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RIEGLE AND YOUNGLOVE HONORED AS LAST VETERANS OF CLARE COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Two old men, two final witnesses to the great national tragedy, both residing in the Clare area, the two heroes were the Last Union Veterans of Clare County, Michigan. These well respected old Veterans of Clare County took their final breaths just one single day apart, on the 10th and 11th days of January 1939. Two men with incredible wartime stories that were revisited one last time.

On Saturday, 07 October, Camp 444 honored the Last Veterans of Clare County at Clare's historic Cherry Grove Cemetery. The ceremony was held at the graveside of Elias Rieggle the Last Union Veteran Buried in Clare County. In addition to the Brothers of Camp 444, city leaders, Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9, and several Brothers from other Camps across the Department of Michigan participated in celebration of the lives of the Last Veterans and their unique place in local and national history.

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LEFT: The gravesite of Mr. Elias Rieggle, the Last Union Veteran Buried in Clare County, Michigan. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)

PCC LINTEMUTH MEMORIAL SERVICE HELD

Alexander French Camp No. 28 made one last farewell to PCC Gerald Michael Lintemuth, their Camp's final charter member on Sunday, 17 September 2023. The memorial service for Brother Lintemuth was well attended by Brothers, family, and friends of the departed. Camp 28 Commander Brent Sible (and Camp 444 SVC) led the ceremony. Several Brothers of Camp 444 and Sisters of Auxiliary No. 9 made the trip to help support and participate in the ceremony. Brother Lintemuth will be dearly missed, and certainly not forgotten.

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RIGHT: Camp 28 Commander Sible leading the PCC Lintemuth Memorial Service (photo courtesy of Angel Sible & Cheryl Zill)



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The ceremony opened in three parts with Patriotic Instructor Walker and Auxiliary No. 9 President Aurand (serving as ceremony Chaplain) moving to their stations next to Clare City Manager Jeremy Howard and Clare Cemetery Clerk Mary Warner. This was followed by Captain of the Guard Scheck bringing the Camp 444 Honor Guard forward formed in two ranks and moving the ranks into a line abreast in front of the audience. Commander Smith moved to the front and returned a sword salute to the Honor Guard's Present Arms and Captain Scheck's sword salute before moving to his station at the podium. Sisters Jones and Smith along with Camp friend Linda Bailey served as color bearers with the winds. PAP Smith and Mrs. Bailey served as ladies in mourning for the Veterans.

The event was conducted in two parts – the first part was the narration of the amazing life of Reverend Younglove, with more focus on his Civil War years, and the second part consisted of the Last Veteran Buried in the County Ceremony



TOP LEFT: Captain Scheck leads the Honor Guard into the ceremony (photo courtesy of Lauren Scheck)

TOP RIGHT: Commander Smith returns the sword salute to Captain Scheck and the Camp 444 Honor Guard (photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)

BOTTOM LEFT: Captain Scheck, GRO/CWMO Jones, and Commander Smith converse before the ceremony (photo courtesy of Mr. Tim Wiley)

BOTTOM RIGHT Clare City Manager Jeremy Howard addresses the crowd. (L-R: Commander Smith, Sister Jones, Mrs. Bailey, PAP Smith, PI Walker, President Aurand, Clare Cemetery Clerk Warner, & City Manager Howard) (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)



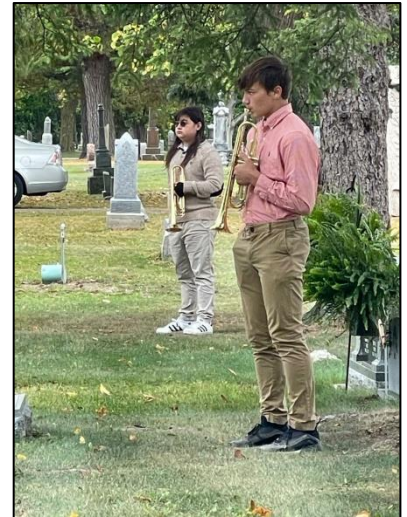
ABOVE: Patriotic Instructor Jeffrey Walker recites the Memorials Officer's charge of the ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Angel Sible)

Camp 17 Brother Ron Shull, PCC, along with Camp 444 Commander David Smith, PDC representing Mr. Elias Riegle.

