

In Eastlawn Cemetery.

Lytton J. Musselman. Lived at the time of his death at
No. 431 Oak Grove Ave., South Beloit.
Died August 7, 1938. Buried August 10, 1938.
Location. Sec. 5, Block 58, Lot 7, Grave 5.

1.
LYTTON JOHN MUSSELMAN.

Lytton John Musselman was born in Cincinnati, May 5, 1845. His father was an importer and the family home on Main Street was a comfortable and even elegant place. But the boy yearned for the open spaces and, at the age of 14 left home for the west. For two years he carried mail from Canada to the Mexican border. His family were much opposed to their son's joining the army for Civil War service. He enlisted in Ohio in Company C, 82nd Ohio infantry, April 16, 1861. But it is said his parents took him out. But young Musselman, it is said, then took the name of John De Clemont which was a family name on his mother's side and went on through the war under this name. He joined the Ohio 24th Artillery and saw service in many states and campaigns. He marched with Sherman to the sea. John Clemont-Musselman was discharged from Civil War service. July 4, 1864.

But he re-enlisted for service in the west under Gen. Nelson A. Miles as an Indian scout and had some perilous adventures with them. The Apaches were especially troublesome. Mr. Musselman was once tied by them to a stake for torture, but was rescued by an Indian girl who fled with him to the U.S. ranks for safety. In 1885, he left this life to settle down. On Febr. 10, 1888 at Birmingham, Ill. Mr. Musselman married Miss Alice Bigham.

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She died in 1923.

The children of Lytton J. Musselman and his wife were:

1. John. This son became the father of Lytton Musselman, Arctic explorer with Admiral Byrd, and now dead. His widow married David Thayer, Beloit.
2. Minnie. Mrs. Madru. She lived in Los Angeles.
3. Jennie. Now dead. 4. Earl. Now dead.
5. Hubert Elroy Musselman. Born Oct. 3, 1900 in Ramsay, Ill. Married Esther Ward of Potosi, Wis.
6. Allen. Lives in South Beloit, No. 431 Oak Grove Ave., where Comrade Musselman made his home.
7. Children of Hubert Musselman, Crane Ave. Beloit are:
Lytton John Musselman. Born Oct. 4, 1943.
Stephen Ward Musselman. Born Dec. 12, 1946.



This old cemetery at Clinton Corners, the gate to which is shown, was the burial place of Daniel Tallman, pioneer settler of the Town of Clinton. His son, Alexis W. Tallman, was a member of Company I, 22nd Wisconsin Regiment. This group was cooperating with Gen. Sherman for the capture of Atlanta. While on guard at Acworth Station, Georgia, Alexis Tallman was killed by a rebel sharp-shooter, June 16, 1864. He was buried at Marietta, Ga. The Clinton Post of the G.A.R., was named the Alexis W. Tallman Post No. 70 in his memory.

EASTLAWN CEMETERY WAS OPENED APRIL 11 1923



Shades of Death 11/16/67

Fences are placed around cemeteries, so an old story goes, because people are dying to get in. A report at 5:04 p.m. Thursday to Beloit police was that a woman was dying to get out. She somehow was locked in Oakwood Cemetery.

Gateway to Eastlawn Cemetery, Beloit. This is the resting-place of two of the old Grand Army comrades of the L.H.D. Crane Post, Beloit. Lytton J. Musselman and Carleton G. Ord



William Henry Wheeler.
1847-1937.

1882-1932

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

L. H. D. Crane Post 54

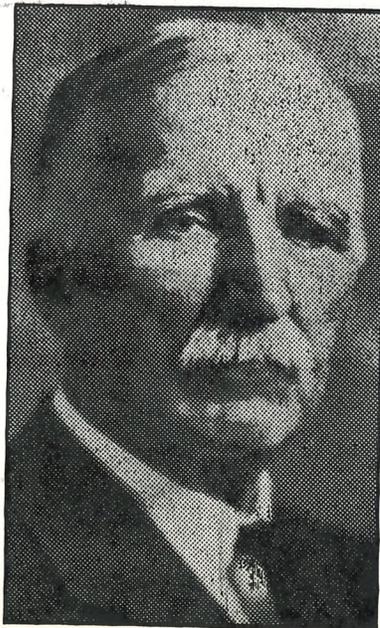
Beloit

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Department of Wisconsin

CHARTER MEMBERS

CHALMERS INGERSOLL *Commander*



WILLIAM H. WHEELER

Only Surviving Charter Member

In Eastlawn Cemetery.
Carleton G. Olin. Lived at No. 152 South Jackson St.
Janesville.
Died May 17, 1937. Buried May 19, 1937.
Location. Sec. 5, Block 45, Lot 11, Grave 6.

