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♦ HEADQUARTERS ♦

—♦ GEO. H. THOMAS POST, No. 2, —♦

Department of California, G. A. R.

San Francisco, January 10th, 1887.

Comrade:

In accordance with a resolution of the Post to hold a Banquet on Tuesday Evening, 25th inst., we herewith inclose you a Postal, which you will please fill out as you feel disposed, and return immediately, in order that we may know the number that will attend, and enable us to make arrangements accordingly. One-half of the expense will be paid from the Entertainment Fund, and one half by those attending, at a cost not to exceed one dollar each.

Due notice will be given of time and place.

W. W. MAGARY.

W. T. Y. SCHENCK,

J. G. GIESTING.

Committee.

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Vancouver Barracks. Mr. T.

Jan 10. 1889

My dear General:

I have tried hard to recall this man Williams, but I can not seem to remember him at all. I have a vague recollection of a man of that name being about 9 days. He could not have been with you long in the capacity of your personal orderly, it seems to me, or I should have remembered something about him. If he had only located himself in his letter, by some event, or some personal characteristic, I should probably have recalled him, but, as it is, I cannot, nor can I catch at any point which will show me whether I am at fault or he is.

If I could have talked with you about him, we might, by scratching each others

memories, have recalled this man. I do not want to make his impression that this man was not there, simply because I cannot recall him. If you remember him, a statement that he rendered hard and gallant service would be true to the letter, that is if he was your orderly.

I am sorry I can't help you memory in this particular, but these old soldiers, whose whole controled life seems to have been those eventful war days, expect too much of the memories of those of us who have led eventful lives since.

I, and mine, send you all hearty New Years greetings.

I saw Behanee, while I was East. It was before his marriage. He looked well, and was hearty and happy looking, and had about him an air of prosperity.

I enjoyed any sight of him, and our short half hours talk. It was like seeing a section of your family. I

also called on Lump wife and baby. They had just reached Omaha. She spoke happily of their life at their post, and said she had enjoyed its quietness. Omaha had improved almost as much in any years absence as it did during any three years residence there.

I had a good business offer made me there, but the climate is rather too trying.

I hear of you all, indirectly, now and then. If the route east had been through S. F., as it used to be, I should have enjoyed seeing you all.

Grace & the children are all well except that "Dacie's" ring-worm still hangs on, though I believe the Doctor is getting the better of it.

Wove is flourishing, especially in children. He only has four but he lives in hopes of five in May.

Give my love to all of yours, in which Mrs. J. says she joins very heartily.

it could do one in an
added foot-note, if not
in the body of the article.
I have also just written
a paper on the March to
the Sea, for the North American
Review, but, naturally,
do not feel like referring
in it at all to my own
song, &c.

Hoping you may
give me the credit I
am sure is my own, and
that I may have a line
from you. I am
Yours truly,
S. H. M. Byers

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My dear O.O. Howard.
San Francisco.

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Dear Sir:

I presume you
will not recall me, but
I had the pleasure of
meeting you at Columbia
A.S. when I was temporarily
attached to the staff of
General Sherman.

Recently, the "Century"
magazine Editor wrote
me that you are writing
an article on the "March
to the Sea". It is concerning
this that I venture

to address you.
I wrote the song of
"Sherman's March to the Sea",
the song that gave its
name to the Campaign.
I think Genl Sherman,
and you too, will bear
me out in the assertion.

Previous to the
appearance of the song
the Campaign had been
called - the "Georgia cam-
paign"; "the Campaign South"
the "Dixieanah Campaign"-
&c &c. But from
that moment on it was
"Sherman's March to the Sea".

I am wondering
if you recall this fact,
and if it would be referred

to in your article.
I am sure I would be
pleased to have this
little credit as my
part in the great march,
though at the time I was
undergoing the horrors
of a rebel prison at Columbia.
You will find
the song, and reference
to it, on pages 280-282, and
295, of vol 2, "Sherman's
Memoirs". You were
with Sherman at the
moment the song was
handed him at Columbia.

Are you disposed to
refer to the fact in
your article of my song
naming the Campaign?

