



Col. Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth  
(1836 – 1861)

# THE BUGLE

**COL. ELMER ELLSWORTH CAMP NO. 23**  
DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC  
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA



**Sons of Union  
Veterans of the Civil  
War**

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## The Newsletter is Back!

The Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23 newsletter is back! It's been a long time since we published *The Bugle* (no one can recall exactly when it last came out)! We're pleased to present it in its reincarnated form to share our news with our fraternal brothers and sisters, as well as interested members of the community.

This issue marks the first in what we hope to be a routinely published series. Several Camp and Auxiliary members have already expressed interest in contributing articles. Articles are the life-blood of a newsletter, and we welcome any submissions!

## 2009: A Pictorial Review

Our Camp and Auxiliary accomplished much in 2009, and it's worth reflecting on some of those accomplishments in this newsletter! These pages are far too few to cover everything, but with the photos in our scrapbook section, we can reflect on the highlights and take pleasure in knowing that we did our best to preserve the memory of the "Boys in Blue" in 2009!

Of all the photos, the one shown at right stands out as the editor's choice for best Camp 23 photo of the year. It shows Camp Chaplain (and charter member), Charles L. Christian, PCC, saluting as Camp Color Bearer, David C. Schleeter, PCC, prepares to raise the U.S. colors. The scene was recorded on 25 May 2009, during a ceremony dedicating a new flagpole in the G.A.R. plot at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. It was one of our Camp's finest moments of the year, as we followed in the footsteps of our forefathers in Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R., and our bygone brothers of Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Camp, No. 19, who stood at the same site to first dedicate the memorial in 1915.

To see more 2009 photos, please go to our scrapbook on page 2! Thanks goes to Charles and Mary Lou Christian, Cindy Eddy, Dean Enderlin, the St. Helena Historical Society, and the Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery Preservation Committee for contributing photos to our scrapbook!



Camp Chaplain Charles Christian, PCC, salutes as Camp Color Bearer Dave Schleeter, PCC, prepares to raise the colors. Flagpole dedication ceremony, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, 25 May 2009. Cindy Eddy photo.

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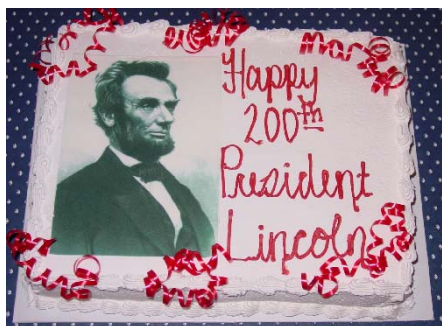
# Scrapbook



Lincoln Dinner, Washoe House, Petaluma, CA, February 12, 2009. Auxiliary #23 Junior Member Cali Debevoise reads the story of Abraham Lincoln's pet dog Fido to attendees.



Adopt-a-plot work party at the soldiers plot, Fulkerson Section, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, May 6, 2009. L. to R.: Lou Olker, CC Dean Enderlin; Joseph Cannon; Ron Cannon, PCC; Charles Christian, PCC; Don VanAuker, and Dave Schleeter, PCC.



Birthday cake enjoyed at the annual Lincoln Dinner, Washoe House, Petaluma, February 12, 2009.



Lincoln Dinner. Washoe House, Feb. 12, 2009. Camp and Auxiliary 23 members and guests.



Memorial Day (May 25, 2009), Calistoga Pioneer Cemetery, Calistoga, CA. Camp Commander Dean Enderlin calls the roll of the known Civil War veterans buried in the cemetery.



Memorial Day flagpole dedication, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA. Dave Schleeter, PCC, explains flag etiquette while CC Dean Enderlin looks on.



Memorial Day (May 25, 2009) flagpole dedication, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery. Three volley salute by Bros. Mace Gjerman, Dave Schleeter, PCC, and Lou Olker, while Taps bugler Grant Noah, Dept. Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan, CC Dean Enderlin, and Chaplain Charles Christian, PCC, look on.

Memorial Day 2009, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Santa Rosa, CA. Memorial wreaths placed by members of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 at the monument to the unknown dead in the G.A.R. plot.







# Scrapbook (continued from page 2)



Newly placed headstone at the grave of Pvt. Adam Koch, Co. F, 2 Calif. Cavalry. Headstone dedication ceremony, GAR Plot, St. Helena Public Cemetery, St. Helena, CA, May 30, 2009.



