th Infantry were attached to the 93rd Illinois Infantry from November 1864 to April

1865, according to http://civilwararchive.com/Unreghst/unwiinf2.htm#18thinf The veterans were given a two-month furlough starting in November.

It is well-known that battle-hardened vets in many Civil War units were distrusting of new men, especially draftees. But draftees were part of an enormous pipeline of fresh troops, a luxury that the Confederates did not have.

Carl and the Illinois unit were in the March to the Sea and the siege of Savannah, Ga., then the Carolinas campaign. Carl marched in the Grand Review in Washington, D.C., on May 24.



Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Department of Wisconsin 141st Annual Encampment Saturday, June 8, 2024

Hosted by L.G. Armstrong Camp # 49 John McDermott GAR Hall 102 Mary Street, Boscobel, WI 53805



Dr. Leroy Grant Armstrong





Captain John McDermott

Registration should be received by Friday, May 31, 2024. The Registration Fee is \$7.00 per person. Registrants will receive a souvenir ribbon/button.

Coffee and snacks will be provided for the morning meeting.

Lunch will be available from local restaurants or a meal can be ordered in advance from the Central House, 1005 Wisconsin Avenue, for a fee of \$10.00 and will include choice of sandwich (French Dip, Ham and Cheese or Chicken Salad) chips or salad and choice of coffee or tea.

Tours of the John McDermott GAR Hall will be available.

<u>Schedule</u>

8:00 a.m. Registration opens, light refreshments available

9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony

9:30 a.m. Business Session

11:30 a.m. Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. Resume Business Session

3:00 p.m. Meeting Closes

3:30 p.m. Memorial Service at Boscobel Cemetery

Directions to John McDermott GAR Hall

102 Mary Street, Boscobel, WI



<u>From the North</u>: Stevens Point: Take WI-66 W, State Hwy 13, WI-54 W/WI-54 Trunk W, WI-173 S and WI-21 W to WI-131 S in Tomah. Take exit 41 from I-90 W; Follow WI-131 S to W Kickapoo St in Readstown; Follow 61S to Boscobel; Turn left onto Mary St.

<u>From the South</u>: Beloit: Follow WI-81 W/WI-81 Trunk W to County Rd G in Argyle; Follow County Rd G to WI-23 N/WI-23 Trunk N in Willow Springs; Turn right onto WI-23 N/WI-23 Trunk N; Follow WI-39 W/WI-39 Trunk W to US -18 W in Linden; Follow US-18 W to Fennimore and US-61 N to Boscobel; Turn right onto Mary St.

<u>From the East</u>: Milwaukee: Take I-94 W and US-151 S to US-18 W in Dodgeville. Take exit 47 from US-151 S/US-18 W; Follow US-18 W to Fennimore and US-61 N to Boscobel; Turn right onto Mary St.

<u>From the West</u>: LaCrosse: Take US-14 E/US-61 S to Hegge Rd in Christiana; Follow Hegge Rd and Barstad Rd to US-14 E/US-61 S in Viroqua; Follow US-61 S to Boscobel; Turn left onto Mary St.

Hotels:

- AmericInn by Wyndham 1700 Elm St., Boscobel (608) 375-8000 https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/americinn
- Sands Motel 300 Elm St., Boscobel (608) 375-4167 https://sandsmotel300.com/
- The Fenway House Hotel, Fennimore (608) 822–3782 https://fenwayhousehotel.com/

Parking:

Free parking is available around the GAR Hall. You may have to park on Mary Street.

Restaurants:

- 1. Unique Café
- 2. Udder Brothers
- 3. 61 Diner

4. Depot Park Market

5. China King 6. Double K's (Pub) 7. A&W 8. Subway 9. Kwik Trip 10. Casey's

SUVCW Department of Wisconsin – 141st Encampment Registration

Make checks payable to L.G. Armstrong Camp # 49, SUVCW Registrations are due no later than Friday, May 31, 2024 Remove lower portion and mail to:

> James Griesel 1005 Wisconsin Avenue Boscobel, WI 53805

Name (s)_____

Address

City/State/Zip_____

Phone_____E-Mail_____

Affiliation_____

No. of registrations x \$7	.00	
No. of lunches x \$10.00		
Circle lunch choice:	(French Dip)	(Ham & Cheese)

Total Amount enclosed \$_____



(Chicken Salad)