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Gardnerville, Ohio,  
Aug 3, 1881.

General,

General Sherman and Staff did us the honor to attend our Reunion 1874, Gen Hayes '875, Gen Kilpatrick 1876, General Leggett Hayes & Custer 1877, General Garfield 1878, - 9, and now in 1881, we pray General Howard to be present. We want a monument here in Eastern Ohio and can build it if you lend us the powerful influence of your presence. Please do not say no if you can possibly avoid it.

Enclosed find programme.  
Very sincerely & cordially,

You ob't ant  
J. M. Dolgeill  
Secy.

P.S. This little reconnection of ours will welcome you cordially as a baby boy of this firm co., and all that is looking on his part is cordial appreciation of your presence will be made up by the ringing cheer of 30000 of us gallant soldiers as the furnished the Union.

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I have had the  
best winter I've ever  
had & expect  
to have another  
good one. I have  
had a good time &  
it's been a great  
experience. I am  
very glad to have  
had the opportunity  
of traveling so much  
in such a short time.

# SOLDIERS' RE-UNION

TO BE HELD AT

## CALDWELL,

### FRIDAY, September 9, '81.

All Soldiers and Their Friends Invited!  
The Ladies and Children Especially Invited!

**COME FOR ONE DAY ONLY!**

The object of the Re-union is to take steps to build a  
**SOLDIERS' MONUMENT**

in the Public Square at Caldwell, in memory of the men from Noble County who gave their lives for the Union in the war for the Union, and for those who died since. The co-operation of all good men and women is cordially and earnestly solicited.

## GOOD ORATORS

WILL BE PRESENT TO ADDRESS US!

**COME** IN WAGONS, COME ON HORSE-

BACK, COME IN CARRIAGES

AND BY RAIL. ONLY DEVOTE ONE DAY TO

THIS PATRIOTIC DUTY!

**THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEES** announced by the local press will be present and report how much money they have raised in their several Townships.

**THE PRICE AND PLAN** of the Monument will be publicly considered, and every soldier and citizen interested and present, will have one vote on the question at the Re-union.

**COME FRIENDS**, and help us build this Monument in memory of those who gave the last full measure of their devotion that the Government "of the people, by the people, and for the people," might not perish from the earth.

**Railroads will give Reduced Rates!**

Meantime, let subscriptions be taken in all the Townships, so that the Committee can report the utmost that each Township will do.

LET US NOT FORGET OUR DEAD COMRADES! Let mothers, wives, sisters and children of our departed comrades leave the vacant chairs behind for ONE DAY, and come to the Re-union.

FRIDAY, September 9th, 1881, is the day.

A public Register will be kept of all subscriptions in the office of the Recorder.

**F. C. THOMPSON, Chairman.**

J. M. DALZELL, Secretary.

# SOLDIERS

## REUNION

September 3, '61  
GARDEN

All Soldiers and Their Friends Invited!  
The Ladies and Children Especially Invited!

COME FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

The object of the Reunion is to give scope to public and private solicitude.

### SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

In the Public Square at Chippewa in memory of the men

from Monroe County who gave their lives for the Union in

the war for the Union and for those who died since.

The co-operation of all good men and women is cordially and

entirely solicited.

**GOOD ORATORS**  
will be present to address us.  
**COME**  
in Monroe, Common Harbor  
hour, soon in carriage  
and train one day to  
this patriotic duty.

THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE appointed by the  
local people will be present and receive money from the

local people in their several Townships.

THE PRICE AND PLACE of the Monument will be  
appropriately considered, and early notice given in the  
newspaper, will give the people an opportunity to the  
Monument.

COME FRIENDS, and help us build this Monument in  
memory of those who gave the last full measure of their  
devotion for the Government, for the people, for the best  
and fairest, will give one vote on the question of the

price and for the people, will help to build the  
Monument, so that the Committee can report the amount that  
each Township will do.

LET US NOT FORGET OUR DEAD COMRADES. Let memory never pass us  
out of our hearts forever, and let us always honor them with the highest respect for their services and  
for their memory.

FRIDAY, September 6th, 1861, at the hour  
of public service will be paid to the deceased in the office of this paper.

E.G. THOMPSON, Captain.

J.W. DAILEY, Secretary.

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Sioux City, Random County, Dakota,  
Aug. 3. 1881.

Gen. O.O. Howard.

