

CHAPTER 1

BELMONT'S VETERANS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS

BELMONT'S VETERANS OF ALL WARS

REVOLUTIONARY WAR

There are no known American Revolutionary War Veterans buried in the Township of Belmont.

WAR OF 1812

The people of the Town of Belmont are proud to have the distinction of having one Veteran of the War of 1812 buried in the township. This man is Steven Fletcher, who died August 22, 1871. He had reached the age of 76 years. He is buried in the First Belmont Cemetery.

One early account about this man dates back to the winter of 1862-1863. It was the winter of the deep snow and severe cold weather. Mr. Fletcher froze his feet so badly that one foot had to be amputated between the toes and the ankle.

WAR OF THE REBELLION 1861-65

The following are the names of men, mostly farmers, who left their families and their farms and joined the Union forces to fight for the Union cause.

Some of these brave men in blue never did return to their homes and families in the north, but lie buried under southern sod.

Some of these brave men returned to their homes and families in the north, only to suffer the remaining years of their lives from wounds that they received during the war.

The Town of Belmont was lucky to have most of their men return from the war and carry on a useful and enterprising life. The following are the names of most of the Civil War Veterans from the Town of Belmont and where they were buried.

FIRST BELMONT CEMETERY

John S. Turner	Co. B, 4th Wisconsin Cav.
Almon Turner	3rd Btry, Light Arty.
Lorenzo H. Starks	Co. B, 14th Wisconsin Inf.
Luke D. Scott	Co. C, 44th Wisconsin Inf.
Edward D. L. Kent	Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Inf.
J. H. Roberts	Co. D, 64th New York Inf.
John Hughes	Co. F, 1st California Inf.
Willard Dearing	Co. A, 42nd Wisconsin Inf.
John M. Collier	Co. A, 42nd Wisconsin Inf.
John Eggleston	Co. B, 21st Wisconsin Inf.
James Smith	Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Inf.
William Tunks	Co. C, 14th Wisconsin Inf.
Albert Taylor	Co. C, 14th Wisconsin Inf.
Noah Strong	Co. H, 16th Wisconsin Inf.
Wm. Edminster	Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Inf.
Wm. H. Dickenson	Co. C, 10th Kansas Inf.
Hannibal Culver	Co. B, 10th Wisconsin Inf.
Alvin Blood	Co. E, 32nd Wisconsin Inf.
Edson Casey	Co. A, 47th Wisconsin Inf.

GREENVALE CEMETERY

Thomas Bacon	Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Inf.
Stephan Combes	Co. I, 8th Michigan Cav.
David N. Towne	Co. C, 44th Wisconsin Inf.
Sylvester Towne	Co. C, 44th Wisconsin Inf.
J. E. Lovejoy	Co. B, 1st Michigan E. Andm.

ELMWOOD CEMETERY

Charles S. DeVoin	Co. A, 42nd Wisconsin Inf.
John H. Fenton	Co. K, 7th Wisconsin Inf.
William Grant	Co. D, 47th Wisconsin Inf.
Charles M. Sawyer	Co. A, 42nd Wisconsin Inf.
S. H. Sawyer	Co. E, 18th Wisconsin Inf.
Merrill Hewitt	Co. B, 37th Wisconsin Inf.

ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY, TOWN OF LANARK

Patrick Stinson	Co. I, 18th Wisconsin Inf.
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BADGER CEMETERY, TOWN OF LANARK

Arthur Fletcher	Co. E, 21st Wisconsin Inf.
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PLEASANT VALLEY CEMETERY, TOWN OF DAYTON

Asa S. DeVoin	Co. A, 8th Reg. Wisconsin Vols.
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Lester L. Hawes enlisted at Waupaca, in Company D, 15th Wisconsin Vols. He was sent to St. Louis, Mo., where he was taken sick with the smallpox and as the result he died there and was buried there.

John W. Fletcher remained in the south, only to be killed by John Taylor, a noted desperado in Chattanooga, Tenn. John W. Fletcher enlisted at Waupaca in the 3rd Battalion, Light Arty.

The following are presumed to be buried where they died, as there are no records of burials in the Town of Belmont.

John Otis, killed at the Battle of Vicksburg, May 22, 1862, member of Co. B, 14th Wisconsin Vols.

Benjamin Dean, died August 4, 1862, Macon, Ga.

