

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

The 84th Annual Encampment of the Department of Ohio, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War was held at the Southern Hotel in Columbus, Ohio on June 16-18, 1966 with the Department Commander Eldon H. Brown presiding.

On Thursday evening the Department Council held a short meeting to inspect the books of the Department Secretary-Treasurer.

The following minutes were taken and considered as the minutes of the Encampment and further reference can be obtained from the original copies in the Department Secretary's office, Charles H. Bigley, 205 Seneca Avenue, Fostoria, Ohio 44830.

The attendance consisted of 1 Past Commander in Chief, 13 Past Department Commanders and four delegates, making a total of 18.

Friday Morning - June 17, 1966

The joint opening of the Encampment was held with the Auxiliary. All Department officers were introduced as well as the National President of the Auxiliary, Edith Snyder of Albany, New York.

Commander-in-Chief W. Earl Corbin of Akron, Ohio was not in attendance as a check-up was due in the Akron City Hospital but hopes to be in attendance at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids in August. We are sorry for his misfortune in health as he would have served the office in a fine manner as he is interested in the Grand Army principals. Past Department Commander Paul Grate, his personal aid acted in his behalf and extended the greetings of the Commandery-in-Chief.

At the National Encampment last year, legislation was enacted to use an Altar Cloth in place of an American Flag on the Chaplains Station, so Past Department President Marjorie Grate presented the Auxiliary with a cloth and Past Department Commander Paul Grate a small flag in a staff to be used at the altar of the Chaplain at the Son's meeting. Many thanks to these members for all past gifts to the Department.

10:00 A.M.

The Sons of Union Veterans adjourned to their meeting room and the first session of the Encampment was called to order by the Commander, Eldon Brown of the Dennison Camp #1, Columbus, Ohio.

The following Department Officers were present:

Department Commander - Eldon Brown
Department Junior Vice Commander - John Decker
Department Council - Carl Burcaw, C. B. Wood, Paul Grate
Department Chaplain - Paul Grate

The Department opened in regular form with the reading of the minutes and flag salute.

The following officers were appointed to serve during the Encampment:

Color and Guide - C. B. Wood

Registration - Paul Selby

The following committees were appointed:

Officer's Reports - M. R. Battey, Paul Selby
Resolutions - Wm. Coffin, Carl Burcaw

Officer's reports were received from the Department Commander, E. H. Brown: Historical-Robert Walz and Councilor, Wm. Coffin which are as follows:

The Department Secretary was not able to attend the session due to the illness of his wife who has been hospitalized.

Greetings committees were received from the Ladies of the Grand Army, Auxiliary, Daughters of Union Veterans and from the Relief Corps.

The Greeting Committee from the Sons of Union Veterans was Paul Grate, M.R. Battey, C.B. Wood and Robert Austin visiting the L. of G. A. R. and Auxiliary only as the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Relief Corps were to meet at a later date.

The three (3) orders in session plan to place a gift in the Children's Hospital in Columbus and a note in a letter from the Department Treasurer states that \$73.50 has been given by the Sons of Union Veterans for this project to date.

The following resolutions were submitted and report from the resolution committee:

BE IT RESOLVED that no funds shall be solicited from members nor Department funds be expended for gifts or donation to any institution, organization or activity outside the Department itself until such a time as our Department general fund exceeds \$1,000.00.

This will have to come before the other organizations meeting before action can be made.

BE IT RESOLVED that business sessions of Annual Department Encampments be limited to one day, a Saturday, that resolutions be presented directly to the floor and that all elections be held that day.

This will have to have the sanction of the Auxiliary as well as the Ladies of the Grand Army.

BE IT RESOLVED that Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Department of Ohio, condemns the Ku Klux Klan and any other such organizations devoted to discrimination, disunity and disorder.

No action on this as why only one organization should be named as there are many others that are of the same thought.

Submitted by Daniel Clancy
Dennison Camp
Columbus, Ohio

A letter was received from the California-Pacific Department asking endorsement of Frank Woerner, for the office of Commander-in-Chief at the National Encampment in Grand Rapids in August. This was turned over to the delegates attending this meeting to act on during the session.

At this time Lt. Col. Nutt reported on the Activity of the 3rd. military unit for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan, (Sons of Union Veterans Reserve Unit). The future of the camps depend on how this unit is accepted, as young men are included and they will come into the Camps and keep the Departments in existence.

Memorial services followed the afternoon meeting and included the following deaths: M. J. Adlesburger, E. Burcaw, James Bostick, Harry Russell, G. A. Fording, Jack Mackley, Rolly Sprague, Arthur Courtney, Earl Rhinehart.

Saturday, June 18th, 1966

The Session opened in regular form and the first item to be presented was the committee on officers reports.

M. R. Battey reported and enlarged on the reports as listed and thanked all for the services rendered during the year and expressed his thanks for favors rendered.

A rising vote of thanks was given Wm. Coffin for the report on the meeting in Springfield, Illinois and Decatur - birthplace of the Grand Army of the Republic.

At this time the Council reported on the treasurer's books. Not a complete report could be made due to the absence of the treasurer but the Council plans to make a trip to Fostoria and complete the work. A motion was made by P.D.C., M.R. Battey and seconded by P.D.C. Clyde Neff that the report be accepted as submitted and given a vote of thanks. Vote resulted favorable.

The following bills were presented:

Project	\$50.00
Programmes	- \$8.00
Badges	4.50
Entertainment	
at Banquet	10.00

The above bills were ordered paid by a motion by Gordon Ryan and seconded by Wm. Coffin.

There was sort of a verbal understanding that Secretary Charles Bigley does not care to continue in the office of Secretary-Treasurer due to the conditions at home so a resolution was to be drawn up authorizing the bank to honor checks drawn on the Department account in the near future by some officer so designated. Gordon Ryan to submit such a resolution and the same to be attached to the minutes.

P.D.C. Paul Grate reported on plans to entertain the Regional meeting in Ohio this October and asked a committee be named to work along with the Auxiliary. Department Commander Brown appointed the following: John Decker, Eldon Brown, Paul Grate and Paul Selby.

