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Burials of Civil War Soldiers from Military Hospitals at Quincy IL by Rev Samuel Hopkins Emery

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The government established five hospitals in Quincy during the Civil War to take care of the sick, wounded and dying coming up river on steamers. General Hospital Branch No. 1 opened July 1861 in a former chair factory located on the west side of 5th between Deleware and Ohio. It was designated a Brigade Hospital. In Febuary 1864 the hospital's name was changed to Division No 1. Branch No. 2 opened in May 1862 in the Hynes and Woodruff Carriage factory on the northeast corner of 5th and Jersey. Its name was changed to Division No. 2 in 1865. Branch Hospital No. 3 opened in October 1862 on the northeast corner of Sixth and Spring in the Frederick Jansen chair factory. Its name was changed to Division No. 3 in February 1864. General Hospital No. 4 opened in April 1863 and changed to Division No. 4 in February 1864. It was located on the North side of Spring between Third and Fourth streets in the Quincy German and English Methodist College. Branch No. 5 was probably located on the Alstyne prairie east of 12th and north of Broadway. Rev Emery and other pastors administered to the soldiers in the hospitals.

Rev Emery was pastor of the 1st Congregational Church at 5th and Jersey in Quincy from the fall of 1855 to 1869 and is credited by some with beginning the use of ministers as chaplains in the armed services. Before then there were no "official chaplains." After the re-union of the First Congregational Church and Center Church, which he had urged, Rev Emery returned to Massachusetts where he had lived before coming to Quincy. He died there in 1901.

The soldiers were buried in Woodland Cemetery but most were transferred to Quincy National Cemetery at 37th and Maine in the early 1900s.

** denotes information added from another source

Feb 9 1862

This day attended the funeral of Samual Wright, a young man at the Brigade Hospital in this city, of the 3rd Iowa Regement. A brother was at the funeral. He has a pious mother in Iowa who made him promise he read the Bible. 250 soldiers from various States lie there sick with most of whom, the Pastor of this church has had personal conversation and when practicable, prayed. He has also preached at the hospital several times at 2 1/2 P M on the Sabbath.

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Feb 21 1862

This day attended the funeral of Mr William J Dobson of the 12th Wisconsin Regiment from Viola, Richland Co Wis. whose parents, brothers and sisters reside there. His mother is a prof of religion. A brother, member of the same company walked with me to the grave. He and another military comrade were my only attendants. Sad - Sad fruits of man. I was summoned a few days before to the hospital to attend a funeral. And this, the carelessness of somebody after (before)? my arrival, the body of the poor soldier, **(Joseph) Evans, by name, a member of **(Co A) 10th Ill Cavalry was hurried off to the grave, the same day he died, without prayer or christian burial! He was only a private! And no relative near.

Mar 2 1862

Attended the funeral of Edward Smith, of the 18th Mo Regiment. He leaves a family, I understand in Mo, but not a relative was present at the funeral and in company with six soldiers who acted as bearers, I followed the remains to the grave, the sole representative of the relationship of the poor soldier, who had passed away with no wife, sister or other near him. Sad - Sad Scene!

The Pastor was absent the last 3 Sabbaths in Mar visiting the Hospitals of Cairo, Mound City and other points, finding not less than 10,000 sick and wounded soldiers and a hugh amount of suffering, the fruit of this fearful war.

April 9

Attended the funeral of Henry G Blick a member of the 21st Mo Regiment who died at the Hospital of Typhoid fever.

April 19

Attended the funeral of Henry Porthast of the 15th Regiment Co D. He died on board the Black Hawk, wounded at the battle of Pittsburg Landing.

April 20

Attended the funeral of Warren Penny of the 1st Ill Artillery Co H. He died of Thyphoid fever. **(from Andover)

April 21

Attend funeral of August Hildebrand of the 15th Reg of **(Ill Inf) Co A. Wounded at battle of Pittsburg Landing.

The latter part of the month of April and beginning of May the Pastor was absent on a second visit to the sick and wounded soldiers of the Tennessee having received an order from the Secretary of War arthorizing him to take with him gentlemen and ladies to minister to the sick. Our party consisted of six and we took passage on the Black Hawk, a Hospital Boat. On returning Pastor preached May 18th from "I was sick and you visited me."