And many times my hand in hers will be,
And we will walk by pleasant ways alone,
And I shall look into her face, and see
The dearest eyes that ever yet have shone —
And cheeks more sweet than any roses
blown.
And when, sometimes, light song and pleas-
antry
Fill every heart but mine, to silence grown,
They will not know that, at that moment, she
Sits by my side and keeps me company.



From my volume
"The Happy Isles, and
other poems"

Sue Byers

SHERMAN'S MARCH TO THE SEA.

OUR camp-fires shone bright on the mountains,
That frowned on the river below,
While we stood by our guns in the morning,
And eagerly watched for the foe ;
When a rider came out from the darkness
That hung over mountain and tree,
And shouted " Boys, up and be ready !
For Sherman will march to the sea ! "

Then cheer upon cheer for bold Sherman
Went up from each valley and glen,
And the bugles re-echoed the music
That came from the lips of the men ;
For we knew that the stars in our banner
More bright in their splendor would be,
And that blessings from Northland would
greet us,
When Sherman marched down to the sea.

Then forward, boys! forward to battle!

We marched on our perilous way,
And we stormed the wild hills of Resaca —

God bless those who fell on that day!
Then Kenesaw, dark in its glory,

Frowned down on the flag of the free;
But the East and the West bore our standards
And Sherman marched on to the sea.

Still onward we pressed, till our banners

Swept out from Atlanta's grim walls,
And the blood of the patriot dampened
The soil where the rebel flag falls.
Yet we paused not to weep for the fallen,
Who slept by each river and tree,
But we twined them a wreath of the laurel,
And Sherman marched on to the sea.

We heard not the threat'ning of foemen,
Embattled they stood by each gun —
One shout and the sea lay before us,
One charge and Savannah was won.

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20 SHERMAN. A CRITIQUE.

Then sang we a song for our chieftain,
That echoed o'er river and lea,
And the stars in our banner shone brighter,
When Sherman marched down to the sea !

Jonathan, the oldest, who remained in Braintree, and a son Samuel who settled in Meadow Mass. He was there before the Indian (King Philip's) war, and returned there, after the war was over. He was the progenitor of our line of Howards. It was, William, Samuel Benjamin³, Benjamin⁴, Seth, or Levi, Otis, or Oliver⁶, & Sylvia (my mother).

These are not the same branches with the Haywards, a Howard of Bridgewater, who descended from Thomas Hayward. Take the name, Hayward, Howard, Hei-
ward and Howard in this country to be the same.

But I have written more than I intended. I wish however, to glad
hear from you. If I could place you on
my branch of the tree I'd be proud
and pleased.

Make every compliment to
Mrs Howard & herids see sincerely
Your friend in all wh. Mr Taff joins me
Major Genl O. O. Howard. Affectionate Taff

July 17/87

Cincinnati July 10: 1887.

My Dear General,

I was in Meadow,
Mass. a few weeks ago, and
found the record of the marriage
of Seth Howard with Mercy Whitman,
May 28: 1768, and on the service
register, the birth of
"Amos Howard Jan. 15: 1770

Nabor	..	July 10: 1771
Otis	..	July 31: 1773
Oliver	"	Nov. 14: 1774."

My grandfather Levi was I think
the next younger brother of Seth.
They went into the revolutionary war
together. I cannot say how long
they were in the service. But they
were in Vermont before 1780.

Seth had as many, I think as
four sons born in Jamaica St, af-
ter he moved to that state.

Otis settled in Ardington, Vt; but most of Settis sons settled in Jamaica, excepting however, Oliver, and I do not know where he settled. There were eleven brothers of the family to which Seth & Levi belonged, and they all grew up to manhood & married. Nearly the whole family removed to Windham County, Vt. And their father whose name was Benjamin, also removed to Vt in his old age, and died there.

In the early records, the name was written Hayward. They gradually adopted the spelling now used, viz. "Howard", a little before 1800. I think, you told me that your father's name was "Oliver". The coincidence of yours having the name of both brothers Ots & Oliver has led me to think it probable, that there was some con-

nection, Ots Howard had a son whose name was Jacob Merritt Howard, who graduated at Williams College, settled in Detroit, Mich. became a distinguished lawyer and represented Michigan in the United States Senate during the war, ably & patriotically.