As is the custom in past years, the Ohio Department Commander while at the National Encampment, select the delegates for the voting of the Department from those in attendance so a motion was made by M.R. Battey and seconded by Wm. Coffin that this procedure be continued at the meeting in Grand Rapids. Vote resulted favorable.

Since all the business of the Department has been completed for the 1965-1966 session, nomination and election of officers for the

1966-1967 year be made and resulted as follows:

Department Commander - John Decker of Cleveland
Department Senior Vice Commander - E. J. Houston of Mansfield
Department Junior Vice Commander - Robert Wolz of Salem
Department Council - C. B. Wood of Alliance
Carl Burcaw of Salem
Paul Grate of Warren

Department Secretary-treasurer - Chas.H. Bigley will continue with the recommendation of the Council after a visit in July.

A motion was made by M.R. Battey and seconded by Wm. Coffin that the acting secretary cast the ballot for the above officers as only one candidate was nominated for an office. Vote resulted favorable and the above officers were elected by a ballot cast by the acting secretary.

Department Commander-Elect asked Past Commander-in-Chief Wm.Coffin to install the officers and he in turn asked C.B. Wood to act as guide during the installation ceremony.

The following were installed and those not in attendance to be installed in their own Camp meeting:

Department Commander - John Decker
Department Council - C.B. Wood, Carl Burcaw, Paul Grate
Assistant Secretary - R. D. Austin

The following appointed officers were named and installed:

Press Correspondent - Robert Austin, Alliance
Department Historian - Robert Walz of Salem
Department Guide - Paul Selby of Mansfield
Department Color Guide - C. B. Wood of Alliance
Department Chaplain - Paul Grate of Warren
Department Personal Aide - Clyde Neff of Mansfield
Department Chief of Staff - Howard Sprague of Mansfield
Department Councilor - Wm. Coffin of Cincinnati

Installing officer Wm. Coffin presented P.D.C. Eldon Brown with a Past Department Commander badge.

A motion was made by Wm. Coffin and seconded by Paul Grate that the minutes taken at this session be considered as authentic and signed by the Acting Secretary and Past Department Commander Eldon Brown. Vote favorable.

The following money was received at the session and turned over to the Treasurer Chas. Bigley.

Registrations	\$16.00
C. Eddie for project	5.00
Wm. Coffin for project	5.00
Ona Hess in memory of husband	10.00 (this was given the Auxiliary but to be credited to the Sons of Veterans project bill)

Friday Evening the banquet was held.

The annual banquet was held in the ball room of the Southern Hotel with Margaret Orr acting as chairman. After a fine banquet the new Department officers were introduced as well as those retiring from office.

The project item was presented to the Children's Hospital and accepted by an officer of the hospital.

The speaker of the evening was Daniel R. Porter, director of the Ohio Historical Society, speaking on the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic following the Civil War by Major B. F. Stephenson and Edward Rutledge in Decatur, Illinois 1866.

"The formation of Grand Army Posts united the Veterans for a common cause and influence was felt in the years to follow politically as well as strengthening communities in the work of reconstruction of the Nation."

In 1931 President Herbert Hoover attended the National Encampment held in Columbus, Ohio.

Grand Army Posts were active until the death of John Grate, the last of the Grand Army Men in Ohio. He died in 1949 at the age of 104. Burial in Atwater, Ohio. He was the last Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army and the last member of the Grand Army in the United States.

At the close of the banquet the "Flowers Family" entertained with a variety program.

Eldon H. Brown
Department Commander

Robert Austin
Assistant Secretary

Chas. H. Bigley
Department Secretary

June 16, 1966

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

To the officers and members of the 84th Annual Encampment of The Ohio Department "Sons Of Union Veterans Of The Civil War" here assembled -

Dear Brothers:

It is with the utmost regret that circumstances over which I have no control has prevented me from being present at this convention and making this report personally. It now seems more than a premonition that I had prepared and presented my resignation at our last Encampment but Mrs. Bigley has been ill since about the Christmas Holiday Season last year and apparently her condition has been gradually worsening and due to the lack of available competent help, and the lack of vacancy in local Nursing Homes I find myself with no alternative than to stay by her bedside and provide her with the best assistance I am capable of. So much for my excuse and reason for my absence, I assure you that I have labored under difficulties in getting things together in time for this convention, and trust that you will bear with me in any errors or short comings.

Item No. 1. As You will recall at our last Encampment I promised that all members that I have a list of in the department would receive a mailing of all orders and letters and bulletins that emanated thru this office, whether this has been an advantage remains to be seen, but at least they received what we had to offer. In one phase it does seem that we were able to contact some whom we have no previous record

of response in our appeal for donations to the O.S.&S.O. Home Christmas Fund, for the Xenia Home program, and thus we were permitted to increase our contribution to this project but sorry to report the contribution to the Encampment Expenses & Project has not been up to expectations.

- Item No. 2 In practically every communication sent out we referred to the important necessity of sending in the Quarterly Reports but for some unexplainable reason a few of the more active Camps still report delinquentlly.
- Item No. 3 We have repeatedly discussed and asked that Camps or Districts that plan what would be considered an important event on any nature, furnish information in time that will permit it to be included with the publication of regular Department orders, to date this has not been done, maybe it is not considered to be a worth-while effort.
- Item No. 4 In reference to the Camp-At-Large, I am presenting to this convention one paid application, which was solicited by direct mail, the applicant, Mr. Henry Timman is a young man in the military service, and judging from the correspondence which I have had with him he is a very personable and intelligent, and also interested and proud of his heritage, this would lead to the belief that there are probably many more like individuals who may be just as much interested, if we could find the ways and means by which they could be contacted with what propaganda we have to offer. It may be possible to secure some cooperation from the National Organization.
- Item No. 5 It will be noticed that we have spent a proportionately large amount of money from our limited treasury for printing and postage for which I undoubtedly will be, as the party responsible, well castigated, but as I have stated to our Commander, and members of the Department Council and others that it is my firm conviction that an informed member is more apt to be an interested and willing worker than he would otherwise be, the results of this philosophy remains to be seen.
- Item No. 6 We have several more or less inactive Camps, in which some one brother assumes the responsibility of sending in the reports. To these faithful brothers I wish to express publicly in this convention my sincere thanks and appreciation, but it has occurred to me that in some way it may be worked out, and prove to be an advantage to have these members of such inactive Camps. become affiliated with the Department Camp-At-Large. This could provide a means of personal contact by the Department Officers, who in turn could get a better insight to the circumstances causing the present situation and also it may provide a method of reactivation.