Cyrus Fairbanks, died May 16, 1865, Willetts Point, N. Y.

Reuben Edminster, died May 9, 1862, Evansville, Ind.

Jonas White, died May 16, 1864, Memphis, Tenn.

Robert W. Sanders enlisted November 6, 1861, died June 18, 1883, in the Company hospital of some disease, at Lake Providence, Louisiana.

Jesse L. White, Co. H, 3rd Cav., enlisted at Stevens Point, December 17, 1861 and was discharged January 5, 1863, for disability. He died and was buried in Minnesota.

David R. Morgan, Pvt. Co. I, 16th Wis. Inf. His name appears in both the 1860 and the 1870 Federal Census for the Town of Belmont.

Thomas H. Tupper, Cpl. Co. I, 16th Wis. Inf. He enlisted November 5, 1861 and died in a Company hospital November 16, 1862, at Grand Junction, Mississippi.



GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

(G. A. R.)

On April 6, 1866, Dr. Stephenson and twelve Comrades of the Civil War, met in a second floor room on South Park Ave., Decatur, Illinois, and it was there that Dr. Stephenson organized the first Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. (G. A. R.)

Wisconsin was the second state to organize a Department of the Grand Army of the Republic. The first in Wisconsin was Lucius Fairchild Post, founded in Madison, Wisconsin.

The G. A. R. was established in 1866 and nearly became extinct by the 1870's.

The first Post in Portage County was the Irvin Eckels Post No. 16, at Amherst, organized on April 15, 1880. The Plover Post No. 149 was organized March 21, 1884, followed by Stevens Point Post No. 156, and Belmont Post No. 115 was chartered June 15, 1888.

There were two No. 115 G. A. R. Posts. The first one was located in Cumberland, Wisconsin, and was disbanded in the early 1880's. Evidently, in the 1880's, as the G. A. R. once again became very powerful through re-organization, Post 115 was assigned to the Belmont Post, at Blaine. The Belmont Post gave up their charter about 1902. This information was all obtained through the G. A. R. Memorial Hall Museum in the State Capitol at Madison, Wisconsin.

Waupaca Post, dated November 5, 1902. The G. A. R. of Blaine have given up their Charter, so many of the old Soldiers have died and so few attend.

From the Descriptive Book of Belmont Post No. 115, found in the G. A. R. Memorial Hall Museum, is a list of the members, their Company, rank, time of service and where each were born.

MEMBERS OF THE BELMONT POST NO. 115

Pvt. Edward L. Kent	Co. E, 18th Reg.	12-14-61	3-14-65
Pvt. Wm. H. Edminster	Co. E, 18th Reg.	12-10-62	8-4-65
Pvt. L. H. Starks	Co. B, 14th Reg.	2-6-64	9-22-65
1st Sgt. F. L. West	Co. D, 15th N. Y.	8-8-62	6-11-65
Pvt. Albert Taylor	Co. I, 14th Reg.	12-7-61	10-9-65
Pvt. Merritt J. Curtis	Co. C, 1st Cav.	10-29-64	7-19-65
Pvt William Pierce	Co. D, 32 Reg.	11-20-63	7-12-65

Pvt. Luke D. Scott	Co. D, 44th Reg.	9-21-64	7-11-65
Pvt. John M. Collier	Co. A, 42nd Reg.	8-29-64	6-11-65
Sgt. John S. Turner	Co. B, 4th Cav.	12-28-63	5-28-66
Pvt. Henry Price	Co. H, 42nd Reg.	8-15-62	6-20-65
Corpl. John H. Fenton	Co. K, 7th Reg.	9-1-61	9-1-64
1st Sgt. Stillman H. Sawyer	Co. E, 18th Reg.	12-10-61	4-30-65
Pvt Loren E. Buck	Co. H, 18th Reg.	9-22-64	5-31-65
Pvt. J. E. Lovejoy	Co. B, 1st Mich.	12-29-63	9-22-65
Pvt. Theodore Myers	Co. B, 14th Reg.	9-12-61	10-9-65
Pvt. David N. Towne	Co. I, 44th Reg.	9-21-64	8-28-65
Pvt. Edson Casey	Co. A, 47th Reg.	2-10-65	5-25-65
Pvt. Patrick Stinson	Co. I, 18th Reg.	9-22-64	6-2-65
Pvt. Willard Dearing	Co. A, 42nd Reg.	8-24-64	6-29-65
Pvt. Archibald Marvin	Co. I, 10th N.Y. H.A.	12- -63	7- -65
Pvt. Chet M. Turner	Co. I, 1st Wis. Cav.	11-3-64	7-19-65
1st Class Dennis Leahy	Co. A, 5th Mo.Vol.	5-15-61	10-4-64
Pvt. Arthurer Fletcher	Co. E, 21st Reg.	11-11-63	7-12-65
Pvt. Christopher Bacon	Co.	8-16-61	7-18-65
Pvt. Thomas G. Bacon	Co. E, 18th Reg.	12-16-61	12-13-62
Pvt. Hannibal Culver	Co. B, 10th Reg.	9-14-61	11-3-64
Pvt. Patric Bowden	Co. D		
Pvt. Frank Nichols	Co. D	1-30-62	1864