After the volleys were fired by the Honor Guard, two trumpeters, Jace and Noah of the Clare High School Band Program (under the direction of Director of Bands Mr. Jason Lowe) played Echo Taps. The ceremony concluded, and the participants met with the community in attendance, including taking pictures. The Honor Guard remained in line and posed for pictures with the kids in attendance.

The Clare County Cleaver provided excellent coverage of the ceremony, written by the newspaper's Editor and Owner, Ms. Angela Kellogg. The Clare County Cleaver is the oldest newspaper in the county, being locally owned and operated since 1881. The story can be found at the Cleaver's website at the following link:

<https://www.clarecountycleaver.net/stories/sons-of-the-civil-war-honor-last-two-civil-war-veterans-in-clare-county,54243>



ABOVE: Clare High School Band's Trumpeters Jace and Noah prepare for the ceremony and playing Echo Taps. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)



LEFT: The Camp 444 Honor Guard under the command of Captain George Scheck firing one of the three volleys in salute of the Last Veterans, Reverend Younglove and Mr. Riegle. (Photo courtesy of Lauren Scheck)

for Mr. Riegle as he is the Last Union Veteran Buried in Clare County, which included the actions he was engaged in during the war.

The ceremony included Auxiliary No. 9 President Lorraine Aurand reciting the poem "The Vacant Chair" (which dovetails with the vacant camp chair that guarded Mr. Riegle's grave), as well as serving as the ceremony Chaplain.

Towards the end of the ceremony, Commander Smith approached Mr. Riegle's gravesite and traded accoutrements of the placed symbols of the soldier, moving to the Honor Guard line and asking Captain Scheck for permission to enter the line in representation of Elias Riegle, the Last Union Veteran of Clare County, Michigan.

The Honor Guard consisted of Camp 444 members Captain of the Guard George Scheck, SVC Brent Sible, CC, JVC/Secretary Dale Aurand, PDC, Treasurer Rodney Welliver, Council Chairman Richard Denney, PCC, along with Camp 145 Brother Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., PCC, Camp 135 Brother Charles Worley, PDC, and



ABOVE: The gravesite of Mr. Elias Riegle, the Last Union Veteran Buried in Clare County, Michigan after the ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Mr. Tim Wiley)



ABOVE: Council Chairman Dick Denney removes the spare percussion caps from his wristband after the ceremony. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)



ABOVE: Captain Scheck and Treasurer Welliver shake hands after the ceremony while discussing the event with Commander Smith (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)

LAST CIVIL WAR VETERANS OF CLARE COUNTY CEREMONY

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE FINAL TWO CIVIL WAR VETERANS BURIED IN CLARE COUNTY

SATURDAY, 07 OCTOBER 2023 – 2 p.m.

Cherry Grove Cemetery, Clare
RAIN OR SHINE

The public is invited and highly encouraged to attend, and to bring chairs with them if they would like to be seated during the event.

Reverend William Younglove

27th Michigan Infantry & Veteran Reserve Corps
PERSONALLY KNEW LINCOLN, BOOTH, & GRANT
AND WAS AT FORD THEATER
Died: 10 January 1939

The Last Veteran, Mr. Elias Riegle

76th New York Infantry & 102nd New York Infantry
FOUGHT UNDER SHERMAN DURING THE ATLANTA,
MARCH TO THE SEA, & CAROLINAS CAMPAIGNS
Died: 11 January 1939



PRESIDENT LINCOLN



JOHN WILKES BOOTH



GENERAL U. S. GRANT



GENERAL W. T. SHERMAN

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LEFT: The ceremony flyer that was distributed prior to the event.