Dear Sir:

During the year, ending June 30. 1877, I held the offices of Dean of the Law Dept't in Howard University at Washington, D.C. and the Professorship of Greek in the Collegiate Department, with no other salary, or promise of salary, than the \$600. which would accrue to the University that year on your rate of \$10.00. And the promise was only to pay that sum, when it should be received from you. The practical result was, that I got no salary, and no thanks even, for that year's service, but discharged the duties of both offices & gave my best strength to the University for that year at

my own expense. That was a great  
draft on my scanty resources, and  
I have never been able to recover  
from the great inconvenience brought  
upon me by giving so much time  
& the University without any compen-  
sation in return. I beg of you to  
have the interest on the note, for that  
year, paid as soon as it can be; and  
it will bring me instant aid and  
a great relief.

Very Truly Yours,  
W. A. Bascom.

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HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors,

Portland, Aug. 8. 1881.

Gen. C. C. Howard,  
Crest Point-

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Executive Committee Maine Soldiers and Sailors' Association held at Portland Aug. 1<sup>st</sup>, it was voted that Gen. C. C. Howard be invited to give the responsive address in behalf of the Maine Soldiers and Sailors' Association to the address of welcome by Gov. W. M. Plaisted.

The committee, in giving this invitation are aware of the shortness of time for preparation, and under the circum-

stances respectfully submit - that  
the brevity of your address will  
not be a matter of objection, if  
you will favor the Committee  
with acceptance.

Yours very Respectfully  
Geo. M. Seidler  
Sec. Exec. Com.

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# SECOND GRAND REUNION OF MAINE VETERANS,

AT PORTLAND,

AUGUST 23, 24 AND 25, 1881.

UNDER THE AUSPICES OF

Association Maine Soldiers and Sailors.



PORLTAND, ME.

STEPHEN BERRY, PRINTER.

1881.

*HEADQUARTERS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASSOCIATION  
MAINE SOLDIERS AND SAILORS, CORNER  
CONGRESS AND BROWN STREETS,*

PORTLAND, July 28, 1881.

*To the Veterans:*

The following programme of the Second Grand Reunion and Encampment of Maine Veterans, under the auspices of the Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors, to take place at Portland, on

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 23, 24 and 25, 1881,

is hereby announced for the information of all persons interested.

All honorably discharged Soldiers who served in Maine organizations at any time during the war of the rebellion, and all honorably discharged Union Soldiers and Sailors who now are, or at any time have been residents of the State of Maine, are cordially invited to participate in the reunion.

The encampment will be held in Deering Park, a beautiful grove, centrally and conveniently located within the city limits, where ample accommodations will be provided for the purposes of the reunion.

Tents supplied with straw, ready for occupancy, and water, will be furnished by the committee. Veterans are requested to supply themselves with overcoats and blankets prepared to go into camp.

It is not expected that the men will appear in uniform unless they desire to do so, but it is hoped that as many as conveniently can, will wear dark clothes, slouched hats or fatigue caps with badges of the organization to which they belong. All General Field and Staff officers are requested to appear mounted and wearing side arms.

Arrangements have been made with responsible parties to supply, on the grounds, suitable food at reasonable rates, to those who desire it, and bills of fare, giving the price of rations in detail, or of fixed meals, will be furnished to the veterans at the time of the encampment.

Regimental Associations, Grand Army Posts, and other organizations formed for the occasion, are at liberty to make their own arrangements for subsistence, if preferable, or veterans can bring cooked rations with them if most convenient, with the privilege of purchasing tea and coffee of the caterers within the encampment, but no fires will be allowed for cooking or any other purposes.

Veterans' organizations and comrades generally, on arrival in Portland, on either day of the Reunion, are requested to report at Headquarters of the Executive Committee on the grounds of the encampment.

Temporary organizations will be formed for the benefit of veterans having no connection with existing associations.

Arrangements have been made with the several railroad and steamboat lines for one fare the round trip during the Reunion.

Invitations have been extended to the President of the United States and to the members of his cabinet, to the generals of the regular army and to distinguished generals and prominent naval officers, who commanded Maine troops during the war of the Rebellion, and to the Governors of the New England States, with their respective staffs.

The Programme for the three days entertainment is announced as follows:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23D. Arrangement of the encampment; assignment of quarters; organization into companies, brigades and divisions, and the meeting of regimental associations for social purposes.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24TH. Morning: completion of organization; distribution of badges; meetings of different associations and election of officers.