Headstone dedication ceremony, St. Helena Public Cemetery, St. Helena, CA, May 30, 2009. Ladies of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 prepare floral arrangements prior to the ceremony. L. to R.: Rachele Campbell, PAP; AP Ann Schleeter and Elaine Christian.



Headstone dedication, St. Helena Rural Cemetery, May 30, 2009. Troopers from Co. F, 2nd California Cavalry place the colors at the grave of Adam Koch who served as a Private in their namesake company. Co. F members partnered with Camp 23 and Auxiliary 23 to conduct the ceremony.



Headstone dedication ceremony, St. Helena Public Cemetery, May 30, 2009. Ladies and guests of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 posing for a group photo. L. to R.: Rachele Campbell, PAP, holding Emelia Campbell; Mary Lou Christian; Cali Debevoise; Elaine Christian; Tiana Gjerman; AP Ann Schleeter and Cindy Eddy.



Headstone dedication ceremony, St. Helena Public Cemetery, May 30, 2009. SUVCW members posing for a group photo. L. to R.: Dave Schleeter, PCC; Tad Campbell, PDC; Charles Christian, PCC; Ron Cannon, PCC; Mace Gjerman; Jamin Gjerman and CC Dean Enderlin.



Redwood City Independence Day parade, July 4, 2009. AP Ann Schleeter and Dave Schleeter, PCC.





# Scrapbook (continued from page 3)



One of the floral bouquets used in the Auxiliary #23 ceremony, containing sprigs of evergreen, laurel, and a white rose. Photo was taken at the entry step to the GAR plot, St. Helena Cemetery.



Headstone dedication ceremony, St. Helena Public Cemetery, May 30, 2009. Ladies of the Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 decorate graves in the GAR plot. L. to R.: Cali Debevoise; Cindy Eddy; Rachele Campbell, PAP; and AP Ann Schleeter. Headstone of Pvt. Adam Koch is at center.



Cindy Eddy and Rachele Campbell, PAP, staffing the information tent at Duncans Mills.



Volunteers at the Duncans Mills "Civil War Days" SUCW information tent gather for a group photo, July 18, 2009. L. to R.: Ron Cannon, PCC; Dave Schleeter, PCC; AP Ann Schleeter, Charles Christian, PCC; Kevin Mowrey; Katherine Cannon; CC Dean Enderlin; Joseph Cannon (kneeling foreground); Cali Debevoise; Elaine Christian and Keziah Cannon.



SUCW information tent at "Civil War Days" at Duncans Mills, Sonoma County, July 18 and 19, 2009.



Katherine Cannon spinning.





# Scrapbook (continued from page 4)



Camp and Auxiliary members exploring the cemetery at the Veterans Home of California, Yountville, Oct. 17, 2009.



Group photo at the entrance to the Veterans Home of California, Yountville, Oct. 17, 2009. Back Row, L. to R.: Charles Christian, PCC; Mary Lou Christian; Deanna Bissiri; Tanya Gjerman; Jamin Gjerman; Dave Schleeter, PCC; AP Ann Schleeter; Carol Morgan and Department Memorials Officer Kirby Morgan. Front Row, L. to R.: CC Dean Enderlin; Emelia Campbell; Cindy Eddy; Elaine Christian; Cali Debevoise; Rachelle Campbell, PAP; Tad Campbell, PDC; Bob Bissiri; Loye Olker and Lou Olker.



Joint meeting of Ellsworth Camp #23 and Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, conducted in the Memorial Grove, Veterans Home of California on Oct. 17, 2009. The tree grove includes trees planted from seeds and cuttings from various battlefields around the world. Several Civil War battlefields are represented.



Auxiliary member Elaine Christian portrays Civil War nurse Fannie Pritchard Owens Schneider at the St. Helena Historical Society's annual "Spirits of St. Helena" event, St. Helena Public Cemetery, November 7, 2009.



Camp and Auxiliary members marching in the Petaluma Veterans Day Parade, Nov. 11, 2009. We teamed up with members of the ACWA and NCWA (including the California Consolidated Drum Band – out of view) to make this one of our best parades ever!



