

December 2004 Newsletter
Nelson-Garfield Memorial Camp #3
Department of Kentucky
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

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- Item I At our meeting held December 2, 2004, at the Covington Library, officers for the year 2005 were chosen. Camp officers for the coming year are:
- Camp Commander - Jeffrey Hampton
 - Sr. Vice Commander - Stephen Clifford
 - Jr. Vice Commander - Nicholas Funken
 - Secretary & Chaplain - Bernard O'Bryan
 - Historian and Newsletter Editor - Andrew Lutes
 - Graves Registration & Patriotic Instruction - Lt. Col. Earl Nichols
 - Signals & Webmaster - Martin Greene
 - Camp Color Bearer - Mark Black
- Item II A tentative schedule of meetings and events was also approved for the year 2005.
- January 27th, 2005 - Covington Library 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Speaker will be Steve Clifford on "Last Civil War Veterans." This talk will cover Civil War Veterans in the outlying northern Kentucky counties. Dues for 2005 are also payable at this meeting.
 - February 2005 - Lincoln Day Dinner - Date and time to be announced.
 - February 26th, 2005 (March meeting) History Day at NKU. Details will be a future newsletter.
 - April 10, 2005 - Nelson Garfield Camp trip to National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Details in future newsletter.
 - May 2005 - Glendale, Ohio, Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Musical based on the David Horowitz book The Longest Raid. Details in future newsletter.
 - June 2005 - Kentucky Department SUV meeting. Re-enactment in Georgetown, KY.
 - July & August, 2005 - No meetings or events.
 - September 2005 - Cynthiana, Kentucky - Re-enactment of Morgan's Raid.
 - October 27, 2005 - Meeting - Possible speaker on Droge Family History.
 - December 1, 2005 - Meeting - Election of Camp Officers. Plan for 2006 Events. Dinner Meeting - Time and place in future newsletter.
- Item III Please note from the above calendar that our next meeting will be January 27, 2005 at 7:00 pm at the Covington Library in the Board Room. See reference desk to get on elevator Key to get down to the Board Room.
- Item IV The speaker for our December 2 meeting was Jim Kiger talking on the subject of "The Last Civil War Veterans." Jim's talk focused on those last veterans in Boone, Kenton, and Campbell Counties.
- William S. Williams was the last Civil War veteran in Boone County. He joined the Union army at age 15 and was in minor skirmishes in Virginia. He came through his tour of duty without a scratch. He was a farmer who lived in Owen County, then moved to Grant County before finally settling in Erlanger in 1882. He had 5 children and died in November 1937 at age 91. On his 90th birthday he was interviewed by the Kentucky Post where he gave his own recipe for a long life - "Drink plenty of good whiskey and coffee and work hard." He is buried in the Florence Cemetery in Section 2.
- Herman Rawe was the last Civil War veteran buried in Kenton County. He served in the 23rd Infantry during the Civil War and died August 20, 1937 in Covington at the age of 97. He is buried at St. John's Cemetery.
- John Clarke was the last Civil War Veteran in Campbell County. He served in the 16th Kentucky in the Union Army and after the war lived in Alexandria. He died in 1940.
- More compelling than Clarke, was the story of the Seiter family in Campbell County. They lived on John's Hill Road and had 4 brothers serve during the Civil War - Augustus, Conrad, George in the
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Union Army and Jacob in the Confederate Navy. Jacob was sailing aboard an American cutter and was in Cuba when the Confederates fired on Fort Sumter. Unaware that a war had begun, his ship sailed to New Orleans where it was impounded and the crew impressed into the Confederate Navy. The last of the brothers, Augustus, died in 1937.

Item V Any member with any announcement or newsworthy information pertaining to the Civil War in general or the Nelson Garfield Camp specifically can send it to: Jeffrey Hampton, SUV Nelson Garfield Camp Commander, 14769 Lunsford Road, Morning View, KY 41063 or E mail me at Eltaeb4@aol.com. I'll be sure your information or announcement is made known to all members.

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