Address of welcome by Gov. Harris M. Plaisted, and responses to the same in behalf of the Association of Maine Soldiers and Sailors.

Afternoon: Memorial Service in commemoration of the honored dead, to be conducted by Commander W. G. Haskell, Department of Maine, G. A. R., to consist of an oration by Rev. J. F. Lovering, of Worcester, Mass., Chaplain-in-Chief of the G. A. R. and other appropriate exercises on the camp grounds, to which the widows, orphans and families of deceased soldiers are especially invited.

The evening will be devoted to the meetings of the regimental associations; banquets of different organizations and other social gatherings.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25TH. Reception of guests and Grand Parade and Review of Veterans at 9:30 A. M. accompanied by an escort of State Militia.

Afternoon: Sham fight by Veterans on the plain adjoining Bramhall's Hill.

The evening will be devoted to a Grand Camp Fire at the Park, with speeches, music, fire works and other attractions.

It is hoped that the committee may be able to make arrangements to illuminate the grove and camp by means of electric lights.

The encampment will be enlivened each day and evening of the Reunion by music, discoursed by Chandler's and other noted military bands of this State and Massachusetts.

The Executive Committee have designated Maj. Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain as Commander-in-Chief of the Encampment, who will announce his Staff and Commanders of Divisions in future orders, and the Commanders of Divisions will in turn announce their respective Staff Officers.

Very Respectfully, in behalf of Executive Committee,

GEORGE M. SEIDERS, *Secretary.*

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*Secretary.*

40 - La corruption est générale dans toutes les écoles, et dans toute la France. Un jeune homme n'est pas tenu pour homme par ses camarades, s'il ne fréquente pas les lieux de débauche. Il faut un miracle, pour qu'une âme résiste aux emprisonnements de ce milieu; pour qu'elle en sorte avec la foi, et la pureté. — Ceci est la vérité. Si nous avions eu un fils, jamais mon unique ne l'aurait placé dans un de ces établissements publics.

50 - On en peut suivre les cours en qualité d'externe, et alors s'établir, à titre de pensionnaire, dans une famille chrétienne. L'un premier ce parti, M. le pasteur Armand Delille, 7 rue Portalis, Paris (il est en vacances maintenant, et ne rentrera chez lui que dans 3 mois je pense.) Vous renseigneriez volontiers, et vous indiqueriez probablement une famille vraiment chrétienne pour M. votre fils.

de Rivey près Genève. 4 Août 1881  
11 Aélos ! Je ne prends  
que vous deux que  
cei ; gardez votre  
enseignement  
Monsieur fil sous votre aile,  
de la libe Amerique  
Volent mien me  
l'atmosphère suiee  
de la fince ou athee  
ou clericale.  
Morte au Monde  
des vivants enferme  
dans le sanctuaire

11 Aélos ! Je ne prends  
que vous deux que  
cei ; gardez votre  
enseignement  
Monsieur le général  
de la libe Amerique  
Volent mien me  
l'atmosphère suiee  
de la fince ou athee  
ou clericale.  
Morte au Monde  
des vivants enferme  
dans le sanctuaire

touchée de savoir que votre bras droit est resté sur le champ de bataille : Vous l'avez donné au Seigneur pour la bonne cause, Dieu vous le rendra la tout. — Quelle énergie il vous a fallu, pour échapper de la main gauche, poursuivre avec éclat votre carrière, remporter ces victoires de chaque jour sur les obstacles matériels, qui demandent plus de vigueur morale encore, que n'épige de courage la guerre en face des canons ! — Oh que le Seigneur vous conserve votre sweet wife ! L'unité de l'amour dans l'unité de la foi, c'est la force et c'est leiel.  
J'ai lu ~~le~~ Chief Joseph avec le plus

De ma voeule je  
serai pris pour un  
grave que ces données  
générales.

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- est la Haut /  
Monsieur

Général que  
nos mains servent  
les vêthes. - Je  
vois et ne  
veux personne.  
"veux véritablement  
que vraiment tout et pour sans  
de votre caractère, un noble trait de  
ressemblance avec mon unique. Vous vous  
attachez à faire valoir tous vos officiers  
vous leur donnez à chaum une belle  
place dans votre cœur; et puis, vous  
reconnaissez avec loyauté, les torts qu'on  
a fréquemment envers les Indiens.  
"veux que mette mon épée en place  
les supplications ou les prières!"