I should think he was four or five years older than I was. I knew him well. This family, that is, this branch of the Hayward family, was early in Braintree, Mass. and partly the family remained in Braintree, & that neighborhood. The first of the family in this country was William who was early in Braintree, though he may have been in Boston or some other place before. I think that William arrived in America from England in or about the year 1635, & he was then 18 years of age. He died in Braintree in 1659 leaving a son

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Howard Kansas July 10 1887

gave to R. C. Howard
Maj. Gen. U. S. Army,
Respected Sir:

It may not be an intrusion to receive this note, the object of which is to carry to you the news that The Howard Presbyterian Church is soon to be dedicated to the worship of our Almighty and adorable Lord. It is a pleasure to us that in the charter she bears the name of the foremost living Christian soldier,

The history of this church has been marvelous; being organized less than a year and a half ago. There has been a steady growth in membership, and a house of worship erected at an expense of \$3500⁰⁰ of which \$3000⁰⁰ is already paid. This has been done without the services of a pastor until the first of the present month, when Rev W. C. McCune began his labors with us.

Should you desire to have any further remembrance it will be a pleasure to the church to receive an expression of your wishes

Respectfully and Fraternally Yrs

J. V. Bean
Clark

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IMPORTING, MANUFACTURING AND WHOLESALE STATIONERS,

212 and 214 California Street.

P. O. Box 2226.

SAN FRANCISCO, Tawg 10 1887

Dear Gen'l.

Miss. Domett, and another lady,
whose name I failed to catch, called at my
store today in relation to your lecture.
They had already ordered 2000 tickets - and
came to see me about some handbills -
the accompanying embraces the idea they con-
veyed to me - and I think it best to send it
to you for your approval
I should think 2000 not too many - and some
body can be employed - a day or two before the
lecture - to distribute them properly -
The ladies were in some doubt as to the date
and seemed somewhat "at sea" about matters -
Be so good as to drop me a line, sending back
the "Copy" if you approve of it, and also
instructions as to date.

Yours &c
S. C. Dutton

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215 and 214 Guillotines Street

C. Box 5220.

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SAN FRANCISCO

July 10
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Dear Sirs,
I am sorry to inform you that we have not been able to get any information from the San Francisco Police Department concerning your son. We have made every effort to find him and will continue to do so until we have found him. Please let us know if you have any information that would help us in our search.

Very truly yours,
Dutton & Partridge
Importing, Manufacturing and Wholesale Stationers
215 and 214 Guillotines Street
San Francisco, California

J. D. Dutton
President

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534-20th-St.-D.C.-

Washington D.C.

January 10th / 1887. -

Dear Sam'l. Hammond.

I have for sometime been intending
to write you - with the intent of making George
Asmussen - son of old Chas W. Asmussen -
- First let me tell you sure of your sympathy in
any generous act of justice - and especially when
initiated as I feel sure you will feel this was. -
You remember the meeting fixing Allowance of
from Mrs. As-pension - \$20. which should have
been \$30.00 per mo. - I think most anyone else
would have given up & accepted that when found
so much opposition to doing justly - but I could
not - because the clear wrong appealed to me to
continue my effort - for the little boys - whom on the
deathbed - I kept on trying. & this last summer
the correction came - it came by correction -
calling in the former Cts. & issuing new ones -
- so the difference \$10. per mo. went back to the
father's death - - making a difference of at least -
\$1800. - which all came for the Children -

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George has his father's military ambition & taste
except he would prefer to be a soldier on land
- He desires - they all desire for him - a chance
to go to Lemapolis or West Point - How can this be
arranged for him - by what process - by what
endowments? - Can I will pay for his father's
Sake aid it any? Will you General? -
Please let the letter of this be a Seal by itself
which they can see. - George is now 16. - And of
course the pension ceased when he was 18.
And its time now his studies took ~~definite shape~~
- I am willing to do and take all the exertion which
I can avail for this cause to win this for George
if you know to do. - And I do invoke your
benedict - aid. -