Carleton C. Olin was born Oct. 1, 1846 at Mukwonago, Wisc. With his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Olin, he came at the age of 13 to Rock Co. In 1859, the family settled on 160 acres in Section 6 of the Town of Turtle. In 1862, young Carleton ran away to Harvard, Ill. to enlist in the 17th Illinois Cavalry. But his parents took him out. In 1863, he got to Buffalo, N.Y. where he enlisted in Company B of the 4th Artillery, under the name of Stephen Cebra, which was the name of a neighbor. Owing to some difficulty, Carleton left the army without a regular discharge, -something which with his assumed name made it hard for him to get a pension. But this was finally secured for him, as he saw actual service with the New York unit. He married Miss Angeline Crouch, then Miss Mary Adams, both of whom preceded him in death, his third wife surviving him. He was a member of L.H.D. Crane Post of Beloit.

Mr. William H. Wheeler came from a family of very high ideals of service to their fellow men. His father, Leonard H. Wheeler, was a missionary for the American Board of Missions, and assigned to the Ojibways, with headquarters at Madeline Island. William was born, Jan. 1, 1847 at Odanah, selected by his father as a reservation site. The Wheelers, father and son, and family, were most unselfish and devoted friends of the Indians, acting as their interpreters, guardians, doctors, teachers, and what have you. The Wheelers were able to write, converse, and translate with the Indian languages of the region, in a scholarly way.

In 1864, William Wheeler answered Pres. Lincoln's call for men for a short term enlistment of 100 days. He joined Co. B, 40th Wisconsin Infantry. But, on his return in the same year, a cinder blew in his eye from train smoke, causing blindness for a while and a return to Odanah. Mr. Wheeler was never again wholly free from this injury.

His father invented a windmill to help the Indians get water for their fields. It led to the formation in March, 1873, of the Eclipse Windmill Company, Sereno T. Merrill, President, Charles Salmonas Secretary and Treasurer, and William H. Wheeler, Construction Superintendent. In 1890, Fairbanks Morse & Company became the sole manufacturer of these windmills.

April 10, 1876, Mr. Wheeler went to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia to display the windmill. He related that he saw at this time General Grant, then President, and many other dignitaries of the time.

Mr. Wheeler married Miss Mary B. Lathrop, Dec. 4, 1869. A son, Theodore, died in 1919 in Philadelphia. A daughter, Sarah, became Mrs. George Bunge of La Crosse. Mr. Wheeler in later years lived in South Beloit, where he had quite extensive holdings of real estate. The Wheelers enjoyed association with L.H.D. Crane Post No. 54. If ever a man deserved a pension, with all he and his family did for the Indians, Mr. Wheeler did. His business interests never brought him nearly as much gain as they brought others. He died May 5, 1937 in his South Beloit home, aged 90. For one who did so much for others, his burial stone is small indeed.

Signs of Times in the Old Hometown

By Blaine Hansen

AS ADVERTISEMENTS, carried in a weekly issue of the Beloit Free Press for May 1, 1879, are perused, one can obtain rather a credible outline of Beloit business enterprises seventy years ago. Then, as now, storekeepers, manufacturers and professional folk appreciated the value of well directed, informative publicity.

When some of us were kids the old timers here still used to call Fairbanks Morse and Co. "The Eclipse" if they didn't call it "The Hill," as some of them still do. On the Free Press front page for this issue is a display ad, inserted by Eclipse Wind Mill Co. C. B. Salmon, treasurer and manager. The firm listed itself as "patentees and manufacturers of 17 sizes wind mills." C. B. Salmon, a former Beloit banker was for years owner of the utilities company here and was, until his death in 1930, active in civic affairs.