Le carrière  
vous poste  
4 volumes  
de mon unique  
"la France - 2 vol.  
Tuis gardes de  
Sal. 186. et  
discours politiques

14st. - Recevez les  
comme de la part  
longz Monsieur  
le Général ainsi  
que Madame Howard,  
mes sentiments bien  
agréés Agnez au plaisir  
au bon distingué, de la paure délivrée.

Il faut avoir fait de très fortes études  
préliminaires, pour suivre cette école  
Il faut de plus, savoir très bien le français.

Buck, P. 10

in the health of our good  
President.

With love from us all  
to your excellent wife  
as well as yourself.

I remain as ever  
Your aff. friend  
H. P. Buck  
by E. C. Buck.

Many thanks for the kind  
letter you sent me weeks  
ago and please let this pass  
for a reply as my time is  
much occupied.

E. C. B.

Answered by the  
same Augt 8<sup>th</sup> 1881.

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Bucksport Augt 4<sup>th</sup> 1881

My dear Friend,

You were kind  
enough to send me  
your translation of the  
Life of Count Gasparini  
for which I thank you.  
I have waited a long time  
hoping to be able to do so  
personally, but am unable  
yet to write.

Your dedication of the  
book to me was quite too  
flattering, nevertheless I  
very highly appreciate it  
on account of the source  
from which it comes.

I thought it was the  
custom to dedicate books  
to distinguished persons

in public life, but I see  
you have adopted the  
republican principles and  
are content to dedicate  
your work to an untitled  
common layman.

I thank you very  
much for the book but  
as yet have only listened  
to a part of it which I  
like. My head troubles  
me so much that I  
cannot give attention  
to any continuous reading  
and cannot read or  
write myself at all on  
account of pain in my  
head and eye.

We left home a month  
ago today for this cool  
quiet retreat, which the  
Doctors said would be  
more beneficial to me  
than all their treatment

in the heat of the city.  
I have improved somewhat  
but am still suffering much  
pain constantly, do not  
sleep more than two hours  
at a time, rise and bathe  
the head in hot water  
and try again.

I trust I feel thankful  
to God for his goodness  
to me and mine.

My surroundings, with  
the exception of my health  
are very pleasant, a wife  
and daughter as kind and  
attentive as can be, and  
with the continued favor  
of God I hope before Autumn  
to enjoy comfortable health  
for one of my years.

I congratulate you on the  
continued improvement

Eaton, P. D.  
Robert's tree and "lions"  
are yet greenish, worn out  
in sun and birds took most  
of blossoms. Had no time.

Montclair, N.J.  
Augt 6, 1881. Dally ed

Dinner, No. 10, 5/c

Answered by the kind  
Augt 8, 1881.

Visiting you and in  
our brief sojourn, will  
see to, how interesting  
and about what you

and pleasant  
other things  
for

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Montclair, N.J.  
Aug 6, 1881,  
Gen. Q. Q. Howard.

My dear Friend,

We arrived here  
last evening, to enjoy a  
little respite after the  
toil of breaking up our  
house, and can now  
think of a way to accept  
your kind invitation.

Our plan is to leave

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for West Parish by the "May  
Farewell" on next Tuesday  
afternoon, returning by the  
same boat Thurs. eve. - if  
not on Wed. afternoon.

We shall bring our little  
 $3\frac{1}{2}$  yr. old, Howard.

If this place will  
in any way inconvenience  
you, please send me  
immediate word, at this  
place.

Mrs. Eaton sends her  
love.

Cordially yours,  
James S. Eaton

[Aug 6, 1881 ?]

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## RE-UNION.

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THE SEVENTH Annual Re-union of the Third Regiment Association will be held at BATH, MAINE, Wednesday, August 17, 1881.

In consequence of the limited accommodation caused by the burning of the principal hotel in Skowhegan it has been thought best, after consulting the Skowhegan comrades, to change the place of meeting this year to Bath.

Arrangements will be made to take a steamer at 8.45 A. M. on the arrival of the train from up the Kennebec for Oak Point, where a chowder will be provided, and the accommodations ample for holding our business meeting, thus affording a day for social enjoyment, a sail, and a good time generally, returning in time for the evening trains if desirable.

