

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

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Item 1: Our thoughts and prayers go out to Kentucky Department SUV Commander Dave Adkinson who is hospitalized at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington with cancer. A message carried by his wife to all SUV members from Dave is to "carry on with the Department's business." We shall certainly honor that request, but cannot refrain from wishing Dave the best and hoping for his speedy return to good health. We will carry on and keep Dave's wife and family in our thoughts.

Item 2: The Nelson Garfield Camp of the SUVVCW held their September meeting on Thursday evening Sept. 30 at the Covington library. Our speaker was David Schraeder from the library who spoke on the topic of "Researching Civil War Ancestors."

Dave spoke about one hour reviewing a wide spectrum of Civil War genealogical resources available on the internet and in printed form. He pointed out that service records of the Civil War soldiers were often kept by the officer of the unit and those records did not necessarily follow a soldier if he switched units. This serves to complicate the process of tracking those records down. Pension records, another rich source of information, were kept in a more systematic fashion and were easier to pursue.

Dave discussed many internet sources for research included Ancestry Plus (<http://www.kenton.lib.uslgenealogy.htm>), National Archives And Records Administration (www.archives.gov/), National Cemetery Administration (www.cem.va.gov/), Civil War Soldiers And Sailors System (www.itd.nps.gov/CWSS) and the U.S. Civil War Center (www.CWC.lsu.edu).

Printed resources Dave discussed which are available at the library include the 1890 Census Index Of Civil War Veterans, (KR929.310579e), Civil War Genealogy, (KR929.15413c), Confederate Soldiers Of Kentucky, (KR973.7405C748v), and Official Records Of The Union And Confederate Navies In The War Of The Rebellion, (KR973.73k37r2).

Item 3: The October meeting of the Nelson Garfield Camp of the SUVVCW will take place on Thursday October 28, 2004 at 7:00 pm at the Covington library. Our speaker will be Kathy Romero who will talk on the subject of "Hooper: The Man." Please plan to attend. The meeting will be in the board room downstairs. Get the elevator key from the reference desk.

Item 4: We are beginning the process of selecting camp officers for the year 2005. Anyone interested in serving in any capacity as an officer in Nelson Garfield Camp for the coming year should contact Commander Jeffrey Hampton at 859.356.2095 or by E mail at eltaeb4@aol.com.

Item 5: A musical production about rebel general John Hunt Morgan's 1863 Ohio raid is being done for the Glendale sesquicentennial, 1855-2005. Those interested in taking part should contact Robyn Carey Allgeyer at 772.2709, or Diane Todd, 155 Magnolia Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45246-4506, 771-5965.