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Area Civil War Veterans



"The Chosen Ground" created by artist Keith Rocco, shows General John Reynolds and the Iron Brigade at Gettysburg. This print was presented to Hyde H. Murray by the Capitol Hill Civil War Table on March 7, 1997. Hyde H. Murray donated the print to the Iola Historical Society in 2008. Mr. Murray passed away on April 8, 2009. Image courtesy of Mr. Keith Rocco

April 12, 2011 will mark the 150th Anniversary of the start of the American Civil War when Confederate artillery bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston Harbor, South Carolina, in 1861. This story is not about the Civil War, but some of its people.

The names you usually hear about from the Civil War are Lincoln, Grant, Lee, Jefferson Davis John Brown and a host of other names. Names you don't hear about are Elias Johnson, Lars Larson, Christian Hanson, Thomas Loberg, Austin Bierce, George Dale, and

many others. These are some of the Civil War veterans who fought for the Union Army and are buried in our local cemeteries. The stories of many of these veteran's are not know, but their names should not be forgotten. There were 11,000 Wisconsin soldiers killed during the Civil War and five are known to be soldiers from Iola. There are Hans Salverson, Henry Chandler, Aaron Baldwin, Tom Ginty and Joe Burnham. When the war started Wisconsin had been a state for 46 days short of 13 years.

The following information was

taken from cemetery records compiled by Bob Strand over the years. These records state what war, or wars, the person served in.

All Civil War vets and their Branch of Service is specified in some of the cemeteries as Army. Some of the cemeteries just state CW (Civil War). One person is specified GAR and one with a surprising notation. Most of the information of when they enlisted and were mustered out was obtained from Civil War records from Waupaca Area Genealogical Society

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President's Corner

As President of the Iola Historical Society, I want to personally thank Chet Krause for his generosity that allowed the Iola Historical Society to gain possession of historic artifacts from the old Iola Mills Museum located at 300 North Main Street in Iola. Some of the artifacts are already at our museum and the remainder of the items will be relocated here soon and will be cataloged. Some items will remain at the museum at the mill, which is part of The Millstone of Iola Mills.

We will be open to the public on Saturdays, starting on Saturday, June 4, from 10:00 am, to 4:00 pm through September 24. We need members to help as docents and would like have individuals on duty at each building.

The Iola Historical Society is honored to be hosting the Wisconsin Historical Society's Regional meeting on Saturday, July 23. Historical Societies throughout the state that are affiliated members of the Wisconsin Historical Society are invited. Doug Watson and I have attended several of these meeting in the past and found them to be very interesting and educational. Both the state historical society and the host society present programs on topics that are helpful to others in attendance.

The Iola Historical Society will also be hosting the Waupaca County Historical Think Tank that will be held on Saturday, May 14. There is

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Located on South Main Street in Iola is the **Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery** (also known as **Synode Lutheran Cemetery**). Civil War veterans buried include Christian Hanson who was born on September 22, 1820, enlisted on October 29, 1864, served in the 44th Regiment Infantry Co C and was mustered out on August 16, 1865 and died on February 3, 1895.

Others are Halvor O. Halvorson, born August 4, 1839, died on September 15, 1919; H. (no first name given) Hanson born August 27, 1827, died June 13, 1894; Thomas G. Loberg born 1823 and died in 1896; and Samuel Paulson born March 7, 1834 and died May 23, 1925. No other information has been found on these men, who all survived the war and returned home.

Our Savior's Lutheran Cemetery, located on Highway 49 at the south edge of Iola, is the resting place of the following Civil War veterans: Peter Olson (Oleson) was born July 17, 1835 and enlisted on March 9, 1865 with the 50th Regiment Infantry Company I and was mustered out on June 14, 1866. He died on February 24, 1924.

The following served but little information is currently known about them: Elias Johnson - born September 7, 1843 and died February 28, 1914; Lars Larson - born July 15, 1827 and died May 25, 1914; Johannes Olson - born November 15, 1845 and died on June 23, 1911; Ole Olson - born in 1838 and died on February 24, 1924; Andrew Paulson - born on December 1, 1828 and died on December 22,

IOLA'S SOLDIER DEAD

Gone But Not Forgotten, The Bones of Several Lie in Southern Soil.