We trust this arrangement will meet your approbation and that you, with your ladies, will be able to be present.

Reduced rates of fare will be obtained on the Maine Central Railroad and steamer Star of the East.

Preserve this card to present on the steamer.

R. Y. CROCKETT, Bath, Me.,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

W. H. WATSON,

*President.*



WRITE THE ADDRESS ON THIS SIDE - THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER



Gen. O. O. Howard  
and family  
West Point  
N.Y.  
1881

Miller, W. L.  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry

W. H. MILLER,  
1ST LIEUTENANT & Q. M., 1ST CAVALRY.

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Office of the Post Quartermaster,

Fort Walla Walla, W. S., Aug. 7<sup>th</sup>, 1881

Gen. C. Q. Howard,  
U.S.A.,  
Sir,

I desire to make  
an application to the Hon.  
Secretary of War for an  
appointment as Captain  
and Assistant Quartermaster  
U.S.A. Having served under  
your command during the  
time you commanded the  
Dept. of the Columbia, in the  
field in the campaign of 1877  
against the Nez Perce Indians  
as Field Quartermaster for

Fort Walla Walla  
Augt 7, 1881.

Answered Sept 6/81  
by the Genl

Aug 7, 1881.

the Cavalry Battalion, and later as depot Commissary and Ordnance Officer in Laramie I. Y.; in garrison at Ft Walla Walla W.Y. as Post Quartermaster from November 1877 until April 1878; in the field as Quartermaster of Battalion 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry from June 7th to July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1878; as Quartermaster First Regt of Cavalry in the field from July 23rd to August 13th 1878; as Regt'l Quartermaster Cavalry and Dep't & Dis- tancing Quartermaster district of the Boise from August 15th to Sept. 21st 1878, and as Regt'l Quartermaster

at Cavalry and Recuring, Forwarding & Post Quartermaster at Fort Walla Walla W.Y. from October 1878 until you left the department, I respectfully request that you give me such favorable recommendation as in your judgment my service and ability to perform the duties of a Quartermaster will warrant I desire to use your recommendation as an enclosure to my application to the Sec'y of War.

An early reply is requested,  
Very Respectfully  
Your ob't serv't  
W. H. Miller  
Lt & Surg'lt Cor.

FIFTH REUNION AT WEIRS, AUGUST 30-31 1881. Sept 1

HEADQUARTERS NEW HAMPSHIRE

# VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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LAKE VILLAGE.

Secretary,  
NATT. SHACKFORD,  
LAKE VILLAGE.

Treasurer,  
D. W. KING,  
NASHUA.

LAKE VILLAGE, N. H., Aug 8 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard:

My Dear Sir:

A most cordial invitation is extended you to join the N. H. Veterans in their Reunion on above dates. We are all most anxious to give you a hearty, soldierly greeting, and the survivors of the old Fifth New Hampshire, desire especially to take you by the hand. I hope, General, to receive a favorable response, and am,

Yours most respectfully

M. A. Haynes

Pres. N. H. V. A. Assoc'

Concord, N.H.

New Hampshire  
Veterans Assoc<sup>n</sup>

Lake Village, N.H.  
Augt 8, 1881.

Awarded by the Genl  
Augt 9<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Recd. Augt 9. 1881.

Strong, W.  
Walla.

Highland Falls  
August 9, 1881.

Answered Augt 12/81.

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Berard's.  
Highland Falls,  
Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1881.

Gen. Howard

Would you be willing  
to give me a written introduction  
to Secretary Lincoln, as it was Pres.  
Lincoln who gave my father his  
rank as Maj. Gen. Vols. for father's  
attack on Ft. Wagner.

Messrs. Kirby, Cornish  
and others were allowed to enter  
and graduate and several gentlemen  
I knew were permitted to wear glass-  
es in the section rooms at West Point.

A young man recently  
stopping here was from Annapolis  
and he mentioned a parallel case  
at the Naval Academy where the  
candidate was successful in his ap-

peal to higher naval authorities.

I am anxious to get in  
some department of the Army or Navy—  
West Point, Pay Department, Quarter-  
master's department or Marine Corps  
and as in every one of the above men-  
tioned places there are nearsighted  
people wearing glasses (except W.P.) I  
dislike very much to be rejected just  
because I am myopic.

Yours with best  
regards

Wilson Strong  
Highland Falls.  
New York.