Assuring you that while the Department has not greatly benefited by my services and actions in the office of Secretary-Treasurer, I personally have enjoyed every minute of the time spent, and the wonderful and loyal associates that I have been permitted to work with, and

you can be sure that if you think I can be of any assistance in the furthering of the work of our beloved Order, please know that all you need to do is ask. Again thanking you all for your understanding and past cooperation, I remain,

Very truly yours, in F. C. & L.
Chas. H. Bigley
Department Secretary-Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1965 - 1966

<u>Date</u> <u>1965</u>	<u>Rec. No.</u>	<u>Per Cap.</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Xenia</u> <u>Home</u>	<u>C. of S.</u>	<u>Conv.</u> <u>Project</u>	<u>Total</u>
6/26	4714						
to	to						
8/10	4723	84.40					84.40
10/6	4724						
to	to						
12/14	4751	74.80		95.00			169.80
12/20	4752						
to	to						
3/10	4760	58.60	7.00				65.60
1966							
4/18	4761						
to	to						
5/23	4773	85.90			8.50	8.50	102.90
5/23	none	5.00 - Membership card to Henry Timman					5.00
		308.70	7.00	95.00	8.50	8.50	427.70

Total Receipts - \$427.70

Re-Cap	Bal. Fwd. June 1965	\$218.31
	Cash Receipts	427.70
	Bonds Cashed	82.64
	" "	41.32
	" "	43.00
	Contributions:	
	Xenia Home Fund	95.00
	Cont. C. of Staff	8.50
	" Project Fd.	8.50
	Total	805.97
	Expenditures	744.81
	Balance	\$ 61.16

To the Sons of Union Veterans
84th Encampment

Dear Brothers:

My activities for the last year were as follows:

I attended four district meetings, namely: Findlay, Cleveland, Fostoria and Mansfield.

I have issued 4 General Orders for the good of the Order.

This being the 100th Anniversary of the G.A.R., I personally got a Proclamation from Governor James A. Rhodes, declaring this as G.A.R. 100th year anniversary. This was mailed to the secretaries of all allied groups. This may bring other groups back into our fold.

I personally contacted the Mayor of Columbus to issue a proclamation declaring the week of June 13th thru June 21st as G.A.R. and Allied Orders Week. He will be represented at our Banquet.

A TV program was promoted for our Allied Banquet.

To all of my brothers, I enjoyed my year as your Commander. Our handicaps were sickness and the possibility of father time. As time runs on in sun or shade we have a great heritage to carry on. My advice is forget little organizational problems and always try to perpetuate our heritage. May God Bless all of You.

Sincerely and always in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty.

Eldon Brown, Commander

P.S. The Xenia Home project was taken care of for 1965. The contributions were over what was the original request.

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Gentlemen:

My activities for the last year have not been great. I was in attendance and brought greetings of the Department of Ohio when the portrait of Abraham Lincoln was presented to the Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel. I also attended the presentation of the flag to go along with the portrait by the Alliance Camp. Earl Corbin was in attendance and Edith Nile was the Master of Ceremony at that time. I also attended District Meetings at Salem, Ohio and at Mansfield, Ohio.

I am very sorry that we are not able to get more people from Cleveland to go along with us when we go.

Yours in F. C. & L,

John Decker
Lookout 466

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

Box 189 Rt. 14
New Waterford, Ohio
June 15, 1966

Commander Brown:

It is with deep regret that I'll miss our 1966 Encampment. I'm sure that it will be a Banner Year for the SUVCW both in Ohio and throughout the U.S. Congratulations to you on the rededication of These Are My Jewels.

I had hoped to attend both the rededication and our Encampment but there is some illness in our family so I guess I'll have to try for next year.

One thing I wanted to bring up at the Executive Council concerns the Encampment Planning Committee. A number of our members have asked that other days be planned for in the future so that working members could attend at least part of the sessions. The suggestion is that the Encampment begin on a Friday night instead of Thursday night. The full business day would be on Saturday with Campfire Saturday night. Sunday morning say 7-10 reserved for church services and perhaps a Sunday morning chapel service could be part of the Encampment - Catholic, Orthodox members could be excused to attend their own services during the same time. At 11:00 the Encampment could have its final session and end at 12 or 12:30 or could start at 1:00 and end by 2:30 so that members could drive back home. It would remain light until 9 or 10 PM so every member should be able to get home before dark if he chose to. With this type of meeting a number of working men said they could attend the Saturday and Sunday meeting but cannot get a vacation during June and so can't get to our current Encampments. Please ask the Encampment committee to consider this motion. It could make the members far more active in the Encampments and build up interest within the members themselves.

My best wishes to you and to the Encampment, I remain,

Very truly yours, in F,C,L.

Robert J. Wolz
Dept. Historian

P.S. Enclosed is my report to the Encampment. Please see that Brother Bigley receives it so that it can be read at the business session.

OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN 1966

Commander Brown, the Officers and Brothers of the Ohio Department, our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R.:

I wish to publicly thank Commander Brown for my appointment after our last Encampment. I consider it a privilege and honor to have filled this office.

During the past year since our last encampment many things have been planned and thankfully some have been carried through. The Grand Army of the Republic Centennial started great and there are still six months of GAR Year left to plan activities. Mark your calendar - November 19-Dedication Day and plan something special in honor of the Grand Army.

Commader Brown had Gov. Rhodes sign a proclamation declaring it GAR Year. I still hope that our National Encampment will request a Congressional Proclamation. You can help by writing your Senator and Congressman asking that a bill be passed in honor of the GAR. Many mayors have issued similar proclamations in their towns. If YOU have not asked your mayor, do so when you return home. (Your mayor likes publicity and possible future votes; the newspapers like city news, and your Camp could gain members from the publicity, too.)