## Commander's Corner

Greetings Brothers, Sisters of the Auxiliary, and Friends,

How quickly the year 2009 passed! It was a great year for our organization. Reflecting back over the year, it amazes me how much a small Camp such as ours can accomplish with so devoted a team of members. Your enthusiasm is contagious, and it has extended well beyond the limits of our organization into the community. All I can say is keep it up and thank you!

It was a true pleasure to serve Camp 23 as your commander in 2009, and I look forward to my second term in 2010. Looking ahead, I see many opportunities for us to promote the goals and ideals of our Order. Partnering with us in all of this are the members of Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, who have already accomplished so much in their first year of existence. It is a true pleasure to work with Auxiliary President Ann Schleeter and her Auxiliary members. Their presence has strengthened our Camp, and for that I am very appreciative.

This newsletter is our first major accomplishment of the new year, and AP Ann Schleeter and I are pleased to bring it back from its long slumber. We encourage you to submit short articles, calendar items, photographs, etc., for publication. The future of the newsletter depends on you!

In Fraternity, Charity & Loyalty,



*Dean A. Enderlin*  
Camp Commander

## Remembering our Past

Many of our Camp and Auxiliary members are curious about local history. It's not surprising, since an interest in history and genealogy is why a lot of us became involved in this organization. In this column, we hope to provide our readers with short articles about Civil War veterans, relevant historical events, local Grand Army of the Republic Posts, and local chapters of the Allied Orders that were associated with the G.A.R.

For starters, here is a transcription of an article from *The Sonoma Democrat* newspaper of 2 April 1881. It chronicles the initial steps in establishing what would become Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Post, No. 20, G.A.R. A photocopy of the original article was generously forwarded to Camp 23 by Santa Rosa historian, Ray Owen. Thank you, Ray! Being our namesake, Santa Rosa's Ellsworth Post holds a special place in the hearts of our Camp members.

It is said that an earlier effort to organize a G.A.R. Post in Santa Rosa was made in 1872. The early 1870's were difficult years for California's first G.A.R. Posts. Most failed. Little is known about the first one in Santa Rosa. What is known, is that only three Posts in the Department of California weathered the 1870's. These were San Francisco's Lincoln Post, No. 1, Sacramento's Sumner Post, No. 3, and Vallejo's Farragut Post, No. 4.

Ellsworth Post, No. 20, remained viable for many years after its chartering in 1881. It concluded its existence with the death of its last member, Almeron Wallace Conant, who died in Napa County on 10 February 1942. Conant is buried at Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery.

*Contributed by Dean Enderlin.*

### Post G.A.R.

Pursuant to a call, the soldiers and sailors of this township gathered together in an adjourned meeting held last Tuesday evening at the office of Dr. Stuart on Fourth street, for the purpose of organizing a Grand Army Post. It was well attended and about twenty veterans of the late war were present. As temporary officers, the following gentlemen were elected: Captain Daniel W. Ballou, Chairman; Captain W. O. Howe, Secretary; Dr. A. B. Stuart, Vice-President. The subject at issue was canvassed and a resolution to apply for a charter was passed. The Post will be established within a week, or ten days — due notice of which will be given. It is to be hoped that a full number may be enrolled, as such organizations cannot but tend to the mutual benefit of all.

*The Sonoma Democrat, 2 April 1881*

## General Orders



### CAMP ORDER No. 1 Series 2010 ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS



By the authority vested in me as Commander of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, by the Camp Bylaws, Department of California and Pacific Bylaws, the National Constitution and Regulations, and National Policies, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1: Having been duly elected Camp Commander, it is with my heartfelt appreciation for your confidence and support that I assume command of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp Number 23, for the 2010 term. My fellow Camp Officers and I will work diligently to guide our Camp as it continues its efforts to honor the memory and sacrifices of those who fought to preserve the Union. My term shall be guided by the principles of our Order: Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty.

Section 2: I hereby establish my residence at 2950 Lake County Highway, Calistoga, California 94515, as the Camp Headquarters. Correspondence on any matters are welcome and encouraged at my email address, [enderlin@sonic.net](mailto:enderlin@sonic.net), or at the Camp postal mailing address listed above.