Since my dismissal, by Genl Halabridas
earnest recommendation, Oct. 15/83. I have
been doing as best I could - being somewhat
conversant with pensions - bounties and other
soldiers interests have been doing what I could
in such business - now charging what I could
as fee. - Up to Oct. 15/83. - I was never made good
sum in prostaepe, for I never would have one cent. - And never did none. - I made up my
mind I would faithfully do what I could do

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before I asked any return to Govt. employ. -
So I am earnestly trying to live by my own
efforts. - Please send any Goldin interests
or business coming under your notice where
you can direct by any advice - if you
feel I can be trusted - please remember me. -
And give my address. - If you think you
could use them I will send you some cards
and circulars? -

Among those who have come to me are quite
a number of colored claimants - Among them
Julia Johnson - nee Julia Grimes - widow of Mr.
Johnson. - She says she used to be a servant
in your family and that Gen. Howard & Mrs.
Howard "know all about" her.

She seems very worthy - Can you tell me any
thing which could aid her? - When once fully
before the Pen. Office - then even a letter asking
careful consideration would aid. -

She has beyond - met with quite a bit of
help - And with much feeling looks to be
humbleured. - So General I do so. - Hoping
you will not feel annoyed I have -

Yours

But General - for George I do earnestly
appeal for advice how to win and aid
to do so. -

With Great respect -

Duly truly
Yrs H. A. B. Curtis

P.S.

In the Aspinwall papers are the strongest kind
of letters to Genl. C. A. S. for him - Seemingly to
him to secure Appoint. in the U.S.A. - Daniel
Horn and George - Are from many sensible
as well as prominent civilians.

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My w^g

8 Ridley St,
S. F., Jan. 10/87

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Dear Sir—

The Christian Chinese are very desirous that you should address them, the fourth Sunday Evening of this month, at the "Central School,"

5 Brewster Place, opposite the Old City Hall.

If you have no other engagement for that evening, we shall all be delighted to have you speak to us. They have never forgotten the last

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time you spoke to them;
and Ted Sam has asked
repeatedly that we should
ask you to speak again.
I am glad I shall be
able to be there, as last
time I was away from home.
If it is possible for you
to be with us, will you
please let me know the
subject of your address,
that we may choose the
hymns accordingly.

Yours respectfully
Silian Sammons.

P.S. The meeting commences
at 8 P.M.

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To major-General O-O Howard
I wish to inform you in regard
to the way I am situated
the first time I enlisted time
The Mexican war and
enlisted again time of the
Rebellion

have met with losses by loaning
money and fire I ask if you
would please send me an old
army cap and Coat as the old
soldiers turn out occasionally
and would like me to turn
out with them those articles
would be highly prized by me
and will be under many
obligations to you and will
received with my sincere

th thanks by
Capt J.D. Rollin

one of the old & clumsy
Gats and Caps if you would not
some money when I am fortun
ate enough to make some I
will send it to you
my height 5 feet
8 inches

Please direct to Auburn
Placer County Please write as
soon as you can make it
convenient to

Capt J.D. Rollin {

5 feet 8 inches

Rollin

Wm. J. M.
Dear Bro.

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Apsen Sandusky Ohio
Jan. 11th /89

Maj. Gen. Howard:

Dear Bro. You will

remember me as Children's and
Normal class Instructor at Island
Park Assemblies last summer -

I have written a hand book - not
yet published - on Object Teaching
in The Home, The Sunday School, The
Normal Class & Reformatory Work.

Could you write me a few words of comm-
endation of my modes and methods
of instruction as you witnessed them
last summer? If you can it will
help me in my book -

Shall be pleased to hear from you soon.

Permit me to say that your words, last
summer, were very helpful, and often
how I thought and spoken of them -

Yours sincerely
W. J. M.

P.S. I am engaged for Wausau Minn. & Island Park Ind. for next summer.



THE GEORGE H. THOMAS

• Veteran Guard, • 25

JOS. KNOWLTON, Jr.,
Commanding.