P.S. It gives me the great pleasure  
to inform you that the present com-  
paratively cool spell has revived my  
Mother wonderfully.

W.S.

To Gen. O.O. Howard.  
West Point.



and on you know - I give a few of prince  
pries in your presence - you can see all.  
"daughter" I'm know - that - is she perhaps. I can  
nothing and "daughter" which I say - or - is  
is not - waiting and wait so the "prize" - or even  
it - speak or consider of any ever losing time.  
I think you misinterpret my last - era a little.  
gentlemen I state you of our or each - I can  
it - can for them at - all their - way - do - the poor  
pleasent hot sunrise or help - our - it - the  
was very bad and very hot on the cause of any thing  
or anything else - and they were to help it - and

I can even fancy the tones  
of your voice - the inter -  
was very nice for one - I  
remember my brother came  
home from a summer trip  
through Oregon to Washington D.C.  
at - the time of these Indian  
difficulties, and as we were  
talking over the papers complaints  
of storms, he remarked that -  
if once they could see the  
country they will realize that  
our Ind. Indians can't work  
faster than you were doing.  
It must have been a  
great trial of strength, physical  
& mental to struggle over all  
those hundreds of miles with  
so many disadvantages.

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J. K. JAMISON, Conneautville.  
W. H. COTTINGHAM, Fort Wayne.  
T. B. SMITH, Michigan City.  
GEO. B. CHAMBERLIN, LaFayette.  
W. W. BYERS, Terre Haute.  
S. N. CURNICK, Evansville.  
PROF. JACOB NORRIS, Wabash College, Corresponding Member for College Work.  
GEO. W. COBB, Indianapolis, Corresponding Member for Railroad Work.  
L. W. MUNHALL, Indianapolis, State Secretary.

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Ocean Grove, Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1881.

O. O. Howard,  
My dear Gen'ls:-

Yours with check for  
\$5<sup>00</sup>, is at hand. Accept thanks.  
I arrived home safely last  
evening at six o'clock.

I enjoyed my visit at West  
Point more than I can tell, thanks to you  
and Mrs Howard.

Remember me kindly to all the  
members of your family.

Very truly yours,

L. W. Russell.

Ocean Grove  
August 9, 1881.

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Geo. M. Seiders,  
Counsellor and Attorney at Law,  
Centennial Block, 98 Exchange Street.

OFFICE HOURS:  
9 A. M. to 1 P. M. and 2 to 6 P. M.

Portland, Me., Aug. 22 1881

Gen. C. C. Howard

West Point,

Dear Sir:

Your communication is at-  
tended.

Gen. Chamberlain suggested  
that you should be invited to give  
the responsive address at the Reunion  
of Maine Veterans, and the Executive  
Committee unanimously concurred  
in the suggestion.

It would be a great disappoint-  
ment to the Executive Committee  
and to all interested in the Reunion  
should you find it impossible to  
accept of our invitation to be present;  
and hoping that this may have weight  
with you in making up your decision,

I am very Respectfully yours

G. M. Seiders' Sec.

Dear Sir

W. H. W. Box No. 110, N. Y.

Portland, Ora  
August 9, 1881.

Answered by yeast  
Augt 18. 1881.

Reed Augt 10, 1881

San Francisco California  
August 9<sup>th</sup> 1881

General O.O. Howard U.S. Army.  
West Point, New York.

Sir.

In the coming session of Congress I propose to seek such relief from the government which the courts do not feel themselves empowered to grant, in regard to my claim as Post Chaplain in the Army of the United States. I presume to call upon you for your assistance, knowing the value of your name and experience & feeling confident that the justice of my claim will commend itself to your sympathy & attention.

In August 1861

I was appointed chaplain in the Union Army, & served faithfully during the war, being in turn appointed captain in the Third Regiment of the Colored Infantry, in July 1863, hospital chaplain of Volunteers in November 1864 & post chaplain in May, 1866. While captain as acting major in command at Fort Wagner, Morris Island, South