BELOW: Commander Smith and PAP Lisa Smith at Mr. Elias Riegle's gravesite with Captain Scheck, Brother Lloyd Lamphere, Sr., and Brother Ron Shull discussing the ceremony in the background. (Photo courtesy of Ms. Angela Kellogg, Editor, Clare County Cleaver)



REVEREND WILLIAM NELSON YOUNGLOVE



William Younglove was born in Lenawee County on 21 March 1846 in a small log cabin. Early life was tough, and young William never had shoes to wear until he was 8 years old.

When young William became a little older he took up acting, and joined the Booth Brothers Traveling Theatrical Troupe, which consisted of 30 members and performed in a number of presentations. The Booth brothers being Edwin Booth, a Union and Lincoln supporter that in 1863 or 64 had saved the life of Robert Todd Lincoln, the son of President Abraham Lincoln, and younger brother John Wilkes Booth, a strong supporter of the Southern cause and Lincoln's assassin. Younglove personally noted that the Booth Brothers "were the finest men that I ever knew", and in specific reference to John Wilkes Booth, "but rabid about the South."

With the war raging, at age 18, William Younglove left the theatrical stage and enlisted at Hillsdale, in Company G, 27th Michigan Infantry, and was mustered into service on 12 February 1864. During his service with the 27th Michigan, he fought at the Battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, North Anna River, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, and finally into

Petersburg. His time in the field was dangerous and most definitely exciting. Per Reverend Younglove's obituary, during a foraging expedition, his party was taken prisoner by the Confederates. He and another soldier escaped as they were being marched by a cavalry guard through the woods into camp by night and they found shelter at a slave's cabin. Here they were hidden beneath the floor for three days while the woods and cabin were searched several times. The slave then directed them to the Union Army. Also per his obituary, at the Battle of the Wilderness, he had the flagstaff he was holding shot out of his hands with luckily no injury. At a later date, he was officially reported as wounded in July 1864.

William Younglove's life in the Civil War took a major change, one in which he would certainly not have predicted. Per his own statement, while carrying the flag in a charge at Weldon Railroad before Richmond, he fell with sunstroke. He was unconscious for two days and taken to a hospital in Washington D.C. Upon his recovery he was assigned to the Veteran Reserve Corps, and made an orderly in special mail service. Reverend Younglove recollected in 1926: "One day I was asked to take a message from the War Department to the White House. I passed the guards and was soon in the presence of Lincoln, who was talking to a guard and a civilian. With all my cheek, I handed him the message. He said: 'Take a seat, I'll see you later.' I sat in Lincoln's chair at his desk. I picked up an old goose quill pen, and was about to write when, a large bony hand, handed me another pen. Soon he was able to talk with me. Dinner being ready, he asked me to eat and introduced me to Mrs. Lincoln. Before eating, Lincoln bowed his head and gave thanks to Almighty God. After eating, we went back to the office and the President asked me to demonstrate the dance. I gave him a jig. He then reached for a Bible and read the story of the dance which preceded the death of John the Baptist. He closed the book and said: 'Remember this – whatever the joy of that dance was, it cost John his head. You may be standing on the threshold of a similar tragedy.' I saw him many times after this. Lincoln introduced me to Grant."

Younglove continued serving as an orderly attached to the office of President Lincoln, and had the opportunity to attend informal dinners with Lincoln and his wife, along with such historical figures as General Ulysses S. Grant, and Secretary of War Edwin Stanton. Younglove stated about Lincoln that he "never talked long without joking, and he had a voice you could hear farther than any voice I ever heard. He was very tall, very slender, very kind."