Section 3: Camp Brothers who were duly elected at the Camp meeting of 11 November 2009, and installed on 23 January 2010 by Department Commander Charlie Mabie, are as follows:

- Commander - Dean A. Enderlin
- Sr. Vice-Commander - Mace M. Gjerman
- Jr. Vice-Commander - Louis C. Olker
- Secretary-Treasurer - Roger A. Fernwood, PCC
- Council - Donald VanAuker; Ronald D. Cannon, PCC; and Charles L. Christian, PCC

Section 4: Camp Brothers are appointed as follows:

- Chaplain - Charles L. Christian, PCC
- Patriotic Instructor - Grant R. Noah
- Historian - Jamin M. Gjerman
- Color Bearer - David C. Schleeter, PCC
- Graves Registration Officer - Dean A. Enderlin and Ronald D. Cannon, PCC
- Civil War Memorials Officer - Dean A. Enderlin
- Eagle Scout Certificate Coordinator - Ronald D. Cannon, PCC

The foregoing Camp Order is proclaimed this 29th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand ten, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-fourth, in the City of Calistoga, County of Napa, State of California by Dean A. Enderlin, Commander of the Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23, Department of California and Pacific, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

By Order of: /s/ *Dean A. Enderlin*  
Camp Commander  
Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23

ATTEST:

By: /s/ *Roger A. Fernwood*, PCC  
Camp Secretary-Treasurer



# Nurse Ivy's Log

**News from Ivy Stiers Auxiliary, No. 23  
Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War**



## President's Perspective

Greetings and Happy New Year to all! We are now starting our second year for our Auxiliary. We had a busy 2009 and we are expecting an exciting 2010! Thank you to all the members in our Auxiliary for all your participation: Rachele Campbell, Katherine Cannon, Elaine Christian, Mary Lou Christian, Cali Debevoise, Cindy Eddy, Pat Everette, Linda Pollard, and Amy Schleeter.



Some upcoming activities for our Auxiliary are Abraham Lincoln's birthday celebration on February 12<sup>th</sup>, the Citrus parade in Cloverdale on February 13<sup>th</sup>, and the Department Encampment during the weekend of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup> in San Luis Obispo. At our next official meeting, we will be discussing upcoming activities for our Auxiliary for this year. If you have any ideas that would be of interest for us, please send an email or bring them up at our next meeting. One of the goals for our Auxiliary this year is recruitment. We want to invite prospective members into our organization! So if you know of anyone who might be interested in our organization, please give them more information, give her a brochure or just invite the prospective member to our next meeting or event. Let's all pass the word out about Ivy Stiers Auxiliary No. 23!

See everyone very soon!  
In F, C, & L,

*Ann Schleeter, President*  
E-mail: [daa620@comcast.net](mailto:daa620@comcast.net)

### Charitable Activities Report for Auxiliary No. 23 Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

The Charitable Activities Report is used to track the charitable activities (monetary, material, and time donations) of individual members of our Auxiliary No. 23, in accordance with the Auxiliary's principle of Charity. The report is then used by the Department to assist in reporting the overall charitable activities of the Department to the National Organization.

Please send in your Charitable Activities Report for the period from July 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009 by February 12, 2010 to Ann Schleeter at [daa620@comcast.net](mailto:daa620@comcast.net) or by regular mail to 8333 Crusher Place, Windsor, CA 95492, or you may hand deliver it to me at the Lincoln's Birthday dinner on February 12, 2010.

## Ivy Stiers, Veteran

Of some 200 veterans buried in Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, Ivy Stiers is the only known female. Who was she and when did she serve?

Ivy Stiers was born about 1830 in Indiana and died at Santa Rosa on October 9, 1902. The funeral notice reported she had been "an army nurse during the civil war."

She enrolled as a nurse in the United States Volunteers, Medical Department, on February 9, 1863, at Nashville, Tennessee. In a pension application years later, she reported serving until August 27, 1865. Almost certainly, Ivy served primarily in an Indiana State militia organization because in her pension application she reported having been under the supervision of Governor Morton of Indiana. State units reported to a governor unless mustered into federal service between March 6, 1864, and November 1, 1864, during which time she was attached to Jefferson General Hospital, Jeffersonville, Indiana. She was paid "40 cts per day and rations."

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## Patriotic Points

by **Cindy Eddy**

**Patriotic Instructor, Auxiliary #23**



Did you know...

February 1<sup>st</sup> is National Freedom Day?