Although I didn't receive many reports, I would like to commend all the camps that did hold special GAR Centennial services either on April 6th or at Memorial Day. Salem's SUVCW Camp held rededication services at their local GAR monument on April 6th, had a proclamation from Salem's mayor which had very good newspaper coverage and then held special Memorial Day services. Congratulations to Mansfield's Camp for their April 6th Centennial services too. These and a few other active camps have set the example, I hope you will follow their lead.

YOU members here are the active core of the allied GAR orders - if we are to continue it is up to YOU. If the GAR's memory is to continue in your town and in the State of Ohio, it is up to you. You must decide NOW. Will we continue, will we fight to regain past glory or are you content to remain just a memory from the past. My answer is No and I hope you decide it is yours too. What better way to HONOR THE GRAND ARMY than to increase our membership during their Centennial Year. Many of our members are elderly, don't forget them. If they are shut-ins, let them know what your camp is doing, show them we are founded on fraternity. Plan now for the future too. Get those younger members. Ever think of a bowling team for the younger members? Have you ever considered trying to establish camps on the college campuses of Ohio?

ALL young men are NOT beatniks and radicals. Many are sincere Americans realizing their duties of citizenship. These young men and women are the future life-blood of our orders. Don't let them forget the Grand Army. Many of the youth of America have a keen interest in the Civil War, but they don't know our order exists. BE PROUD OF OUR ORDER AND THE MEMORY OF THE GAR. Don't make people hunt for US. Go out and

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shout about our Orders. Let 'em know we are still very much alive and plan to grow. Camp Commanders and Presidents - write up your local GAR history and send it to your paper. Be sure to mention your Camp, meeting place, meeting dates and time. I have started this in East Palestine and notice some interest, possibly enough to reorganize their SUVCW Camp #106 in the future.

Don't be afraid of new ideas - our future depends on it.

In this G.A.R. Centennial Year I would like to see the Sons end the split that has existed between our allied orders encamped here and the W.R.C. and Daughters of Union Veterans camped elsewhere. Let's have all the GAR ORDERS combine to form a united front for the glory of the Grand Army. It may take work and compromise from us and them, but so much could be gained from the reunion. Think about it - the allied orders again united under the GRAND ARMY'S Banner - dedicated to their memory. What finer time to act than now during the Centennial.

Again let me thank you for the projects you've done in the past and I hope that whenever and wherever possible you will bring public attention to the SUV, The Auxiliary, to the Ladies, to the Daughters, to the W.R.C.. We won't live for the Bi-Centennial, so let's make the Centennial something extra special - to be remembered for years to come. Let's see our membership increase many fold. Let's see new camps and reorganized ones. Let's make 66 a banner year dedicated to glorify the GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, 1866-1966. I remain,

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Robert J. Wolz
Dept. Historian

Earl Corbin report (cont'd)

This report would be incomplete if I failed to mention an unscheduled event. It happens that two members of your present committee were also present and active among the seven or eight persons who gathered there on that 14th day of April in 1957 to arrange some simple memorial service at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln on April 15th, the anniversary of his death - this to be done in accordance with a resolution adopted by the Commandery-in-Chief at the National Encampment in 1956 at Harrisburg- they are and were- George L. Cashman and James L. High- and both of them have been present and active at every succeeding service.

On that "first" occasion, George Cashman was there as the Curator of the Tomb, whose active co-operation and assistance was essential for any accomplishment; and Jim High was there primarily to represent the Loyal Legion. But since then both affiliated with the SUVCW, and Cashman was made an honorary companion of the Loyal Legion and has served as Illinois Department Commander of the Sons, and Jim High has attended several National Encampments and has recently served as a member of the National Council of Administration.

Well, last summer Jim High conceived the idea of presenting to George Cashman, on this occasion, an award "in recognition of his services in connection with the Lincoln Tomb Ceremonies 1957-1966, ten years," and suggested a trophy. He then called to his assistance four others: two who were members of the present committee, and two who were present and active at that first ceremony and had been present at every one since. The plan was carried out as a complete surprise to George Cashman, and brought to fruition at the post-ceremony luncheon. When Tom Johnson, the co-chairman was called upon for "Remarks", as indicated on the program, he presented to George Cashman a beautiful plaque bearing a photo-engraved picture of the tomb (exactly the same as that which appears on the front of the program) and this inscription:

AWARD TO
GEORGE L. CASHMAN
in recognition of his capable
and devoted services
in making possible ten consecutive
annual tributes to the memory of
Abraham Lincoln on the
anniversary of his death
1957 - 1966
Presented at Springfield, Illinois
April 15, 1966
S.U.V.C.W. - MOLLUS

While we are dealing with the history and development of this formal ceremony it should be noted that, although the first organized ceremony, -authorized, arranged and financed in accord with that resolution of the 1956 encampment, - was held in April of 1957, yet it is a matter of record (see Com'dr.-in-Chf. report, p.16, Proc. 1956 Natl. Encamp.) that for several years prior thereto two brothers of the Illinois Department, Past C. In C. Richard F. Locke and Past Dept. Com'dr. Colby Beekman, - had "also attended to placing a wreath at President Lincoln's Tomb" on this date. (Incidentally, both of them were present at that "first" ceremony in 1957.)

Earl Corbin report. (cont'd)

On the evening of April 15th, at the invitation of George Cashman, I attended a meeting of the Springfield Civil War Round Table, which was addressed with photographic slides, by Edwin C. Bearss, Research Historian, who also had the principal address at the noon luncheon.

(End Springfield report.)

The G. A. R. Centennial Program, at Decatur, Illinois.

On the morning of April 16th I proceeded to Decatur, Illinois, which is only 40 miles east of Springfield on the same highway, U.S.36, taking with me Mrs. Edith L. Snyder, National President of our Auxiliary, - arriving there, at the Orlando Hotel about noon.

I immediately registered at the Headquarters of the G.A.R. Centennial Committee in the Hotel, and got into touch with Roland D. Persenico, the chairman of the committee and Col. John Brooks Davis, Illinois Department Commander. I then presented to them, and they placed on exhibit a photograph (Xerox) copy of the proclamation issued by James A. Rhodes, as Governor of Ohio, on March 10, 1966, designating the year 1966 as Grand Army of the Republic Year. This proclamation had been procured and sent to me for this purpose by Eldon H. Brown, Commander of the Ohio Department SUVCW, designating me to represent the Ohio Department at both Springfield and Decatur.