Another display ad, given front page position, was Wm. H. Wheeler & Co. Agents in Southern Wisconsin for Eclipse Windmills and manufacturers of pumps, cylinders and water supply materials, also western agency for the celebrated oil well pumps. Wheeler, whose father developed the Eclipse mill, was a Civil War veteran and founder of South Beloit.

Magnesian Spring

A. S. Jackson, No. 28 Broad st., dealers in American and foreign marbles and manufacturers of monuments and everything in the marble line, was the firm now known as Jackson Monument Corp. Jackson was a Civil war veteran and prominent in local and state Masonic lodge circles.

Houston's turbine water wheel, manufactured by Merrill and Houston Iron Works (now Beloit Iron Works) as well as two out of town firms. The Houstons were pioneer manufacturing people here.

routes, three daily trains." Western Union railroad was represented, listing D. A. Olin as general superintendent, an uncle of the late Carlton Olin, a Beloit Civil war veteran. Another ad buyer was the Chicago & Northwestern railway, proclaimed as the oldest, best constructed, most progressive, best equipped, hence the most reliable of the entire west and northwest. Marvin Hughitt, afterward its president, was carried as general manager.

Other Merchants

At that time it boasted 2,158 miles under one management, eight trunk lines, steel rails, Westinghouse air brakes, Miller's platform and couplers, celebrated Pullman hotel cars between Chicago and Council Bluffs, Pullman palace sleeping cars, two express trains and four trains daily each way between Chicago and Milwaukee.

William Dole, ice dealer, solicited orders. Fred Janvrin, a brother of the late Mayor J. A. Janvrin, ran a west side meat market, selling fresh meats, fish and fowls. H. P. Taylor was president of the Citizens' National bank, J. R. Reigart, vice-president; W. H. Baumes, cashier; E. S. Greene, assistant clerk. Included among the directors were S. T. Merrill, C. B. Salmon, Dr. H. P. Strong and A. B. Carpenter.

Iodo Magnesian Spring Co. advertised water from the springs on the Chamberlin farm northwest of this city, now owned by Beloit College. "Product so free from organic matter it will keep indefinitely, perfectly sweet and drinkable if kept in corked stone or glass vessels. Constantly on hand at company office, free for all who want to drink. Five cents a gallon at office, delivered in five gallon or more lots. Special rates by the barrel," read the advertisement.

Gaston and Son, manufacturers of platform, hay and counter scales was one ad. The Beloit 99 ct. Store, featuring a 5 cent counter, as well as jewelry and a full line of Dr. Price's unique perfumes and all the novelties in the market proclamation sounds very modern. Fenton's Drug Store, latter D. H. Pollock and after that Wagner's Drug store was headquarters for J. C. Alden Jr. who taught piano-forte playing and theory. This store was where J. J. Smith Jewelry store is now.

Goodwin Hotel Staff

S. J. Goodwin ad Son ran the Goodwin House with Frank Saxton, chief clerk, and M. C. Colby, night clerk. Rates \$2 a day. O. J. Johnson was listed as a manufacturer of lumber wagons, three spring wagons, buggies and sleighs or anything on wheels or runners. The shop was located on Third Street, where the Beloit Iron Works pattern shop is today. Mr. Johnson lived to be more than 90 years old, maintaining his home, until his death, on St. Lawrence avenue between Bluff and Elm streets. Henry F. Hobart, Free Press editor, was also agent for Anchor Line steamers, plying between New York city and Glasgow, Scotland. Cabin passage \$75 to \$90—round trips \$130 to \$160.

The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway "makes close connections at Eagle and Western Union Junction with Western Union, R.R. for Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Minneapolis, two

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Historian updates war casualty lists

Beloit Daily News MAY 27 1995

By Sue Kurth

Horizons Editor

The Memorial Day listing of war dead which runs annually in the

Beloit Daily News has been updated to reflect the research of Beloit attorney and historian Bill Bolgrien.

Bolgrien spent more than six months compiling a list of area residents who died during war time while serving in the military. He started the project in conjunction with a planned veteran's memorial project at Beloit Historical Society. The permanent memorial will list names of Beloit, South Beloit, Town



Bolgrien

curate list available."