Major Richard Robert Wright Sr., a former slave, fought to have a day when freedom for all Americans is celebrated. When Wright received his freedom, he went on to become a successful businessman and community leader in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Major Wright chose February 1<sup>st</sup> as National Freedom Day because it was the day in 1865 that President Lincoln signed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution.

This amendment, an important change to our written law, outlawed slavery in the United States. Wright gathered national and local leaders together to write a bill declaring February 1<sup>st</sup> "National Freedom Day" and President Harry Truman signed the bill on June 30, 1948 making it official.

The purpose of this holiday is to promote good feelings, harmony, and equal opportunity among all citizens and to remember that the United States is a nation dedicated to the ideal of freedom. National Freedom Day was first observed on February 1, 1949.

*Please remember to proudly fly the American Flag on Monday, February 1, 2010 to celebrate National Freedom Day and take a moment to reflect upon how fortunate we are to live in this great nation and remember the sacrifices of those who have fought and those who continue to fight to preserve our freedom.*

Source: SUVCW Patriotic Instructor Handbook by Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC. Copyright by SUVCW 2005.

## New Auxiliary Officers for 2010

The annual election of officers for Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, ASUVCW, was held at Sam's For Play restaurant in Santa Rosa on 11 November 2009. Newly elected officers for 2010 are as follows:

- President – Ann Schleeter
- Vice-President – Cindy Eddy
- Secretary – Elaine Christian
- Treasurer – Mary Lou Christian
- Patriotic Instructor – Cindy Eddy
- Chaplain – Katherine Cannon
- Trustee #1 – Rachele Campbell, PAP
- Trustee #2 – Pat J. Everette
- Trustee #3 – (to be announced)

Appointed officers for the Auxiliary are:

- Counselor – David Schleeter, PCC
- Signals Officer – Tad Campbell, PDC

The officers were installed by Department President Rachele Campbell on 23 January 2010, at a ceremony and banquet held at the Biltmore Hotel in Santa Clara.



Swearing in Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23 officers, 23 January 2010: L to R: Dave Schleeter, PCC; Mary Lou Christian; Elaine Christian; Cindy Eddy; AP Ann Schleeter, and installing officer, DP Rachele Campbell.



# Coming Events . . .

## CAMP & AUXILIARY EVENT CALENDAR

### ANNUAL LINCOLN DINNER

(see announcement this page)  
Friday, February 12, 2010

### CLOVERDALE CITRUS FAIR PARADE

Assemble at 9:30 a.m., Judging at 10:00 a.m.  
Saturday, February 13, 2010

### CALIF. & PAC. DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENT

(see announcement this page)  
March 12 - 13, 2010

### REGULAR MEETING

(date and time to be announced)  
April 2010

### AUXILIARY #23 ROSE PLANTING CEREMONY

In memory of Kari Lynn Eckholt-Mowrey  
Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery  
1:00 p.m.  
Saturday, April 10, 2010

### ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY

Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery  
(date and time to be announced)  
May 2010

### MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

(plans to be announced)  
Monday, May 31, 2010

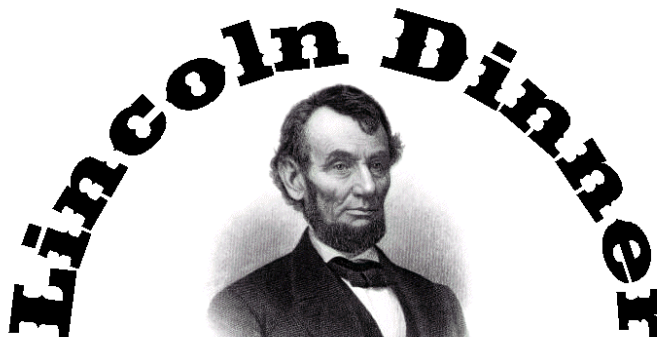
### FLAG DAY

(plans to be announced)  
Monday, June 14, 2010

## Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp #23, SUVCW

## & Ivy Stiers Auxiliary #23, ASUVCW

cordially invite you to attend the annual



**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2010**

AT THE FAMOUS

## WASHOE HOUSE

Corner of Stony Point Road & Roblar Road, Petaluma



Where soldiers in 1865 "braced" themselves for battle!