May 17

Attended the funeral of Lafayette Oakes and W Henry Phillips both members of the 57th Ill Regiment.

May 18

Attended funeral of Frederec Dean of the 13th Iowa Reg, Samuel Farley of the 13th Iowa Reg, Peter Smith of the 7th Iowa Reg who died on board the City of Memphis.

also of

Silas Gates of the 53rd Ill Reg & Jacob Kerchim of the 42nd Ill Reg. who died at Hospital.

May 19th

Attended the funeral of Horatic Burrows of the 58th Ill Reg.

May 20

Attended the funeral of Richard Pickard of the 20th Ohio Reg.

May 21

Attended the funerals of George Lammmers of the 1st Minn Battery, William H Weld of the 57th Ill Reg. Leaves a wife and one child.

May 22 1862

Attended the Funerals of John Engerland **(George Engeliand) ** (George England) of the 43rd Ill Reg. **(Co D - from Chicago) Corinth D Root of the 57th Ill Reg. I lifted him upon his bed an hour or two before he died. Charles Wakely of the 12th Mich Reg.

May 23 1862

Attended the funeral of John Johnson of the **(43 Il Inf). The above a Swede - leaves four motherless children. I prayed with him and altho he did not understand a word of English he wept for he knew it was a prayer. He seemed a good deal concerned about his soul.

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No Records to be inserted
appropriated to
Roll of members of Church or
Congregation enlisted in our
Country's Service to crush
an unhallowed Rebellion.

Alphabetically arranged

Rev Wm Baker, Chaplain of the (left blank) Ills Inf
Samuel Baughtman Lient Co () 10th Ill Inf
Henry J Baughtman Co () 10th Ill Inf
son of George and Sarah Baughtman of church

Josiah Thomas Brown Co () 10th Ill Inf

son of James and Elisa Brown mem of church himself a member, lost a leg

David Dustin Co () 10th Ill Inf

his wife a member of church

Rev S Hopkins Emery, Hospital Chaplain from Jan 10 1863 to end of war

Francis W R Emery Private, Co H 5th Iowa Cavalry, son of the above, Prisoner of war over 9 mos, 5 of these in Andersonville

William Ferguson Private Co () son of Wm & Eliz Ferguson ch mem William H? Fisk Provost marshal 4 Mil Dis Ills, son of Wm & Lucy ch mem

Absalom Lane Co () 50th Ill Inf

George N aby Lane Co () 50th Ill Inf

*David Nathanial Lane died of disease at home, all sons of Mrs
Mary A Herndon member of this church

Jeramiah L Lilley Co () member of this church

Charles Henry Montgomery Co A 137th Ill Inf

George Washington Montogomery Co K 50 Il Inf sons of Henrietta
Montgomery of this church

*Mark Eneas Perry Co () 2nd Iowa Cav member of this ch. Died Aug 17 1865 on his way home after his discharge

*Charles Abernathy Pope Pri Co A 137th Il Inf son of Thomas & Lucenda Ch members. died Nov 22 1864 on way home from prison

Rev Hiram P Roberts Lieut & Chaplain 84th **(137th) Il Inf, mem ch. wounded at Murfreesboro

Mosses **(Geo M) Roberts Co A 137th Ill Ind son of George & Mary ch mem

Frank H Sellers Pri Co () Ill Inf member of this church James Welles Stoby Co ()

Samuel Newell Stoby Co () sons of James & Mary mem of this ch Thomas Taylor his wife a member of ch

Edward Turner son of Abigial Turner, formerly Edgell, mem of this church

List of our country's defenders from this church & Congregation

Continued

*Levi Jackson Ward Private Co () member of this Ch died 1865 Sept 1 of his diseases

Chs Robeson Watt Liet Co A 119th Il Inf

George Watt Corp Co C 16th Il Inf sons of Mary mem of this church

*George Henry Westgate Pri Co A 137th son of George Buried Oct 5 1864 died in Springfield

Joseph R Wills Pri Co () his wife mem of this ch

*George W. Winans Paymaster US Navy son of Joanna member of this ch. Drowned at Mound City - body recovered & buried

30.

