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

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MARY CHESEBRO LEE DETACHED TENT #23

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Our SUVCW brothers of Camp 15, owners of the historic Lafayette Church in Walworth County, found their outdoor toilet completely destroyed by the recent storms wreaking havoc in the area. The church, which serves as the the camp's headquarters, museum and meeting room survived the wind and torrential rain with only a slight bit of damage to the roof.

CIVIL WAR MEMORIES AND MEMENTOS

Dr. Leslie Bellais shares the powerful stories hidden within Civil War-era mementos saved by Wisconsinites. Using materials from the Wisconsin Historical Society and the Wisconsin Veterans Museum, Dr. Bellais shows how everyday keepsakes reveal the extraordinary experiences of politicians, soldiers, children, enslaved people, and Native Americans during a time of national crisis.

She has an extensive background as a curator and historian. Her primary expertise is in pre-1940 American textiles and clothing, but she also has experience with historical and genealogical research.

She has worked as the Curator of Collections at the Hershey Museum of American Life in Hershey, PA for 4 years and as Curator of Social History at the Wisconsin Historical Society for 29 years retiring in 2019.

She has a Bachelor's Degree in historic preservation from the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA and Master's Degrees in United States history from the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA and the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. Her Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin is in United States history and material culture.

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING EVENING AT OUR MEETING ON APRIL 28TH.



FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at
The Delavan Community Centre
on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 6:30pm

JOIN THE EDITOR ON A TOUR OF THE DUVCW NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN

Genealogy



Tent 23 will provide a public workshop for those people interested in pursuing their family lineage. The workshop will be held on May 16 at the Walworth County Historical Society (WCHS) at 9 South Broad Street in Elkhorn. A session at 11:00 a.m. will be held for children who wish to learn about family research. Adults may also take advantage of research at any time from 11:00 until 4:00 p.m. On hand, will be people who serve as registrars for a number of lineal organizations. They can assist those interested in pursuing membership in organizations such as DAR, 1812 and DUVCW to mention a few.

How many times have you heard, "I wish I would have asked my grandparents"? Family history and genealogy humanizes the people we know or knew and remembers for those of us who did not know them.

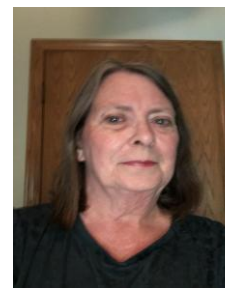


WELCOME
EDITH
ALLEN

I was named for my father's mother, Edith, and went by the nickname DeeDee until I started working as a paralegal in a couple of larger law firms because of the way I was listed in the directory. I currently live in Madison NJ. I am a member of the adult choir and our church handbell choir. I currently have a Labrador retriever named Riley, and I do nose work with her and did a tricks class in February, which we both enjoyed. My brother, sister and I inherited a small island on a lake in northern Ontario where we go for the summer. We are the fourth generation summering on the lake (on my father's side).

My Civil War ancestor is Henry Martyn Cist who served with Co. A, 6th Ohio Infantry.

Jo Ann is a researcher and writer with a primary focus on women of the North during the Civil War. In 2020, she published *Such Anxious Hours: Wisconsin Women's Voices from the Civil War*. Jo Ann's research on Charleston was recognized by the 2024 Hull Memorial Oratory Prize. Jo Ann also published a brief overview of her research in the December 2025 issue of *Battlefield Photographer* and has presented her work to historical societies, professional associations, and elementary school classrooms. Members of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are invited to learn more about Jo Ann's research and publications on her Facebook page titled Jo Ann Daly Carr. Jo Ann is the 2nd Great-Granddaughter of George Becker Sr., Company 1 of the 32nd Indiana Infantry.



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JACOBSON

I am Patricia (Tricia) Jacobson. Hailing from Chippewa Falls, I live in the same county that provided Old Abe, the famous bald eagle that became the Mascot for the 8th Wisconsin Infantry Regiment during the Civil War. My ancestor, maternal 3rd great grandfather Simon Geiger, was a farmer from Manitowoc County when he joined the 18th Wisconsin Infantry, Company I, and served from September 1864 until June 1865. My husband along with our two sons are retired Air Force veterans, our son-in-law and one daughter-in-law are currently serving on active duty in the Air Force, and our oldest grandson will leave for Air Force Basic Training next month. As a recent retiree, I now have the time to enjoy genealogy research, volunteering, baking breads, canning and quilting. I look forward to representing the DUVCW in my area of Wisconsin.

OUR MAY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 16TH AT THE
WALWORTH COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
MORE DETAILS TO COME