

HARDSCRABBLE

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GRANT AS A MISSOURI FARMER.



"HARDSCRABBLE," THE FARM-HOUSE BUILT BY CAPTAIN D. S. GRANT IN 1855, NEAR ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Commander,

It is time when some of us like to make New Year's resolutions. A resolution, that I would like members of U.S. Grant Camp #68 to make is for us, at least those of us who live within driving distance of an activity, to resolve take an active part in as many activities our camp sponsors that you are able to. It would be unrealistic to expect that we all would be able to make every one of them but please resolve to try and make at least one if you can't make them all.

With Mary and I owning a Bed & Breakfast, it will be difficult for me to participate in a lot of our activities that are scheduled on a Saturday or a Sunday. But I promise you right now that I am going to step up in the amount of Grave Registrations that I do this year. I have really slacked off the last couple of years and let members like Walt Busch, Chris Warren and Bob Petrovic do almost all of our grave registrations.

I am excited about the opportunities that we have coming up to honor our ancestors. At our meeting in February we voted on the following items.

February 4-Meeting Growler Pub at 7 p.m.

February 23- Jefferson Barracks Swap Meet, Grant Shelter 9a.m. to 3 p.m.
Table for Grant Camp.

February 24-Sherman Days at Calvary Cemetery. 2 P.M. starting time. The military parade starts at 1:45 p.m. Assembly for the Military participants is at 1:30. Calvary Cemetery is at 5239 West Florissant Ave. St. Louis, MO

April 12- Lincoln Celebration in Springfield Illinois. Ceremony will take place at Lincoln's Tomb.

Immediate opportunity to honor our ancestors

January 20-Contact Brother Mark Coplin at macnac1@earthlink.net
or call him at 314-487-8067

If you have not done so please send in your dues to continue to support our camp as a member.

In late December, I took a tour of the Missouri Civil War Museum and was astonished at the progress that has been achieved. There are plasterers coming in on Saturdays applying plaster to the walls. I did not recognize the place from the inside.

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,

Gary L. Scheel
Camp Commander



CIVIL WAR TRIVIA



Who is this famous Civil War General pictured in the foreground?

- A. William W. Averell
- B. Philip St. George Cooke
- C. Earl Van Dorn
- D. U.S. Grant
- E. Alfred Pleasonton
- F. George Stoneman, Jr.
- G. J.E.B. Stuart
- H. Alfred Thomas Archimedes Torbert

CAMP BUSINESS

Brothers,

We met on 7 Jan 08 at Growler's Pub on Lindbergh Blvd at 7 p.m. Our meeting took place in a less than desirable setting. An honored guest was in attendance from the McCormick Camp. Their Camp Commander Rod Price honored us with his presence. We had nine members in attendance. Matters we discussed were:

Swap Meet at Jefferson Barracks in the Grant Building 23 Feb 08- one table

Sherman Birthday Ceremony, Calvary Cemetery 24 Feb 08

Lincoln Celebration at his tomb, Springfield IL, 12 Apr 08

Grave Registration at J. B. National Cemetery for April Meeting

Repair of Tombstone at Inks Cemetery in Eureka, MO

B.B. King (CW Soldier) Monument repair in Northern MO

Investigating changing meeting site to Viking Restaurant (not confirmed yet)

RE-UP 4 February 2008

Yes Brothers it is our favorite time of year. When we have a chance to renew our membership dues for the U. S. Grant Camp #68. They are due, technically by the first of the year. If you would like to save the cost of postage bring your dues with you on February 4th. If for some reason you are unable to attend please send your check or money order for \$35.00 to or \$38 if you wish to pay SVR dues:

Mark Coplin,
4856 Hursley Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63128

On 5 November 2007 we as a Camp voted to pay everyone's Sons of Veteran Reserve dues. The SVR dues are \$3 a year. Help us save money for a flag for our SVR Unit by sending in your \$3 with your Membership donation.

In order to be a member of our SVR Unit, 2nd Missouri Infantry you need to send in an application. The following method is how you can get the application form.

BOYS IN BLUE



Fielding Jenkins Smith
Private, Company F
31st MO Infantry Regiment
1st Brigade, 1st Division
15th Army Corps
Army of the Tennessee
Co. A, Consolidated Batt'n
31st Missouri Infantry &
32nd Missouri Infantry
Regiments
3rd Brigade, 1st Division
15th Army Corps
Army of the Tennessee
Photo taken in 1862

Private Fielding Jenkins Smith was the maternal great-great-great Grandfather of Brother Gary L. Scheel. Private Smith born in 1840 and died in 1925.

He enlisted in August 1862 and served throughout the war being discharged in July 1865. He was one of two hundred men of the Consolidated Battalion who marched into St. Louis in July 1865 and was served a dinner at Turner Hall from the grateful citizens of St. Louis for their service. He came home from the war and in 1867 married Isabella Smith Lemons. She was the widow of Private Thomas J. Lemons, one of the men who had been in the same company he was, raising their children as his own.

He was involved in the following battles and campaigns..

Chickasaw Bayou, Mississippi 29 Dec 1862;

Arkansas Post, Arkansas 13 Jan 1863

Vicksburg, Mississippi Campaign May-July 1863;

Lookout Mountain, TN Nov 1863

Ringgold Gap, GA Nov 1863;

Atlanta, GA. Campaign May thru Sept 1864

March to the Sea Oct thru Dec 1864

March through South & North Carolina Jan-Apr 1865

Grand Review in Washington D.C., May 1865

Editorial Note: This is a new feature that will be appearing in the Hardscrabble Each Month. If you would like to share information of your ancestor in our newsletter send me the information you have. The format will be as above. A picture (in or out of uniform); Unit, Length of service; if died in service where he died, buried and how you are related to him. Please either e-mail me the information to Somewhere1@sbcglobal.net the information or send it to me at

Gary L. Scheel, P.O. Box 87, Ste. Genevieve, MO 63670.

2007 NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT ITEMS FOR SALE

Polo shirts with encampment arch logo on them. \$30.00
Logan Medals limited supply and they are numbered \$15.00
Encampment medals with arch logo on them \$7.50
Arch logo gold GAR badge on them \$7.50
Goodie bags \$10.00

Special offer
Logan Medal, Encampment arch medal and Arch button \$20.00

If you are interested in purchasing the above items contact Robert Petrovic at
RPetro7776@aol.com

Sterling Price SCV Camp #145



Trivia Night

VFW Post 2866

Old Highway 94

Between Pralle and Muegge Lanes

(Look for the tank)

Sterling Price Camp #145 will host a trivia night starting at 7:00 p.m.
on Saturday, March 1, 2008

10 Rounds

Tables of 8

Wine, beer, set-ups and snacks provided.

50-50 Drawing

Cost is \$20.00 per person

For more information or to sign up please contact Jim Hubbard at
(636) 949-0651 or at hubbardjim@hotmail.com