Social at 6:30 p.m., Dinner at 7:00 p.m.  
Menu Options \*

- Prime Rib...\$29
- Deep Fried Prawns... \$28
- Chicken Kiev... \$24

\* Includes tax & gratuity. Beverage not included.  
Cash payment at the door, please.

Per our long-standing tradition, please be prepared to share your favorite story about...

*A Lincoln*



Please RSVP with menu choice by February 6, 2010



**COL. ELMER ELLSWORTH CAMP 23  
SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR**



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## 124TH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT DEPT. OF CALIFORNIA & PACIFIC, SUVCW

*Celebrating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the  
Department of California & Pacific Auxiliary*

Where: San Luis Obispo, CA

When: March 12 - 13, 2010

More information and registration forms:

<http://www.suvcw.org/encampment.html>

## 129TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SUVCW 124TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ASUVCW

124TH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT  
LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

"Come to Kansas – where the Civil War began!"

Where: Overland Park, Kansas

When: August 12 - 15, 2010

More information and registration forms:

<http://www.suvcw.org/encampment/2010/Kansas2010.htm>



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[www.suvpac.org/camp23.html](http://www.suvpac.org/camp23.html)

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**Ivy Stiers** (continued from page 3)

This represented \$12.00 a month, the equivalent of a private's pay.

On November 26, 1892, Ivy filed for a disability pension under the Nurses Pensions Act. The nature of her service-connected disability is not known; however, the application included certification by a physician that "she is not able to support herself by her own exertions." At the time of filing, Ivy was living at the National Women's Relief Corps Home in Madison, Ohio (the WRC having been an auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic). On May 30, 1893, she was awarded a pension of \$12.00 a month.

The transfer of her pension records from Columbus, Ohio, to San Francisco in December 1894 implies that Ivy came to Santa Rosa during that year. In the federal census of 1900, she was enumerated in the household of Charles and Lulu Erme, relatives, at 715 Benton Street, Santa Rosa. She died of pneumonia and was buried in the Rural Cemetery on October 11, 1902. Her grave is alongside the road in Plot 273 of the Western Half Circle and is marked with a military marker inscribed simply, "Ivy Stiers, Nurse, U.S. Army."

(Reprinted from *Tombstones & Tales*, Vol. 1, Santa Rosa Rural Cemetery, researched by Ray Owen)

Editor's Note: Ivy was one of at least seven daughters born to John A. Stiers (1806-1863, a native of OH) and Elizabeth Howel (1810-1884, a native of KY). Ivy's father settled in Rush County, IN, early in his life, and married Elizabeth there in 1826. He purchased 160 acres of federal land in Lawrence Township, Marion County, IN, in 1834, and presumably settled there around that time. It was here that Ivy grew up with her sisters.

By 1860, Ivy had left the family home and moved to nearby Indianapolis, where she worked as a "servant" in the household of a wealthy Indianapolis banker named Stoughton A. Fletcher. She returned to the family home near Lawrence after the Civil War to assist her sisters in the care of her aging and widowed mother.

By 1880, Ivy had moved on. As stated above, she lived for a time in OH before making the move to CA in the mid-1890's. By 1900, one of her sisters, Lucinda (Lulu) Stiers — who had married wagon maker Charles Christie Erme in 1879 — had also come to CA, settling in Santa Rosa. Ivy was living with the Ermeys in 1900, and lived the final years of her life in their care. Shortly after Ivy's death, the Ermeys moved to Berkeley, where Charles died in 1908. Lucinda continued to live in Berkeley with her older sister, Harriet Stiers, until her death in 1916. Harriet died in Los Angeles in 1928. Research continues! *D.A.E.*

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is a patriotic and educational organization, similar to the Grand Army of the Republic. It was founded on November 12, 1881 and incorporated by Act of Congress August 20, 1954. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is the legal heir to and representative of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The Colonel Elmer Ellsworth Camp No. 23 of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) was named after the original Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) Post in Santa Rosa, which in turn was named for Col. Elmer Ephraim Ellsworth (1837-1861). The current Camp was organized in 1996, and was originally a provisional Camp under the name "Col. Wesley Brainard Camp." Brother Steve Martin was the Commander during this provisional period. Col. Elmer Ellsworth Camp 23 was chartered on 20 March 1999.

The Camp serves Marin, Mendocino, and Sonoma counties, east of US 101, and Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, & Napa counties.