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Carolina, on or about the 30<sup>th</sup> of August 1863, I was wounded by the explosion of a shell near me which very seriously injured my head, producing a lesion of the brain. From time to time this injury made itself troublesome, until in December, 1868, while stationed as post chaplain, at Camp McDowell Arizona Territory, the effect of the heat aggravated it, causing an overthrow of my reason. While thus incapable of reasoning, in fact when insane, I wrote a letter to the Secretary of War, dated December 24<sup>th</sup> 1868, conditionally offering my resignation unless certain grievances herein mentioned were redressed. This letter was construed to be a resignation & was accepted to take effect March 17<sup>th</sup> 1869. On March 28<sup>th</sup> 1869, not even then believing that I had resigned, I telegraphed to Hon. R. C. McCormick, Delegate from Arizona Territory, at Washington, to withdraw the resignation if construed to be such. But it was too late. Suffering from mental derangement until the year 1874, I then sought relief by a bill introduced in Congress during that session. The committee to whom the bill was referred advised me that I had a good claim at law & desired that I should go to the court of

claims. I did so. That court decided adversely to me - their ruling has been recently affirmed, by the Supreme Court of the United States. The course I now am taking is the only one left open.

In October 1878, President Hayes recognizing the fact that I was insane when the letter of December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1868 was written, made an order restoring me to the list of post chaplains & directing me to report for duty. Ever since I have acted & have received the pay as post chaplain, until recently. But the decision of the Supreme Court that I was out of the Army by reason of my resignation & the appointment of Chaplain Gilmore to my post in July 1870 has been construed by the Attorney General of the United States to go to the extent that my restoration by President Hayes did not amount to a valid appointment. Under this construction I have been pronounced to be indebted to the government for the money drawn under the restoration. Shortly after the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, President Garfield appointed me a post chaplain & I was regularly confirmed, and against the salary accruing & to accrue therunder

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the above alleged indebtedness is set off.

You can readily see, Sir, that my case is one of peculiar hardship - first thrown out of the service by reason of an act done while laboring under a malady induced by injuries received in the line of duty; ~~and~~ then held to be in debt to the government for the salary drawn by me in good faith, pursuant to an order of the president, made to repair in a measure the great misfortune which had been visited upon me.

The relief I ask, ~~as~~ sincerely think I am entitled to receive, is a restoration to my office as post Chaplain as though no letter of resignation, so called, had been written, ~~and~~ the payment to me of the salary of post Chaplain during the period it was withheld, from April 28<sup>th</sup> 1869, to the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, 1878, the date to which the order of restoration related. And further I ask that all the payments to me under President Hayes' order be confirmed to me, ~~and~~ that my longevity be estimated as though no resignation had been accepted ~~as~~ though at all times I had been engaged in active duty for my country, as I have been always ready ~~and~~ willing to be.

I therefore respectfully ask you for such aid and advice as you can properly give in the premises

J. L. L.

I have the honor to remain, as ever  
With great respect  
Your obedient servant,  
*Charles M. Blake,*  
Post Chaplain U.S. Army

Blake, C. M.

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San Francisco,  
August 9, 1881.

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Ever most devotedly  
C. W. Blake  
Gen. G. C. Howard,  
West Point, N.Y.

1881 by day  
as many as possible

W.D. '81

Private San Francisco, 9 Aug. 81.  
(Consecr. - bound.)

~~00~~ Dear Brother:

My letter  
of 24 Dec. '68, was sent  
to Gen. Schofield, then  
Sqr. of War, whom I  
met in Nippon  
as Major, while I was  
on staff of Gen. Am-  
mont.

I do not remember  
her writing or sending  
this letter. I was  
sick & as all the  
Surgeons say not  
responsible for  
the time. Testimo-  
ny on this point  
is supplied Post  
Surgeon Caldwell,

Surgeon Keeney, M.D. No action was taken  
by Dept. Gal (in Ken. on it till 17  
which A.T. then  
was) and Col. Atk. rep'd 5000 of Secy. War!  
Cornwick, Med. Dr. and I never did.  
Chil. Div. Pacific all agree in this.

Adjt. Gen. Trowbridge, too, was fully aware of it, and all went through me & my situation in fact. Gen. Grant must have thought strange of my letter, and seems to have kept it over till Grant came to the Presidency.

March 69, Gen. S.  
rep'd 5000 of Secy. War!  
and I never did.  
get Gen. Belknap  
(who was Major 2nd  
Iowa Vol.) with  
Capt. Geo. W. Blake  
my brother to take the matter  
up. But in Feb.  
'75, Secy. B. told me  
that "if facts were  
as I stated" — as  
Postell L. advised  
investigated & found true  
— "I ought to be  
restored." —