During the bloody days of 1861 to 1865 Iola gave a liberal quota of citizens to the army and while many of them returned at least five lie at rest in southern soil, either on the battlefield or in National Cemeterys. Since the return in 1865 eleven who wore the blue and one who wore the gray have laid aside earthly cares and are sleeping in our home cemeterys. Of these, but two are soldiers from other sections, the remainder having gone from Iola and vicinity. In addition to those buried here a number more of Iola 'boys in blue' are resting in the United Lutheran Cemetery at Scandinavia. Those buried here and on the battlefield are as follows:

RIVERSIDE CEMETERY

Geo. Robinson	Gale Cram
Conrad Wipf	James Russ
Torger Gilbertson	Geo. Dale
J. H. Worby	Paul Bailey
Thomas Parker	

SYNOD LUTHERAN CEMETERY

Christian Hanson	Thomas Loberg
Christian Torbenson	
ON THE BATTLEFIELD	
Hans Salverson	Henry Chandler
Aaron Baldwin	Tom Gluty
Joe Burnham	

News item from the May 27, 1909 issue of the Iola Herald telling about the Civil War veterans buried in the Iola cemeteries and on the battlefields.

1910; and Marie K. Paulson - born on April 13, 1826 and died on September 24, 1908. These veterans also survived the battles and returned home.

An interesting name in this cemetery is Marie K. Paulson, whose branch of service is listed as "GAR". The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was a fraternal organization composed of veterans of the Union Army who served in the American Civil War, which would make her one of the few female Civil War veterans. The GAR was among the first organized advocacy groups in American politics. Marie was the wife of Andrew Paulson and may have been listed as a member of the

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GAR as a spouse of a veteran. If you know of any information about Marie K. Paulson and her Civil War connection, or any of the other Civil War veterans, please contact the Iola Historical Society.

On the west edge of Iola on Highway 161 is the **Riverside Cemetery** which has 26 known Civil War veterans buried there. The Civil War veterans here include Austin A. Bierce who was born on March 11, 1829, enlisted on December 3, 1863 and began his duty with Co.K, 10th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (WVI). From the 10th he was transferred to Co. K, 21st WVI and eventually made his way to the 3rd WVI where he was mustered out July 18, 1865.

Paul C. Bailey, whose date of birth is unknown, enlisted on October 29, 1864 with the 44th Regiment Infantry Co C. He mustered out on August 28, 1864, and died on September 16, 1873.

Gale Cram enlisted on December 14, 1863 as a member of the 10th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Co. K. On November 4, 1864 he was transferred to Co.D of 21st WVI, and was discharged on May 26, 1865 because of a disability.

William E. S. Jones was born on September 5, 1832, joined the army on December 14, 1863 and was assigned to Co. K of the 10th Wisconsin Infantry. He was transferred to Co. K, 21st Wisconsin

Infantry on November 4, 1864. On June 8, 1865 he was transferred to Co. K, 3rd Wisconsin Infantry. On July 18, 1865 he was mustered out of service. He died on December 2, 1917.

Henry H. Chandler was inducted in the 38th Wisconsin Infantry Company B on March 30, 1864, and died in the hospital of disease on June 25, 1864. No information could be found on his date of birth. Many soldiers in the Civil War were not killed in action but died of diseases.

John D. Jones was born on November 20, 1834, entered the service on March 24, 1864 and was with the 38th Regiment Infantry Company B and mustered out on July 26, 1865. Another record shows he was with Company K of the 21st Wisconsin Voluntary Infantry.

Christian L. Krause – born 1830, served in Company H of the 1st Regiment Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry and died July 28, 1890.

Harlan P. Hatch, a Corporal in Co. C of the 44th Wisconsin Infantry, joined the army on October 20, 1864 and was discharged on August 28, 1865. There was no mention of date of birth and death.

Others who that served were Benjamin F. Andrew born in 1833 and died in 1924; George Dale who was a local doctor and served as an MD in the war, was born in 1844 and died in 1901; Edward L. DerMotte, born 1840 and died April 26, 1924; Torger Gilbertson, born April 7, 1829, died February 14,

1902; Louis Krause, born July 10, 1848, died April 23, 1926. There also were Silas LaBar, born 1848, died April 23, 1926; Greges Larson, date of birth and death unknown at this time; Anthony Lashua, born October 29, 1831, died June 24, 1919; Nels Omit, born September 29, 1934, died July 10, 1917; Harrison Warren, born December 19, 1836, died August 9, 1910; Conrad Wipf, born August 17, 1836, died October 30, 1889; Jacob Wipf, born December 15, 1834, died October 14, 1910; and Joseph H. Worby, born October 9, 1837 and died July 8, 1908. No other information on these veterans is currently on file at the Iola Historical Society.