Bolgrien is vice president of the Beloit Historical Society, and harbors a love of history — especially the Civil War. He is writing a book, with about 265 pages completed so far, on Beloit's Civil War history.

"That's my passion," said Bolgrien. "I've been a Civil War historian for years."

His book will be something to leave for the city. "I have the satisfaction of knowing I'm leaving it for posterity," he said.

Since his book's research had resulted in a listing of Civil War dead, "I figured as long as I had done the Civil War, I might as well do the rest of it," said Bolgrien.

of Beloit and Town of Turtle war dead in the Arthur A. Missner Veteran's Gallery in engraved plates attached to walnut walls.

Bolgrien's list includes area residents who died while serving their country during war-time.

Older listings in the Daily News often included not only those who died while in active service during war time, but of "old veterans who survived their service and then died and are buried at our two cemeteries," said Bolgrien.

"We are indebted to Mr. Bolgrien for the exhaustive research that went into this project," said Editor Bill Barth. "The Memorial Day holiday is intended to recognize those who made the supreme sacrifice during America's wars. Mr. Bolgrien has provided us with the most ac-

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Many of those who passed on in early wars died as the result of disease. All the local people who died during the Spanish American war, for example, departed due to problems with typhus or influenza. Half of those from this area who died in the Civil War had been struck with disease, and even a large number of deaths in World War I could be attributed to disease, said Bolgrien.

While he attempted to limit his list to those from the immediate area, sometimes information wasn't clear as to exactly where a person lived. If there are inaccuracies, he tried to err "to give benefit of people in the townships," said Bolgrien.



"There is no way I can assure you that my list is absolutely correct, but I searched all the official records I could including the Adjutant General of Wisconsin reports as to the Civil War and Spanish American War, War and Navy Department reports on World War I and II, Defense Department reports on Korea and Vietnam."

A long-time resident of Beloit, Bolgrien graduated from Beloit High School and went away to law school. He returned to Beloit in 1961 to begin practicing law.

During the Korean Conflict, Bolgrien was a sergeant in the U.S. Army and served as a paratrooper.

In Memory of
Patty Moore
widow of William Tyler Moore
captain in the
Revolutionary War.

Also Elizabeth Stearns Moore Goodhue,
A Real Daughter, and Tyler Henry Moore,
A Real Son.

A Tribute from the Beloit Chapter of the
Daughters of the American Revolution.
1928.



This handsome monument is one of the outstanding markers in Shopiere Cemetery. It commemorates all the members of the Stark family.

At Bunker Hill in 1775, John Stark, with 800 men held the left of the American battle line to the last. Before the Battle of Bennington, 1777, with 1600 men said, "Either I win this battle, or Molly Stark will be a widow tonight." He won it with the thanks of Congress, who made him Brigadier-General. Charles W. Stark, in 1861, Co. F, 13th Wisconsin. Captain of Co. F, same regiment, then Major of U.S. Volunteers.



The cobblestone house at the left has lately been called the Warn farm house. But it was built by the Stark family who came to La Prairie from Vermont in 1846. William Hubbard Stark was born in Vermont in 1810. He married Miss Plumb, Their children were: Juliette, Charles W., Sarah, De Witt, and De Witt Q. Stark. Wm. Hubbard represented his district in the legislature for 1858, 1867, and 1878. Charles W. won an enviable record in the Civil War. His daughter, Nellie, married Charles Weirick, Clerk of the Town of Turtle, and authority for many years on abstracts in this vicinity.

Graves of Barrett H. Smith
and his wife, Harriet Smith
in Shopiere Cemetery.

Barrett H. Smith.
Born May 18, 1834.
Died Apr. 6, 1921.

Harriet Rose Smith.
Born Febr. 27, 1837.
Died Jan. 3, 1891.