At 1:30 P.M. I proceeded, in company with Brooks Davis, Commander of Illinois Department, SUVCW, to the original site of Post No. 1 of the Grand Army of the Republic, at 253 South Park Street in Decatur. Having been unable to procure a wreath (due to the late hour) to present on behalf of the Commandery-in-Chief, the wreath already provided by the Illinois Department was offered- and presented jointly by Col. Davis for the Illinois Department and by me for the Commander-in-Chief SUVCW, with a few appropriate remarks.

We then proceeded across the way for the ceremonies depicting the Re-enactment of the Chartering of the first post of the Grand Army of the Republic, there in Decatur; and following this a wreath laying ceremony by all allied orders before a monument there in the park. Thereafter, I proceeded with the others in the G. A. R. Memorial parade.

I remained for the 6 o'clock dinner and program, and left for home the next day, Sunday, April 17, 1966.

Before closing this report, it should be mentioned that in only one state, outside of Illinois, and other than Ohio, had the Governor issued a proclamation recognizing this as the centennial year of the formation of the Grand Army of the Republic; that State was Wisconsin. That proclamation was also on exhibit.

And lastly, it should be pointed out that, so far as I am aware or can learn, this entire observance was planned and developed by brothers of the Illinois Department; and that, for this activity, they deserve and should receive the highest commendation from the Commandery in-Chief.

I enclose the following mementoes of the Decatur proceedings:

- 1- Memorial Program- 1966 G.A.R. Centennial Commemoration,
- 1- History of the G.A.R. in the Central Regional States;
- 1- Official Badge - 100th Anniversary G.A.R. (Given to all who registered for the ceremonies.)

Earl Corbin report (cont'd)

Newspaper clippings as follows:

- 1- The Decatur Review (evening) April 16, 1966
- 1- Decatur Herald and Review (morning) April 17, 1966-pages 1 & 3.

Respectfully submitted, in
Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Wm. M. Coffin,
Past Comdr.-in-Chief

Copy to-
Eldon H. Brown

The annual memorial services were held with the Department Chaplains, Paul Grate along with the Auxiliary Chaplain Bessie Wetzel. At this time invitations were read for the 1966 meeting of the Ohio Department and resulted in selecting the Southern Hotel in Columbus, Ohio for June 17-19, 1966.

For some years the chairmanship of the convention committee has been held by the Sons of Union Veterans but a resolution was presented and adopted to rotate the chairmanship in the three organizations (Sons of U.V.L. of G.A.R. and Auxiliary).

On Saturday morning the resolutions were adopted, report on the officers as well as the nomination and election of officers for the new year. Following are the results of the election:

Department Commander - Eldon Brown from Columbus, Ohio.
Department Senior Vice Commander - E. J. Huston
Department Junior Vice Commander - John Decker
Department Council - Carl Burcaw, C.B. Wood, Paul Grate

The Department Commander-elect appointed the following:

Chaplain - Paul Grate
Department Historian - E. J. Wolz

The above officers were installed by Past Commander-in-Chief Wm. Coffin of Cincinnati, Ohio.

A publication on the Xenia Orphan's Home, founded by the Grand Army was purchased and is to be in the hands of the Department Patriotic Instructor but may be loaned to any Camp desiring to use it for thirty days.

The following deaths were reported to the Department Secretary:

Ivan Long	
Rollo Whitmer	Ernshaw Camp #89 Dayton, Ohio
Leroy Tressel	
Frank Robinson	McLaughlin Camp #12 Mansfield, Ohio
Ira Hoopes	Philip Triem Camp #43 Salem, Ohio

OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

From the office of
Carl Burcaw
Department Commander
M. C. #1
Salem, Ohio

My Report for -----June 24, 1965

To Whom this may Concern:

"Wrong may seem to triumph.
Right may seem to be defeated.
But the gravitation of Eternal Justice
is toward the throne of God.
If it is to endure, must be plumb
with that line of Justice."
-John Peter Altgeld

I wish to thank all the Members of this order, and many others of the allied orders of the G.A.R. who supported me in many of my efforts during the last year while I was in office, as commander of the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. But I have tried to the extent my health would permit.

I have travelled over 3,000 miles in the state to different meetings and other duties, have attended three Lincoln birthday dinners, one in Cleveland, one in Cincinnati, one in Alliance, and a casserole dinner in Salem in memory of Lincoln's birthday.

I attended 3 district meetings in District 2.

I attended 3 district meetings in District 1.

I worked for and attended the Rededication Monument "These are my Jewels".

I placed a wreath and rededicated it to the G.A.R. and to the State of Ohio of which it expresses its gift to the nation, in its greatest struggle, the "Civil War".

I attended 2 receptions, one on the President of the Ladies of the G.A.R., Mrs. Wilda Smith of Toronto, and the President of the Woman's Relief Corps, Olive I. Pankow.

I attended a banquet called the Memory Banquet in Canton, Ohio at the Daughters of Union Veterans Convention. May Hayden, President. That was June 14, 1965 and extended to them an invitation to join with us at our next convention in 1966.

Carl Burcaw
Department Commander

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OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

June 21, 1965

From the office of
W. E. Corbin
527 Stetler Ave.
Akron 12, Ohio

DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

REPORT AND CHIEF OF STAFF.

Department Commander Carl Burcaw
and Brothers:

My report is very short as I do not get very many reports in. There are some camps that have good reports.

The following camps are very active on Memorial Day. They are Akron, Alliance, Cincinnati and Salem.

I know that many of our sons help plan and take an active part. Then there are other special days that our Camps and Auxiliaries hold banquets and are well attended. I was to some of them.

My wife and I had the pleasure to attend some of the Special Dates. The first in Reading, Penna., on April 3rd, the 100th Anniversary of the close of the Civil War. This was a wonderful occasion. After a Centennial Parade which lasted three hours we went to a banquet and there were 540 there. The speaker was Col. John A. May, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Then on April 15th we were in Springfield, Ill., to the 100th Anniversary of the death of Abraham Lincoln. This was held at his tomb.

I wish I had time to tell more but it would take some time. Bro. Coffin, my wife and I were there.