To these add

*Charles S Cain mem of this ch. pressed into the Rebel Army, who came North to die 1864 Jan 22

Mrs Mary Cain, Miss Adaline Lane, Mrs Alvina Moore, Mrs Laura Stewart, and Mrs Gov John Wood (formerly Mary Holmes) at different times, during the war, have acted as Nurses.

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To these add

*Capt S P Delano Sustaining an intimate relation to a member of this church + fatally wounded by the untentional discharge of pistol in hands of one of his own men. He died a christian.

+Lucy Keys **(He read law in the Browning & Bushnell office and is buried in the Browning family plot)

Col Wm A Schmitt of the 27th Ills Inf, long a member of the 1st Cong Sab School

*1st Lieut Wm Shipley of the Co A 27th Ill Inf - not only a member of Sab Sch - intimately related to a member of this church + Fatally wounded Nov 8:61. A christian. +Mary Sartle

3.

Also

Capt Milton S Kimball who married Charlotte Smith, a member of this church

Total 40



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June 1

Attended the funeral of Amos N Smith of Co A 77th Ohio Regiment and

Louis Sapp of Co G 58th Ill Reg. A son of the last named aged 11 years - motherless, as well as fatherless, was present, in great grief, at the interment. There is one other son, age 13.

June 2nd

Attended the funeral of John Taylor age 60. Member of the Cong Ch in Lamoille Ill who has been acting as Nurse a few months past, a member of the 57th Ill Reg. Bro E Comstock, E K Stone, Thos Pope, W Keyes of this Church officiated as bearers.

June 26th

Attended the funeral of Edwin B Hurd member of the 50th Ill Regiment who died at the house of Mr Jones. He was a member of the Payson Church.

During the months of Oct and November the Pastor was engaged, on behalf of the Army Comm. of St Louis in visiting the Army in the South West. He also represented the Christian Commission of Philadelphia visiting more than a Hundred Regiments - 15 General and various Regimental Hospitals - 5 large camps of Contrabands - **(Negro slaves who escaped to or were brought within the Union lines during the Civil War) at Memphis, Helena, Columbus, Jackson and Cornith.

Dec 12

Attended the funeral of Decatur Day Delano, of the Delano Dragoons, who died on Island no Ten of chronic dysentary and camp fever, brother of Capt S P Delano, who died, to the grief of many hearts, a few months before, of his wound occasioned by an accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of his lieutenant.

1863

Thurs Aug 6th

A Day appointed by Pres Lincoln for Thanksgiving Prayer & Praise. Union Services in our Church. Contribution to the Christian Commission to supply the Army with religious reading \$34.90. At a meeting in Ellington I obtained \$0.10 additional - making a sum total of \$41.00. Vicksburg and Fort Hudson have fallen and the Mississippi is once more open and Lee is driven back with heavy



loss to Virginia. We are beginning to see the end of the rebellion. Glory to God, who permits us to triumph in His Name!

August 10

Attended the funeral of Thomas Porter Co D 63rd Ills Inf. Age 21. He died in Hospital no 3 of Chronic Diarrhea. This is the 1st funeral I have been called to attend since my appointment as Hospital Chaplain U S A. Mr Porter leaves a wife and one child in Taylorville, Christian County, Ills. He and his father & mother left Tennessee when the rebellion first broke out. They left all their belongings behind them in their devotion to their country. His life was laid a joyful sacrifice on that country's altar. One Hundred and twenty-eight have been buried in our cemetery.

Sept 7th

Attended the funeral of Anthony Murphy of Co D 13th Ills Infantry. He was Roman Catholic and was buried in their cemetery. I have written his friends in Canada West giving an account of his sickness and death. He clung to his Prayer Book and the Photograph of his sister to the last.

Sept 10

Attended the funeral of Capt Wellington S Lee formerly a lawyer of this city, at the time of his death, an officer in the 3rd Illinois Cavalry. He was mortally wounded by the discharge of a carbine in the hands of one of his men. The testimony of his fellow officers was highly credible to him. The funeral was largely attended with a military Escort from the 16th Ills Cavalry and a detachment of infantry who fired a volley as a token of respect to his memory at the grave. I last saw Capt Lee at Helena. I shall long remember his cordial greeting.