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

W.R.C.

The Belmont Woman's Relief Corps No. 115, of Blaine, Wisconsin, was an Auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic Post No. 115, at Blaine. They were organized May 15, 1895, with twelve Charter Members.

The twelve Charter Members were: Annie Hawkins, Susan Scott, Mary Hawes, Anna McIntyre, Bertha Casey, Sara Fletcher, Hannah Taylor, Eavis Curtis, Celestia Lovejoy, Clara Collier, Sarah Kent and Carrie Fletcher.

The Woman's Relief Corps No. 115, continued to function until March 1933, when it disbanded. This information was sent to me by Violet Thiele, Sec'y, Headquarters Department of Wisconsin Woman's Relief Corps, 924 West Theresa Lane, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SON'S OF UNION VETERANS

The Son's of the Union Veterans were organized in 1883. They were formed as a result of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Sherman Camp No. 5, Blaine, Wisconsin, was mustered in February 1, 1895, with a membership of seventeen, by the Captain and members of J. A. Welton Camp of Plover. Sherman Camp No. 5 was very successful and by 1899 they had twenty-six members. This bit of information came from the Memorial Hall Museum, in the State Capitol, Madison, Wisconsin.

I was not able to acquire any additional information about the Son's of Union Veterans from Grove Huff, of 1809 N. Davies Drive, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, who is the 1984 Department Commander of the Wisconsin Son's of Union Veterans. I also did not receive any answer from the National Headquarters in Gettysburg, Pa.

The Son's of the Union Veterans organization did out live the G. A. R., but for how long I cannot find out.

WAUPACA POST, DATED MARCH 13, 1902, BLAINE NEWS

There will be a Lincoln Metal Declamatory contest and literary entertainment at the K.O.T.M. Hall at Blaine, Friday evening, March 21, under the auspices of Sherman Camp No. 5, Son's of Veterans, after which a maple syrup supper will be served. Admission 10¢, supper 25¢, children half price. D. W. Sawyer, Captain.

WAUPACA POST, DATED NOVEMBER 5, 1903, BLAINE NEWS

The Son's of Veterans and the Maccabees had a doing to raise money for charity.

WAUPACA POST, DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1906, BLAINE NEWS

The Son's of Veterans and the Ladies Relief Corps, held an installation of officers at Casey's Hall Saturday. Dinner was served.

The G. A. R. and the Son's of the Union Veterans held their meetings in the Luke Scott hall. Some have said that the G. A. R. built this building, but I have not been able to prove or disprove this. I have heard that when Henry Stinson moved onto this place that there were still Civil War articles on the walls of the building.

I. O. G. T.

WAUPACA RECORD, DATED JULY 4, 1901

The Order of Good Templars organized near Utica, New York, on June 10, this being their 50th Anniversary.

WAUPACA POST, DATED FEBRUARY 6, 1902, BLAINE NEWS

A temperance lecture will be held at the Blaine Church Monday evening, February 10. It is expected a Good Templars Lodge will be organized.

WAUPACA POST, DATED MARCH 6, 1902, BELMONT NEWS

The I.O.G.T. (Independent Order of Good Templars) Lodge was organized in this place a week ago, seems to be prospering. Nearly every meeting new members are being initiated.

WAUPACA POST, DATED MARCH 13, 1902, BELMONT NEWS

The Good Templars now hold their meetings every Tuesday evening at the L. D. Scott Hall, instead of the Ward Hall, where they first held them.

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