The following three, buried at Riverside, died during the war, but it is not know if they were killed in battle or had returned home and died of natural causes. They are Jonathan Fox, Jr., born 1832, died 1865; George Robinson, born 1833, died February 14, 1865; and James G. Russ, born April 4, 1828 and died August 16, 1864

Amelia Wipf is listed as a Civil War Veteran in the Riverside Cemetery record, but that is probably inaccurate since she was born on September 6, 1849, which would have made her only 12 years old at the start of the war. She passed away on August 26, 1930

Probably the most interesting Civil War vet buried in the three Iola cemeteries is Thomas S. Parker.

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Iola Historical Society's 27th Annual

Strawberry Fest

Sunday, June 26 • 11 am to 4 pm

APPRAISAL FAIR

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES APPRAISED
Identification and Appraisal: \$3 per Item, or three Items for a \$5 donation

Lost Arts Demonstrations
Post and Beam Construction
Rosemaking • Hand Quilting
Rug Weaving
Miniature Ponies for the Children

Enjoy Fresh Strawberry Shortcake and Sundaes
Also serving
BBQ Sandwiches • Hot Dogs
Coffee • Lemonade • Soda

Iola's Historical Village • 210 Depot Street

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According to the cemetery records, he served with the Confederate Army and was buried at the Riverside Cemetery. No other information is known about Parker, who was born on August 20, 1815, and died on December 22, 1884. It is not known if he was a local person and fought for the south or if he had moved here after the war, but the latter is probably more logical.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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a program and a round table discussion of the organizational initiatives within Waupaca County, networking to create a better awareness to the general public of what we have to offer to the general public. *Lyle*

Events Schedule

(All meetings are held at 210 Depot St)

Wednesday, April 6, 13, 20, 27

8:30 am Work Day
Working on depot restoration
Clean up buildings and grounds

Monday, April 25

6:00 pm IHS Board Meeting
6:30 pm IHS General Meeting

Wednesday, May 4, 11, 18, 25

8:30 am work day
Working on depot restoration
Clean up buildings and grounds

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day parade
Main Street, Iola

Tuesday, May 31

6:00 pm IHS Board Meeting
6:30 pm IHS General Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 14, 21, 28

8:30 am Work day
Working on depot restoration
Clean up buildings and grounds

Saturday, June 4, 11, 18, 25

Open house at IHS Museum and
Historical Village, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, June 26

Strawberry Fest & Appraisal Fair
11:00 am-4:00 pm

Monday, June 27

6:00 pm IHS Board Meeting
6:30 pm IHS General Meeting

Winners of Passport To History Program Announced

The historical societies in Waupaca County created a "Passport to History" program to introduce visitors to the wealth of historical artifacts to be found in Waupaca County. Currently there are nine historical societies

located throughout the county, including the Clintonville Area Historical Society, Iola Historical Society, Marion Area Historical Society, New London Historical Society, Friends of Scandinavia History, Waupaca Historical Society, Weyauwega Area Historical Society, Fremont Area Historical Society and the Rural Historical Society. Of these, eight of them have either

museums or historical buildings that are open to the public.

Upon visiting each of the historical sites, attendees will have their passport stamped with a "visa" indicating that they visited the site. Once a person has accumulated all the visa stamps, they then mail the form from the passport to the Iola Historical Society. A random drawing is conducted from all the entries submitted to determine the winners of a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond and a one-year free membership to the Wisconsin Historical Society.

This year's winner of the U. S. Savings Bond was Mickayla George of Little Chute, Wisconsin, and the Wisconsin Historical Society membership winner was Wayne A. Laux of Marion, Wisconsin. The historical societies of Waupaca County want to thank and congratulate Mickayla and George.



Tom Fucik, Treasurer of the Iola Historical Society presents Mickayla George with the \$100 U. S. Savings Bond that she won with her entry in the "Passport to History" program. The photograph was taken during the presentation at her middle school in Little Chute.

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Please let us know if we missed anyone. We apologize for any oversights.