On 14 April 1865, Corporal Younglove took time off from his duties as one of Lincoln's orderlies to attend the play "Our American Cousins" at Ford Theater. Upon the sound of a shot fired, Younglove described what he witnessed: "I saw the smoke from the gun. I heard the words spoken by John Wilkes Booth. I did not know then what they meant." As all will know, those words were "Sic Semper Tyrannis", and the next day, President Lincoln succumbed from his mortal wound. It is said that Corporal William Nelson Younglove was most likely the only man on Earth to witness the assassination that personally knew both the assassin and the victim.

Younglove's time in the Army ended by the grace of another man that would be President of the United States. Per Younglove's own words: "One day on Pennsylvania Ave. I saw General Grant coming down a flight of stairs, I waited. He said: What, is the matter? I said, I want to go home. He took from his pocket a book, and on the fly leaf wrote to the Provost Marshal, and in three days I was home to see my mother."

Corporal Younglove eventually became a Methodist minister, and attended the pastoral needs of many communities in central Michigan including Clare, Farwell, Gladwin, Coleman, Sanford, and Edenville, some simultaneously where he was known as the "Gallopig Preacher". In total he held 15 pastoral charges including several in California, Oregon, and Washington for a period of time. He was married twice, and had many children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren resulting from his first marriage. He spent over 60 years of his life in the Clare area, and was a Comrade of the General Charles Griffin Post No. 386 of the Grand Army of the Republic in Farwell. He passed away at the age of 92 years old in Clare, Michigan on 10 January 1939.

MR. ELIAS RIEGLE – THE LAST VETERAN

Mr. Elias Rieggle is the Last Soldier of Clare County, Michigan. He was born near Buffalo, New York on 17 December 1846, and died at the home of Mrs. Julia Derby in Clare, Clare, Michigan on 11 January 1939 at the age of 92.

On 05 February 1864, at the age of 17, Elias Rieggle followed in the footsteps of his 3 older brothers and joined the Army. He enlisted and mustered in at Clarence, New York as a Private in Company E, 78th New York Infantry known as the "78th Highlanders". The 78th New York Infantry ceased to exist on 12 July 1864 when it was consolidated with the 102nd New York Volunteer Infantry also known as the Van Buren Light Infantry, where Elias was assigned to Company K. The 78th and 102nd were involved in the following activities & engagements during his enlistment: Duty at Bridgeport, Ala., until May 1864. Atlanta Campaign 1 May to 12 July 1864. Operations about Rocky Faced Ridge, Tunnel Hill, and Buzzard's Roost Gap 8–11 May. Battle of Resaca 14–15 May. Near Cassville 19 May. New Hope Church 25 May. Battles about Dallas, New Hope Church, and Allatoona Hills 26 May – 5 June. Operations about Marietta and against Kennesaw Mountain 10 June – 2 July. Pine Hill 11–14 June. Lost Mountain 15–17 June. Gilgal or Golgotha Church 15 June. Muddy Creek 17 June. Noyes' Creek 19 June. Kolb's Farm 22 June. Assault on Kennesaw 27 June. Ruff's Station, Smyrna Camp Ground, 4 July. Chattahoochee River 5–17 July. Peachtree Creek 19–20 July. Siege of Atlanta 22 July – 25 August. Operations at Chattahoochee River Bridge 26 August – 2 September. Occupation of Atlanta 2 September – 15 November. Expedition from Atlanta to Tuckum's Cross Roads 26–29 October. Near Atlanta 9 November. March to the Sea 15 November – 10 December. Near Davidsboro 28 November. Siege of Savannah 10–21 December. Carolinas Campaign January to April 1865. Battle of Bentonville, N.C., 19–21 March. Occupation of Goldsboro 24 March. Advance on Raleigh 9–13 April. Occupation of Raleigh 14 April. Bennett's House 26 April. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D.C., via Richmond, Va., 29 April – 20 May. Grand Review of the Armies 24 May. Duty at Washington, D.C., until July. Private Rieggle mustered out on 21 July 1865 at Alexandria, VA and was honorably discharged from service.