Sept 18th

Attended the funeral of Wendelin Griesbaum of Co F 16th Ills Cavalry. A German with no relatives in this country. He died suddenly - was buried with military honors.

Sept 22

Attended the funeral of Hironymus Weidner of the 16th Ills Cavalry **(Co E) Age 49 He leaves a wife and five children. Possessed of a large property, he volunteered to fight for his country, and died in her service. Shall we not honor his memory? **(from Jamestown)

Sept 25th

Attended the funeral of John Dallmeyer private in the 26th Iowa Cavalry Co E who died aboard the Boat, up river and was left in Quincy for burial.

January 22
Attended the funeral of W Elgin member of Co A 1st Ills Colored
Regt. Mother, sister and cousin present and showed great grief at
their loss.

Jan 24
Attended the funeral of John O Holcomb private of Co F 118th Reg Ills Inf, only 17 years old. His father enlisted in the same Reg on the son's account and is absent with the Reg in Texas. The mother was with her son a few days before he died; and took the body with her to Richfield in Adams Co for burial. He died of a qun shot wound, affecting the hip joint.

Jan 24
Attended the funeral of Br Charles S Cain of this Church who came home from the South where he had been pressed into the Rebel Service, only to die another victim of this terrible War. His hardship and suffering in the Southern Army had been beyond description, horrible. The earliest possible moment he escaped by forging discharge papers.

Feb 4th
Attended the funeral of Christian Dorenkamp Private Co H 16th Ill
Vols at home on furlough after re-enlistment. No relatives in
this Country. Native of Germany. Having received a part of his
bounty money the land sharks were after him and he spent days in
Drinking Saloons, after which he became an easy prey of the
Erysipelis. Poor fellow! After passing thru the perils of a
three year service in the Army he came back to die, as the fool
dieth!

Feb 10th
Attended the funeral of Joseph H Schlaback corporal of Co H 26
Iowa Regt Vols. He was a member of the Congregational Church in
DeWitt, Clinton Co Iowa. An excellent christian brother. His
wife and brother were with him when he died and took his body to
Iowa.

Feb 11th
Attended the funeral of George Nathaniel Kerr of Co F 84th Ill
Reg. A member of the Christian Ch. His widow resides in New
Salem, McDonough Co Ills. His mother was with him the last few
days of his life.

Feb 17th
Attended the funeral of George S Dean of the 1st Iowa Battery Private. He had been to visit his parents in DeWitt, Clinton Co
Iowa and was on his return to his Regiment. His brother Albert is
in Hospital #4. George was 26 yrs old, a native of Boylston Worcester Co Mass.

Dec 25th

Attended the funeral of John B McNely Private Co D 87th Ill Reg of Infantry - the first burial from Hospital No 4. Mr McNeily died of consumption leaving a wife, 2 children in Mount Erie, Wayne Co Ills. He was a member of the Christian Church. A letter from his wife, stating she was the mother of a little boy, first born - reach the Hospital the day he died.

1864

Jan 4th

Attended the funeral of John Allen from Hospital No 4 who died of Pneumonia, member of Co D 80th Ill Reg Inf, a professor of religion. He sent this message to his mother: "Tell her, I hope to meet her in Heaven." A letter came from that mother the morning he died, which I answered. She resides in Red Bud, Randolph Co Ills. **(he was from Benton Barracks Mo)

Jan 8th

Attended the funeral of William J Brooks, Sergeant in Co E 77th Reg Ills Inf. Age 27, leaving a wife in Elmwood, Peoria Co Ill. Isaac C Metsker, Private in Co E 35th Reg Ills Inf whose home was Danville, Vermilion Co Ill. Age 22. Orange S Norton private in Co E 113th Il Reg Inf from town of Palatine, Cook Co Ills. Age 22. All of the above died of the Small Pox in the Pest House near the Cemetery.