On Saturday, June 12th, the re-dedication of the statue (My Jewels) was in the Columbus State Yard. I was not there but have been told it was fine.

Our Special Project worked out fine, thanks to everyone who made it possible. The Auxiliary and Sons, the Ladies of the Grand Army for 3 television sets.

Yours in F. C. & L.

W. Earl Corbin
Patriotic Instructor

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OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

From the Office of
Charles H. Bigley,
Sec.-Treas.
P. O. Box 245
417 No. Pearl St.
Risingsun, Ohio 43457

Dayton, Ohio
June 23, 1965

To: -
Carl Burcaw, Commander
and, All Department Officers.
and Delegates of The 83rd
Annual Encampment of The Department
Of Ohio, here convened.

Dear Brothers:

As you know it was with some mis-givings that I accepted the duties of this office in 1963, and since that time I have come to realize that the demands of the office are much greater than my ability and time permit, therefore, for the good of all concerned I tender you my resignation as Department Secretary and Treasurer, effective as of this encampment date.

Thanking you all for the honor and privilege of serving you in this capacity, and pledging you my loyal support in the future, I am,

Very truly yours,
In F. C. & L.

Chas. H. Bigley
Dep't. Sec'y-Treas.

NOT ACCEPTED.

OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT HISTORIAN 1965-1966

Commander Burcaw, the Officers and members of the Ohio Department, our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R.:

First, I wish to thank Commander Burcaw for my appointment to this post as Department Historian. This unexpected honor will long be remembered by me.

Although this office has been vacant for a number of years, I believe that I have made a foundation for future Department Historians to build on. Shortly after taking office, I set up a Six Point System, some of which follows:

I had hoped to have a GAR Memorial Medal struck to raise money for the Department and cause interest in our allied order. However, this will have to be turned over to the Commander-in-Chief for action by our National Headquarters.

I started an inventory of the Camp properties in Ohio and I wish to thank all the Camps that cooperated so nicely and sent me their completed forms. This project is still incomplete but could be finished very quickly with the help of the Ohio Camps. I suggest that our Auxiliary and the Ladies of the G.A.R. also consider such a project for the coming year. Far too much of the G.A.R. records can never be found.

Although I was unable to actually collect property that belonged to various disbanded Camps I was able to see some interest shown towards our order. I hope that this spark will help brighten the SUVCW flame in Ohio.

Before this very Encampment comes still another point - A Congressional Bill asking that April 16, 1966 be declared G.A.R. DAY and a postage stamp be issued in honor of the Centennial of their founding.

Finally, lest I repeat myself, I hope that whenever and wherever possible you will bring public attention to the Sons and the other allied G.A.R. orders. A very good time might be a G.A.R. Dinner held next April 6th. Remember: *"Those who forget their past, have no future. Let's see our membership increase many fold in the next year.

Thank you again, I remain,

Yours in F., C., & L.,

Robert J. Wolz
Department Historian

*This is quoted from the National Geographic Magazine, April 1961.

OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

We, the Auditing Committee would like to make two (2) recommendations:

No. 1 - That the Per Capita Tax be increased .10¢ per member per Quarter.

No. 2 - That the salary of the Secretary-Treasurer be reduced to \$50.00 per year.

We feel that these drastic measures must be put into effect to assure the continued operation of the Ohio Department.

C. B. Wood, Chairman
Paul Grate
Howard M. Sprague

R E S O L U T I O N

RE:- CONSOLIDATION OF DISTRICTS NOW KNOWN
AS NUMBERS TWO and FOUR

WHEREAS, It has become increasingly difficult to assemble a sufficient number of representatives of the above mentioned Districts, numbers Two and Four, at a given meeting date in order to permit an effective program, and,

WHEREAS, At a regularly called meeting of the officers and members of the said two Districts, held in Mansfield, Ohio, May 16, 1965, this matter was discussed and a motion was made and adopted that said Districts would consolidate their efforts and activities in the future and operate as one District to be known as District Number Two, with new officers to be elected at the next regularly called meeting, and,

WHEREAS, It was also agreed that, the approval of the Department Officers and members meeting at this convention be requested then, be it,

RESOLVED, By the officers and delegates of this Encampment here assembled, shall approve this request as stated above and for the reasons indicated, and the former Districts Number Two and Number Four, will be consolidated and be known as District Number Two.

We, the undersigned, offer for your consideration the above resolution and move it's adoption.

Yours In F. C. & L.

Chas. H. Bigley
Paul G. Selby

APPROVED.

R E S O L U T I O N

In order to provide for action which may be imminent and necessary in this Department within the authority granted in Section 6, Article II, Chapter 1. of the Regulations of this order,

BE IT RESOLVED, by Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in this 83rd Annual Encampment assembled, that the Department Commander and Department Secretary-Treasurer, acting jointly, are hereby authorized to establish within and under the direct jurisdiction of the Ohio Department Headquarters an Ohio State Camp for Membership at Large; and the said Department Officers will perform for such a camp or group of members all those functions which pertain appropriately to their respective offices, as provided in said section of the Regulations.

APPROVED

R E S O L U T I O N

Whereas our brother, W. Earl Corbin, has served the Ohio Department of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War faithfully and well, and to the best of his ability, and whereas this service included the two full terms as Department Commander, many years as Department Patriotic Instructor and Chief of Staff, in which capacity he still serves.

and

One term as Junior Vice Commander in Chief, to which office he was chosen as a gesture to the Ohio Department at the conclusion of the 1955 National Encampment held in Cincinnati, Ohio.

and

One term as a member of the National Council of Administration, to which he was elected in 1963 at the Miami Beach, Florida National Encampment.

And Whereas he is now serving as our Senior Vice Commander in Chief, having been chosen for the high office at the Providence, Rhode Island National Encampment last year.

Now therefore be it resolved, by the Ohio Department Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the 83rd Annual Encampment assembled, that we do hereby heartily endorse his candidacy for the high office of Commander in Chief in this great order at the coming National Encampment to be held in Richmond, Virginia and we earnestly urge his selection upon our brothers at the other Departments.

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED BY RISING VOTE.

OHIO DEPARTMENT
SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE CIVIL WAR

DEPARTMENT SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE 83rd ENCAMPMENT.