Mr. Smith was the son of Daniel
and Eda Chamberlain Smith. (See
Chamberlain Genealogy). They lived
on the original home farm in

Tiffany, 1847, having come west
to Rock Co. in 1842. Mr. Smith was in
the newspaper business in Minnesota and
from 1860 to 1862 was connected with
"The Beloit Courier" and "Beloit Journal".
Oct. 11, 1863 he married Miss Rose. He en-
listed for the Civil War in Company B,
40th Wisconsin, and left a valuable diary
of his war experiences. Later, he returned
to Shopiere, where he lived the life of a
country gentleman, and attending Beloit
College and the Shopiere Congregational
Church often. Mr. Smith drew from memory
of old people the retreat of Black Hawk
through this vicinity.

The inscription reads as follows:
CONCORD FIGHT.

On the morning of April nineteenth, 1775,
while the British held this bridge, the
Minute Men and militia of Concord and
neighboring towns gathered on the hill
across the river.
There the Concord Adjutant, Joseph Hosmer,
demanded, "Will you let them burn the
town down?"

There the Lincoln Captain, William Smith,
offered to dislodge the British. The Acton
Captain, Isaac Davis, said, "I haven't a
man that's afraid to go!" And the Concord
Colonel, James Barrett, ordered the attack
upon the regulars.

The column was led by Major John Buttrick,
marching from his own farm. His aide was
Lieutenant-Colonel John Robinson of Westford.
The Minute Men of Acton, Concord, Lincoln,
and Bedford followed. After them came the
militia.

At the British volley, Isaac Davis fell.
Buttrick cried, "Fire, fellow-soldiers, for
God's sake, fire!" and himself fired first.
The British fled and here began the separation
of two kindred nations now happily long united
in peace.





Stone to Eunice Doty.

Ezra Doty was born in Hardwick, Mass. Sept. 28, 1760. He married Mary Warner. A son by her, named Zurishaddai Doty, was born on July 13, 1804.

Mr. Doty, on the death of his first wife, married Eunice Longworth Bishop, a widow, Jan. 30, 1815.

Ezra Doty died in Lockport, N.Y., June 24, 1840.

His son, Zurishaddai, then decided to leave New York state. In 1841, bringing his step-mother, Eunice, with him, Mr. Doty moved to the Town of Turtle, Wisconsin.

Eunice Doty died in 1846 and was buried in Turtleville Cemetery.

The inscription on her stone is as follows:

EUNICE,
Relict of Capt. Ezra Doty.

Died Aug. 26, 1846, aged 75 years.

Capt. Ezra Doty served 8 years in the Revolutionary War. Died at Lockport, N.Y. June 21, 1840.

Aged 80 years.

(An inscription on the top is not now legible.)



JEFFERSON FLOREY.

Gunner of Commodore Foote's Fleet.

Died Aug. 9, 1862.

Aged 20 ys. 7 ms. 4 ds.

(Note. This was Rear Admiral Andrew Hull Foote.

After the Battle of Shiloh, April 16-17, 1862, Admiral Foote's fleet of gunboats took possession of Mississippi River down to Vicksburg. This young Mr. Florey was with him.

Governor Harvey, who left Shopiere to become Governor, In April 1862 was drowned after leaving the scene of Shiloh where he had brought supplies from Wisconsin to the troops.

The Floreys are a military family, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Florey having been identified with Company L, Beloit).

Photographs of the tablet
 at Concord Bridge, erected in
 memory of the minute men and
 the Battle of Lexington and
 Concord, April 19, 1775.
 Taken by Miss Margaret Ackley
 of Beloit, whose family married
 into the Barrett Smith family.
 See genealogy.

The Barrett Smith Home Farm
 at Tiffany, with old gate.
 In the left picture, Mrs.
 Thomas O' Brien is seen with
 her dogs.



Pict - May 1936 ↑

Grave of Mary Barrett Chamberlain
 in Shopiere Cemetery. The stone is
 seen when it was flat in the ground.
 It has since been raised.

See page 19 for wording of this
 inscription. It records for all time
 and for all to see that Colonel James
 Barrett of the Middlesex Co. Regiment
 and Member of the Provincial Congress,
 Massachusetts, gave the order for his
 men to attack the regulars as their only
 resource. Lieut. Jonas Barrett was there
 also as second in command. See Genealogy
 p.32 for him as father of Mary Barrett
 Chamberlain of Shopiere, ancestor of
 Mrs. Edith O' Brien and her son, Ralph,
 of Beloit.