Jan 9th

Attended the funeral of Nathan Clingin, private Co A 125th Reg Ills Inf from the town of Danville Ill age (blank) Amos G Miller, private Co B 84th Reg Ills Inf from the town of Vermont in the state of Illinois. The latter leaving a wife in that place from whom a letter arrived at Hospital on the morning of his death which I answered. A painful duty, which many times during the progress of this war has ?revolved on me. The above died of the Small Pox.

Jan 20th

Attended the funeral of Robert Gregory - member of Co B 1st Ills Colored Regiment. **(29th Colored) **(Unassigned recuit) **(from Chicago) Two other colored soldiers E Clem of Co A and B Draper of Co A had been previously buried without service - I volunteered my services as soon as I learned the Regts were unsupplied with a Chaplain. Have held meetings with them at Camp on the Sabboth - Good attention given to the Word spoken. They are especially interested in singing. An escort is always furnished at the burial of the dead - Which is more than can be said of white soldiers.



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April 3rd
Attended the funeral of John Thornton, member of Co E 16th Iowa
Reg inf. Parents deceased. Only sister living in Mt Sterling
Ills. The Br was unwilling she should be notified of his sickness
- as he insisted to the last hour of his death, should he get
well. Strange to say - this sister never knew he was in the army.
She was at the funeral with her husband and a step-sister.

Apr 22
The funeral of Philip Reister of Co B 10th Ill Inf was attended by my assistant in Hospital labor as I had been called away to meeting of association. Mr Reister was a good Christian brother - He died full of peace.

June 9
Attended the funeral of George Winans who was drowned at Mound City Ills, US Paymaster in the Navy. His mother, a widow, and member of this Church, has been called to bury the last of seven children.

June 15
Attended the funeral of Capt Calvin H Wilson of Co E 16th Ill Reg, who died at Hospital no 4 of chronic diarrhea. His wife a resident of Cooperstown, Brown Co Ills.

July 20 10 am
Attended the funeral of Capt Joseph Artus Barker who fell from a third story window in his hotel in Cincinnati and was brought?

by his Uncle Capt Jos Artus for burial. Age 29 yrs & 5 mo.

3 pm Attended the funeral of Thomas Thomas, Private in Co A 124th Ill Reg Vols. Age 28 yrs. Died of Chronic Diarrhea in Hospital no 4. **(from Wataga Ill)

July 28
Attended the funeral of Jas W Perdew member of Co I 31st Ills Reg
Vols. Aged 20 who died of Chronic Diarrhea at Hosp No 4.

Oct 13th
Attended the funeral of Rienza R Andrews age 21 yrs 6 mo, a drafted man, dying from the accidental (so-pronounced by the Coronor's Inquest) discharged of a revolver in the hands of a

fellow soldier. The family, consisting of a father - long sick, mother and 2 brothers recently married are in great affliction.

Oct. 16

Attended the funeral of Edward J Wilson Private of Co I 138th Ill Reg Inf from Hospital No 4. Body removed by his father to Grand Rapids, LaSalle Co Ills.

Oct 24th

Attended the funeral of Albert C Backman of the 84th Ill Reg Inf Co I Age 30. He died of Gastroenteritis induced by drunkeness. Sad. That one who had escaped death in many a hard fought battle of his country, should this ungloriously die!

Nov 14th

Attended the funeral of John Ehman member of Co I 119th Ill Inf age 26. died at 4th Div of Gen. Hosp. A member of the Luthern Ch. **(from Camp Point)

Nov 20th

Attended the funeral of John S Davis member of Co A 14th Ills Inf Died at 4th div of Gen Hosp Age 25 A christian man.

Dec 7th

Attended the funeral of Thomas Garret **(Garrett) of Co G 119th Ills Inf aged 34. Widow resides in Lima Ills. Mr G was member of Ch of United Brethren.

Dec 13th

Attended the funeral of Alpheus M Gillson Age 21 of Co H 119th Ill Inf

Dec 15th

Attended the funeral of John Lein of Co C 30th Wis Inf. a native of Norway

Dec 25th

Attended the funeral of George H Thomas 1st Serg Co G 33rd Mo Inf. From 4th Div of Gen Hosp.

