

NEWSLETTER, MAY 2004
NELSON GARFIELD CAMP SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

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

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Nelson Garfield SUV Schedule of events for the remainder of the year 2004 are:

May 27, 2004 7:00 pm Independence Branch Library. Jeanine Kreinbrink from the Behringer Crawford Museum will speak on the topic "Civil War in Northern Kentucky."

June 5, 2004 Department of Kentucky Annual Meeting at Camp Nelson.

July 11, 2004 1:00 pm Mother Of God Cemetery. Dedication of the stone for John Feldhaus.

August 2004 No meetings scheduled.

September 2004 Dave Schroeder, Kenton County Library, "Researching Your Civil War Ancestors" (Tentative) Date, Time, & Place to be announced.

October 2004 Kathy Romero, "Hooper Battery" (Tentative) Date, Time, & Place to be announced

November 2004 Jim Kiger & Steve Clifford, "Last Civil War Veterans In Northern Kentucky" (Tentative) Date, Time, & Place to be announced

December 2004 No meeting scheduled

Dues

Camp members who have not yet paid their dues for this year's membership should forward their check for \$25.00 to Steve Clifford, 15306 Madison Pike, Morningview, KY, 41063

Meeting Minutes

Nelson Garfield Camp of the Sons Of Union Veterans held their April meeting on the 28th at the Covington Branch of the Kenton County Library. The speaker at that meeting was Mrs. Kathy Romero, who spoke on the topic of "My Civil War Relatives." The focus for her talk was her great uncle, John Feldhaus.

John Feldhaus was born in 1844. His family came to Covington from Hanover, Germany, and spoke "high German." At age 16 in 1860, John was an apprentice in the business of retailing tobacco. This would become a career he would return to many times in his life.

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In 1864, he joined the Kentucky Volunteers 53rd Regiment which was just newly organized. They were assigned duty under General George Stoneman along the Kentucky Central Railroad. The 53rd Regiment was responsible for actions that prevented Confederates from getting salt shipments to preserve their small and dwindling meat supplies.

They encountered bitterly cold weather resulting in 31 deaths due to disease. John Feldhaus suffered frost bite in both feet due to this weather. The 53rd Regiment was also camped in low, damp, ground during hot weather at which time John contracted Malaria resulting in damage to his liver, spleen, lungs, and kidneys. After 1 year and 16 days he was discharged from the Army.

John went back to the tobacco business. He met and married his wife Bernadine, whose father was instrumental in getting St. Aloysius Church in Covington built. John and Bernadine were active in the church and their marriage produced 2 sons and 3 daughters.

John was employed by the Covington Police force where his service was not without blemish. He along with 5 other officers, were suspended for intoxication in 1898. He temporarily returned to the tobacco business until his suspension was lifted.

His son, William, while studying to be a Priest in El Paso, Texas, died in 1902 and his wife Bernadine passed away in 1904 probably from stomach cancer.

John had applied for his Veteran Pension in 1893 only to be turned down. He persisted in his applications over the course of the next 18 years and was finally in 1912 was awarded a monthly benefit of \$12.00.

John survived only two more years, living part of that time with his son Stanley and the remainder of the time in the Old Soldiers home. He died in 1914 and is buried in Mother Of God Cemetery in Latonia.

email Letter From SUVCW's Cincinnati Camp:

As you may recall, for the past year various parties in Clinton Co. have been fighting to prevent the paving over of the Old Clarksville Cemetery by an individual who claimed title to the Cemetery property. The Sons of Union Veterans have actively supported this prevention effort, and I am pleased to let you know that the efforts have been successful and ownership is being transferred to the Vernon Township Trustees and the Cemetery saved.

In recognition of this achievement, Laura Curliss of the Clinton Co. Prosecutor's Office has organized a re-dedication ceremony at the Cemetery at **2pm on Sunday, May 23**. It is my hope that as many of you as possible can attend to show our support and thanks as SUVCW brothers for the efforts of those folks who have saved this Cemetery. Three Union Civil War soldiers are buried there:

Pvt. James Bogan

Company K 2nd Ohio Volunteer Heavy Artillery (Aug. 29, 1864 – Apr. 26, 1865)
Discharged April 26, 1865 at Knoxville, TN on Surgeon's certificate of disability.

Pvt. Jacob Camp

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Company D 79th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (Aug. 8, 1864 – June 9, 1865)
Mustered out with Company June 9, 1865.

Pvt. John W. Shaw

Company G 11th Ohio Volunteer Infantry (July 15, 1861 – June 11, 1865)
Transferred to 11th Ohio Battalion, May 1864. Mustered out with Company
June 11, 1865.

The tentative program is shown below:

**OLD CLARKSVILLE CEMETERY
MEMORIAL SERVICE AND RE-DEDICATION**

Sunday, May 23, 2004

1:30 p.m. -- Civil War Era Music by the Anderson Fork Band

2:00 p.m. -- Memorial Service & Re-Dedication

Posting the Colors Henry Casey Camp #92, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Pledge of Allegiance TBA

Welcome Ron McCarren, Pres., Clinton County Veterans Service Commission

Robert E. Grim, Past Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
Invocation TBA

Speakers Laura Curliss The Old Clarksville Cemetery

Gary Kersey Clinton County Civil War Veterans

Bud Brewer, Eagle Scout Candidate, Troop 155, Eagle Scout Project: The Old
Clarksville Cemetery

Re-Dedication Jim Kratzer, Vernon Township Trustees

Wreath Laying Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Rifle Salute Henry Casey Camp #92, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

Taps Boy Scout Troop 155

**It is our intention as part of the wreath laying to have all Camps in the area
participate in the wreath laying. In this regard, please let me know if you can
participate and who will be representing your Camp.**

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,
Jim Houston

PS: Location of Old Clarksville Cemetery is located west of a line between Wilmington
and Blanchester, OH on Rt. 350 at W. Main St., Clarksville. Map is attached.

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Old Clarksville Cemetery