Office, 615 Market Street, Baldwin Hotel

Armory, 620 Bush Street,

San Francisco,

January 12th 1887

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General O.O. Howard
Commander-in-Chief of the Army
San Francisco Date

General

Having com-

my knowledge that you contemplates
affording a Guard to General Grant
for the funeral of Mrs. Chester at
Metropolitan Church Friday Evening
the 21st inst. I afford you great pleasure
to inform you on the evening named the
service of the Genl. Thomas Veteran Guard
as your special escort. Should the same
be accepted I would most respectfully
suggest that you designate the time and
place that I am to report and command
them the hour before General

Very respectfully yours Ob. D. Knowlton

D. Knowlton Jr.
Captain 1st G. H. Thomas Veteran Guard
Baldwin Hotel City

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bedding and a comfortable bed with him. It is so cold where I am writing that my fingers are numb & stiff. It is possible the family where Mr. Quinlan stops would take de Ahna for a while. I will ask - In my opinion the agent here says the Gov't many times his preparing salary in delays; trouble & annoyance resulting therefrom. He is kept busy most of the time & I think deserves great credit for doing his duty so well without the first convenience for doing it. It is no more than right that he should be made comfortable. This is not a very coherent report. Will

I fear General:

I arrived all right. And the Agent Mr. Quinlan has as yet received no letter of instructions.

I find him to be a very worthy man an old soldier, who has been the trusted property clerk of a generation of Quartermasters. He has high recommendations from Gen'l Pope - Maj's Yarn - Quartermaster Chambers Card Grimes Bingham & Weeks - The place is fearful in its

desolation and I fear Col.
Ha Ahua can not remain -
he will be so homesick -
The present Agent has been here
two years & has never had
his family with him -
There is no office - the poor
fellow has no stove, and
it gets pretty cold - too -
I can easily see that the
place is no sinecure if
the Agent is conscientious
in the discharge of his duty.
It demands that he stand
for hours in the wind
which is now filled with
flying cinders - sometimes
in the driving rain under
a narrow open shed - where
he must check every article.

If he is wet the only
place he can go to get
warm & dry himself is
to the hospitable stove in
the barroom -
The Agent should have an
Office & a stove & fuel,
a desk, a letterpress &
two or three chairs.
There is no place where
one can get a room,
^{& a bed} since the fire. A kind
neighbor took Mr. Quinlan
in after he had lived
in the shed for some time.
There are no buildings that
could be rented for
an office. One should
be built.
Col. Ha Ahua should bring a

26. I make a bill of fare
if you desire when
I return.

Col. Sh Ahua would not
live a mouth exposed
as this man has been -

He has just made inquiry
of the woman who says
Sh Ahua may have the
room for a while ^{but}
there is no stove nor
can one be put in
without the sanction of
the S. Poe Ry Co. for cutting
a pipe-hole.

I do not as yet know
where to find a bed.
Wish I had brought some
blankets -

Hastily yours truly G. D. Shore

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St. Charles

The mail I think was
carried on
Los Angeles this morn.
So the Agt. won't get
his instructions and
transportation until tomorrow
night if such was the
case.

There is no one here
we could get to take
Mr. Quinlan's place.
I have made careful inquiry.

G.W.

Supt F.O. Howard

San Francisco Cal.

Office of the
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
OF THE
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS
OF CALIFORNIA,
232 Sutter Street, San Francisco.
H. J. MCCOY, Chairman. M. M. MEYERS, Sec. and Treas.
C. S. MASON, ACTING STATE SECRETARY.

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January 12th 1887.

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My dear Brother,

The 4th District Convention of the Young Men's Christian Associations of Northern California will be held in San Jose, Saturday and Sunday February 19th and 20th 1887. The delegation will leave San Francisco, 4th and Townsend Streets, at 10.45 a.m., Saturday 19th. The first session of the convention will begin 1 o'clock, Saturday, and the last on Sunday evening.

General Howard will attend. Please secure a large delegation from your Association. Programmes, with full particulars, will be sent later. The San Jose Association will entertain all delegates.

Hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you present, I remain,

Very cordially yours,
James G. Brown,
Chairman.

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