Dayton, Ohio
June, 23 - 26, 1965

Dear Brothers,

If this report seems to carry a note of pessimism I assure you that it is not the main objective, it is my intent however to state the facts as they exist in the Department.

First let me say that, in my opinion, unless we at this 83rd Encampment do something besides pass resolutions, and take action on proposed beneficial ideas that may be presented, then like past encampments our efforts and time will have been wasted and our thinking for naught. In the past we have adopted many of what was considered to be remediable proposals, but have failed to find ways and means of implementing or fulfilling them, and as a result of this inability we are continuing to go backwards, numerically, financially, and influentially.

Each and every quarterly report sent in to National Headquarters shows a loss in membership. Our report for the quarter ending June 30, '64 showed 235 members in good standing, our report for the quarter ending March 31, 1965 shows 217 members in good standing, any future quarter can easily show greater losses. To the best of my knowledge our next report will show, 204 members.

Actually we have only four camps in the Department that can be considered sound and active, the other eleven camps hold no meetings, and are dependent upon the interest of one individual who in most cases makes an effort to collect dues and send in a report. In many cases the one person pays the per capita tax from his own pocket, or is using up a cash balance existing from funds accumulated when the camp was more prosperous.

In view of the circumstances stated, in my opinion it is quite obvious that a supreme effort needs to be made to first - make an authoritative contact with our present camp officers and endeavor to reactivate the present membership in the dormant areas, then if possible solicit the areas where an Auxiliary, a Ladies of the G.A.R. or tent of Daughters of Union Veterans now are active.

This of course will need some financial and moral support. It would seem therefore that a committee be selected and authorized to make plans for a membership campaign and be morally and financially supported by the Department.

It is further recommended that this committee shall receive a priority in any money raising effort in the Department until such a time as their commission has been accomplished.

Realizing that my sentiments and also those of the majority of our Department membership are favorable to our present program of activity, I think we will all agree that, "First Things should Come First" and it is certain that any degree of success gained by the proposed committee will be reflected in the support of our present program.

Thanking all Department officers, Camp officers and members of the Department for their co-operation with this office, and their tolerance with my in-efficiency, I am,

Sincerely yours, in F.C.&L.

Chas. H. Bigley
Department Secretary

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
1964-1965

RECAP

Balance Fwd. ----- \$348.00
Total Receipts -

\$106.35
92.73
123.93
99.10
94.80

516.91

Grand Total \$864.91

Total Expenditures 646.60

Balance ----- \$218.31

1 Series E Bond 100.00
2 " " " 50.00

Receipts - (not included in 1964 report)

Date 1964	Rec. No.	Amount	Camp No. or Name	Per Cap.	Supplies	(Donations- X-Mas Ch.Staff-Pat.In.
6/15	4646	19.20	207	19.20		
6/16	4647	1.20	2	1.20		
6/19	4648	7.60	89	7.60		
6/19	4649	2.40	27	2.40		
6/19	4650	6.40	466	6.40		
6/19	4651	15.80	91	15.80		
6/19	4652	6.00	133	6.00		
6/19	4653	10.00	Austin			5.00 5.00
6/19	4654	14.00	Wood	- (registrations)		14.00
6/20	4655	23.25	Pfeister	- (raffle)		23.25
6/20	4656	.50	Grate	-	.50	
		<u>106.35</u>		<u>58.60</u>	<u>.50</u>	<u>42.25 5.00</u>

EXPENDITURES

Date 1964	C'k.No.	Amount	Nat'l Per Cap.	Supplies & Pt'g.	Salary	Ch.Staff & Pat.Inst.	X-mas & Misc.
6/20	125	99.24				99.24	
6/20	126	19.85				19.85	
6/20	127	8.75				8.75	
6/20	128	25.00					25.00
6/20	129	25.00			25.00		(Aux.)
7/3	131	61.25	61.25				(N. Pr.)
8/1	132	50.00			50.00		
8/3	133	25.00				25.00	(Wheeler)
8/13	134	5.00		5.00			
8/24	135	5.00					5.00
9/11	136	23.51		23.51			(Bond)
9/11	137	5.00					5.00
10/27	138	58.75	58.75				Reg. Due
11/12	139	25.00					25.00
12/17	140	50.00			50.00		Xenia
1965							
1/27	141	56.00	56.00				
5/3	142	54.25	54.25				
		<u>596.60</u>	<u>230.25</u>	<u>28.51</u>	<u>125.00</u>	<u>152.84</u>	<u>60.00</u>
	143	.50.00			50.00		
		<u>646.60</u>			<u>175.00</u>		

(Check No. 130 Void)

RECEIPTS

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Date 1964	Rec. No.	Amount	Camp No. or Name	Per Cap.	Supplies	Donation Ch. Staff	Pat. Inst.	X mas
7/13	4657	11.60	43	9.60	2.00			
7/14	4658	2.00	9	2.00				
9/30	4659	17.60	12	17.60				
9/30	4660	8.20	26	3.20				5.00
9/30	4661	10.10	43	9.60	.50			
9/30	4662	7.60	100	7.60				
9/30	4663	6.00	133	6.00				
9/30	4664	2.80	442	2.80				
10/10	4665	14.80	91	14.80				
11/13	4666	8.33	Ohio Dept. Aux.			8.33		
11/13	4667	3.70	2	1.20	2.50			
		<u>92.73</u>		<u>74.40</u>	<u>5.00</u>	<u>8.33</u>		<u>5.00</u>

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12/15	4668	8.00	466	8.00				
12/15	4669	7.20	89	7.20				
void	4670							
1/5	4671	14.80	91	14.80				
1/5	4672	17.20	12	17.20				
1/5	4673	4.00	9	4.00				
1/5	4674	3.20	26	3.20				
1/5	4675	5.00	Paul Grate					5.00
1/13	4676	6.00	133	6.00				
1/15	4677	2.80	442	2.80				
1/15	4678	5.00	Pfeister					5.00
1/15	4679	7.60	100	7.60				
1/22	4680	8.00	10	8.00				
1/22	4681	5.00	100					5.00
void	4682							
2/15	4683	5.00	Decker					5.00
void	4684							
2/15	4685	6.80	89	6.80				
2/15	4686	5.00	Clingman					5.00
2/15	4687	5.00	12					5.00
2/20	4688	8.33	Ohio Dept. & Ladies G.A.R.			8.33		
		<u>123.93</u>		<u>85.60</u>		<u>8.33</u>		<u>30.00</u>