Dec 26th

Attended the funeral of Alfred H Blake Pri of Co I 36th Ill Inf aged 34. **(from Haweck) S G Gray pri Co B 60th Ill Inf. Charles W Hapenstall Pri Co G 36th Ill Inf wounded in battle of Franklin aged 18 **(from Indian Point) Benjamin F Smith Pri Co E 86th Ills Inf. Died of Small Pox aged 19 **(from Akron) and Sydney L Wheeler Pri Co I 58th Mo Inf age 17 - Three of above buried in Quincy, Blake and Hapenstall sent home. Blake, Hapenstall, & Wheeler from 5th Division. Gray from 2nd Div and Smith from 4th Div.

1865

Jan 9

Attended the funeral of Coleman Nash Private of Co I 58th Ill Inf. Single age 24. **(from Cairo)

Jan 23

Attended the funeral of John Norton, Private of Co B 119th Ill Inf aged 28. His father residing in Pleasantview Ills. The deceased was a prof of religion.

Feb 1

Attended the funeral of William Lee of the 1st Ohio Art Co M Age 49 member of the English Church.

Feb 2

Attended the funeral of John Walker of Co F 53rd Ills Inf age 51. Once a member of Meth Ch - but far out of the way - I fear there was no hope in his death.

Feb 15

Attended the funeral of Wm Samilton alias Humphry Agen of Co C 2nd Ill Light Artillery Age 21. He told me before he died that he left home when 6 yrs old - and that his father's name was Sandy Agen living near Caseville & Brooklyn Michigan. His true name was the one last given above. His parents had not heard from him for 15 yrs. He was a Catholic.

Feb 23

Attended the funeral of Levi ?Dilley, eldest son of Rev Laurel Dilley - recently enlisted in the 146th Ill Inf. who died in 2nd division of US Gen Hospital, age 16, of Malarial fever contracted by breathing fetid air in Pinkham Hall.

March 13th

Charles F Adams of Co H 146th Ill Inf died of Phthisis pulmonalis at US Gen Hosp 5th Division - age 29. His wife soon to die of the same disease. Remains sent home. **(from Brawby)

March 16th

Attended the funeral of Thomas B Miller, a single man Age 43 - br in law of Lt Col Swartwout who died in Chattanooga, a model brother in his devotion to his sisters.

March 27th

Attended the funeral of And **(Andrew) Heinhold of C I 116th Ill Inf, Age 46, who died of Acute Laryngitis - same disease as terminated the life of George Washington.

Apr 17th

Attended the funeral of Michael Klingstone of Co C 1st Ill Light Artillery aged 33 leaving a wife and 3 children near Ottawa Ills. He was a Catholic. **(from Dayton)

April 20th

Attended the funeral of Jacob Holly, a discharged soldier of the 12th Colored Regt - He died at the Soldier's Rest - the Mansion of Hon. O. H. Browning.

April 21st

Attended the funeral of Hiram H Castleman of Co G 127th Ill Inf who died at the Pest House of Small Pox, age 20. His brother Levi was at the burial - deeply affected. Two sisters and a father are yet to learn of their loss. **(from Chicago)

April 23d

Attended the funeral of Charles Abernathy Pope - who died Nov 22 1864 - in Jackson Miss - on his way home from a rebel prison. Charles belonged to Co A 137 Ill Inf and was captured in the Forrest raid on Memphis. His age was 20 **(from Quincy)

May 24

Attended the funeral of Ulic **(Ulick) Howard of Co. F 90th Ill Inf Age 34. His wife, Ella resides in Springfield Ill. He died of phthisis pulmonalis at Div 5

July 20

My connection with the Hospital as Hospital Chaplain has ceased there being no longer any occasion for these labors. That the
time has come, when our Army can be disbanded, and the "boys in
blue" may return to their homes, is something to be thankful for I have been permitted to do a little for the comfort and relief of
the sick and wounded for which I praise Him who inclined the
hearts of many people to give me up, and my own heart to enter
into the work! May the day be distant when such service will be
again needed.

Last patient in General Hospital of Quincy was Levi Jackson Ward.

Aug 17th

Died Mark E Perry, a member of this church - age 24 He had served thru the war, and escaped harm but fell a victim of disease on his way home from the South, at Louisiana Mo. He was interned from Our Church Sabbath PM Aug 20th.





