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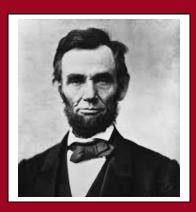
DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR, 1861-1865

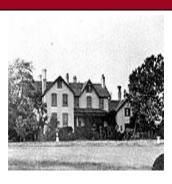
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Lincoln's Cottage: Soldiers Home in Washington, D.C.



1864 Assassination Attempt on Lincoln's Life

"Last night about eleven o'clock, I went to the Soldiers' Home alone, riding Old Abe, and when I arrived at the foot of the hill on the road leading to the entrance to the Home grounds, I was jogging along at a slow gait, immersed in deep thought, contemplating what was next to happen in the unsettled state of affairs, when suddenly I was aroused-I may say the arousement lifted me out of my saddle as well as out of my wits-by the report of a rifle, and seemingly the gunner was not fifty yards from where my contemplations ended and my accelerated transit began. My erratic namesake, with little warning, gave proof of decided dissatisfaction at the racket, and with one reckless bound he unceremoniously separated me from my eight-dollar plug hat, with which I parted company without any assent, express or implied, upon my part. At a break-neck speed we soon arrived in a haven of safety. Meanwhile I was left in doubt whether death was more desirable from being thrown from a runaway federal horse, or as the tragic result of a rifle-ball fired by a disloyal bushwhacker in the middle of the night."

Abraham Lincoln

The words above were those of the 16th President of the United States as he recounted the story to a friend. The guard, at the gate that evening also heard the shot and saw Lincoln arrive at a full gallop without his hat. Two soldiers were sent to retrieve Lincoln's hat which had a bullet hole directly through it. The President asked his guards at Soldiers Home to keep the incident a secret. He didn't want Mary to worry!

FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at The Delavan Community Centre on Tuesday, March 28, 2017at 6:30pm FEBRUARY 2017

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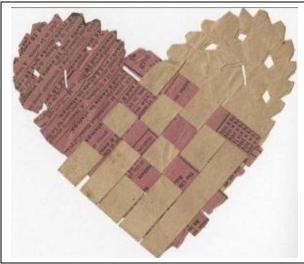
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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY FROM TENT #23 TO ALL OF OUR DUVCW SISTERS and THEIR FAMILIES



Valentine's Day was a well-established holiday by the 1860's. Valentine cards were extremely important during the Civil War when husbands and wives and young lovers were separated by miles, hardship and the thoughts that they may never see each other again. Commercially made cards were sent by those who could afford to purchase them. Soldiers in the field often made their own Valentine cards from materials and scraps that they collected. Below is a handcrafted card a Civil War soldier made and sent to his wife. Sadly, it would be the last thing that she ever received from him.



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In Memory of Mary Tyler Moore Posted by Eric Wittenberg, January 25, 2017

Most people remember Mary Tyler Moore as one of Hollywood's great funny ladies, and for good reason: Laura Petrie, and more recently, Mary Richards, left an indelible mark on American society. Moore's death at age 80 is a real loss. What many don't know is that Mary Tyler Moore had deep ties to the Civil War community.



Her great-grandfather was Lt. Col. Lewis Tilghman Moore of the 4th Virginia Infantry, part of the legendary Stonewall Brigade. Col. Moore helped to lead the regiment during its many famous engagements from Henry House Hill at the First Battle of Bull Run to the end of the war in 1865. During the winter and spring of 1862, Jackson established his headquarters in Moore's home in Winchester. That house is today the Stonewall Jackson Headquarters Museum, Mary Tyler Moore was a generous donor to help pay for its restoration. Her great grandfather's house's connection to the Civil War remained important to her for the rest of her life. (featured to the left)



She was also the great-great granddaughter of Conrad Shindler, who lived in Shepherdstown in what is today West Virginia. In approximately 1795, Conrad Shindler built a sturdy brick home on the main street in downtown Shepherdstown that still stands. In the 1990s, Shepherd University, which is roughly a block away from the Shindler house, undertook a major project to create a massive database of Civil War soldiers. That project needed a home, and when the Shindler house came available in 1995, Mary Tyler Moore purchased the house and then donated it to the University. The Shindler house today is called the George Tyler Moore Center for the Study of the Civil War, named for Mary Tyler Moore's father. (red house featured to the left)



Mary Tyler Moore portrayed Mary Todd Lincoln in 1988 opposite Sam Waterson who portrayed Abraham Lincoln (photo to left)

CIVIL WAR EXPO

Satuday, March 11, 2017: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Kenosha Civil War Museum A MUST ATTEND EVENT!