Receipts - continued
1965

3/2	4689	9.70	43	9.20	.50			
4/20	4690	15.60	12	15.60				
4/20	4691	3.20	26	3.20				
4/20	4692	5.00	Ryan			5.00		
4/20	4693	7.20	27	7.20				
4/20	4694	6.80	89	6.80				
4/20	4695	13.60	91	13.60				
4/20	4696	6.80	100	6.80				
4/20	4697	6.00	133	6.00				
5/10	4698	16.00	1	16.00				
5/27	4699	9.20	43	9.20				
		<u>99.10</u>		<u>93.60</u>	<u>.50</u>	<u>5.00</u>		

ADDITIONAL RECEIPTS

<u>Date</u> <u>1965</u>	<u>Rec.</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Camp No.</u> <u>or Name</u>	<u>Per Cap.</u>	<u>Supplies</u>	<u>Donation</u> <u>Chf. Staff</u>	<u>Pat.</u> <u>Instr.</u>	<u>X-</u> <u>Mas</u>
6/14	4700	10.00	Austin			5.00	5.00	
6/14	4701	2.00	Nile				2.00	
6/14	4702	1.00	Batley				1.00	
6/14	4703	2.00	Wood				2.00	
6/14	4704	5.00	McClellan				5.00	
6/14	4705	10.00	Grate			5.00	5.00	
6/14	4706	30.00	McLaughlin			15.00	15.00	
6/14	4707	4.00	#466-L.O.	4.00				
6/14	4708	6.80	#100	6.80				
6/14	4709	4.00	#466	4.00				
6/14	4710	5.00	#100			2.50	2.50	
6/14	4711	5.00	Winall			2.50	2.50	
6/14	4712	5.00	Coffin			2.50	2.50	
6/14	4713	5.00	Pfeister			2.50	2.50	
		<u>94.80</u>		<u>14.80</u>		<u>35.00</u>	<u>45.00</u>	

We, the Auditing Committee have checked the books and find them in good shape and with very few mistakes.

C. B. Wood, Chairman
Paul Grate
Howard N. Sprague

I wish to thank all the membership for cooperation rendered during the past year and hope all may return to the 84th Encampment in 1965.

Chas. H. Bigley,
Department Secretary-Treas.

REMARKS BY DANIEL R. PORTER

AT THE REDEDICATION

OF "OHIO JEWELS"

Ohio State House Grounds

Columbus

Saturday, June 13, 1965

Atop this statue stands Cornelia, a Roman widow. She had lost her husband and nine of her children when a lady of wealth paid her a visit. After the visitor had flaunted the gems which adorned her, the legend relates, Cornelia drew aside a curtain and showed the bejeweled matron her two sleeping sons.

"These are my jewels," she said. Both boys died for their country.

Upon the pedestal of this monument are Cornelia's words "These are my jewels," the sons of a grateful Mother state.

There is "Lyss" Grant of Pt. Pleasant and Georgetown, a farm lad who loved horses. He rose to become general of all the Union armies, and President. His little 2-room Pt. Pleasant birthplace and his Georgetown schoolhouse are both preserved for public appreciation.

"Cump" Sherman is among these seven great sons. The Shermans lived in Lancaster, where Cump was born in a house still standing as a State Memorial. Cump was only a small boy when his father died. His guardian, however, saw to it that he had education and advantages. His prominence in the Civil War is known to all, North and South.

"Little Phil" Sheridan was born in Albany, New York, but his family moved to Somerset in 1831. Phil had little schooling, and was clerking in a general store at the age of 13. A man of arms all his life, Sheridan shone best when the battle was hottest. His equestrian statue is in his boyhood hometown.

"Black Terrier" was the nickname Edwin Stanton's friends and enemies gave him. As a youth in his native Steubenville, he too had been a clerk. His skill at law impressed Abraham Lincoln, who made him Secretary of War. Individualistic, with a fierce aspect due largely to his beard, Stanton will remain the least understood and most controversial of "My Jewels."

Jim Garfield was a child of 2 when his father died from the effects of fighting a raging forest fire threatening their log home in Orange, Cuyahoga County. The mother and five children had to make do for themselves. No man with such humble beginnings attained greater heights. From Canal Lawyer to President is no mean step. His great tomb is in Cleveland and his home, Lawnfield, is preserved in Mentor.

"The attorney general for runaway slaves", Salmon P. Chase was called for his defense of fugitives. He was a New Hampshire native who had come to Ohio after his father's death. He lived and studied in Worthington until he settled in Cincinnati. Lincoln never developed close ties with his Secretary of the Treasury, but the President was respectful of his talents. As Chief Justice, Chase was faced with the dubious honor of trying Jeff Davis.

The seventh jewel is "Ruddy" Hayes of Delaware. His father died before Ruddy was born. Hayes' bravery on the battlefield is legendary, and he served our nation ably after being elected in the most disputed election in history. The Hayes Library-Museum and his beloved estate Spiegel Grove in Fremont are among the nation's finest memorials to a President.

General Boeliff Brinkerhoff of Mansfield is credited with the idea of creating such a composite statue to represent Ohio at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893. It was a worthy representation indeed which Sculptor Levi Tucker Scofield of Cincinnati created. Soon after the close of the exposition, a public subscription of \$25,000 brought it back to Ohio and Columbus where it has remained ever since until the recent subterranean construction caused it to be temporarily mothballed.

It is fitting that this monument to Ohio's great contribution of talent to the Civil War be marked and rededicated today, the closing year of the Civil War Centennial. It is also fitting that the remaining sites dedicated to those Ohio Jewels be visited by each of us this summer to rekindle our appreciation of the stalwart and individualistic creators and preservers of our heritage.

Another item added to the description of the Statue.

The only connection the G.A.R. had previously was to have a bill passed to have the Hayes statue added. This bill was put through at the 28th or 29th encampment of the G.A.R. held in Canton, Ohio. Commander Clark of Post 25 on May 16, 1894 introduced the bill and it was passed the next day.