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Colonel William Wilson and the 6th NY "Wilson's Zouaves"
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ESSEX COUNTY NOTES

by Greg Furness



Greg Furness is a US based 62d NYSV "Anderson Zouaves" researcher. Greg is the owner of the Alfred Covell Wood diaries and continues to provide valuable information about the regiment. Greg Furness has graciously allowed the publication of these notes concerning men from Essex County N.Y. who served in the 62d NYSV.

I have presented Greg Furness' raw manuscript to get it into print for this month's ZOUAVE! We at this publication believe these notes to be of extreme value to our knowledge about the Anderson Zouaves and this is certainly the motivation to publish

these notes immediately.

The next step is to use these notes to augment the biographies already published at our [website](#), to expand Volume 1 of the Pocket History series of the Anderson Zouaves and to make Greg Furness' research immediately available to those with an interest in the Anderson Zouaves. So please, enjoy Greg Furness' "Notes."

We are very happy to present them here and thank Greg Furness for his ongoing research efforts and his generous permission for the *Anderson Zouaves Living History and Research Group* to use them to extend our efforts to document and honour this famous regiment and its brave veterans.

- David Sanders (Editor)

Town of Crown Point

1. **Alfred Covell Woods**, 18 yrs old, enlisted as Private in Captain William N. Hathaway's

Company May 1, 1861. Enrolled in Co. C on June 30, 1861 at New York City for 3 years service. Mustered in to U.S. Service at Saltersville, N.J. on July 3, 1861. Transferred to Co. E, Capt. Miles L. Riggs, June 30, 1861. Promoted to Corporal, Co. E, on December 1, 1861. Promoted to 5th Sergeant, Co. E January 8th, 1864. Killed in Action, Battle of the Wilderness, May 5, 1864. Per Section VI, NYS 1865 Census : "Place of burial unknown. Supposed to be buried on the field." May be one of the nearly 13,000 unknown soldiers re-buried at the Fredericksburg National Cemetery.

2. **Sidney H. "Harry" Carter**, 23 yrs old, Enlisted Private Co.C 1 May 1861 (same day as Covell Woods) Mustered in 30 June, xfer to Co. E Aug '61. Died at Kalorama Hospital, Washington, D.C. 14 or 15 March 1862, presumably of Smallpox, buried in Fairview Cemetery, Crown Point.

[NB: his older brother Rollin W. Carter 30 yrs, enlisted Co K, 5th NY Cavalry 4 Jan 1864, died 6 Aug 1864 @ McDougal Hospital, Fort Schuyler, New York City.]

3. **Curtis D. Wells**, 20 yrs old, Enlisted Private Co. E 18 Aug 1861. Promoted Corpl. Dec. 1861. Discharged disability 9 Oct 1862. Re-Enlisted Aug 1863 in the 2nd NY Veteran Cavalry, Co. D. Listed "sick in Hospital @ Mobile, AL since March 1865". Died 25 Aug 1865, Buried Fairview Cemetery, Crown Point.

4. **Jackson W. Smith**. 19 yrs old. Enlisted Private Co. C, 25 May 1861 Mustered In 30 June, xfer 30 June to Co. E. died of Smallpox at the Kalorama Hospital in Washington, D.C. 1 March 1862, buried Soldiers Home National Cemetery, Washington, DC, Site 545.

5a. Ezra A. Buckman. (Enrolment list Essex Co. Clerk) 21 years old. Enlisted 6/30/1861 at NY City, NY as a Private. On 6/30/1861 Mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry Promotions:* Corpl 12/1/1861 * Private (Reduced to ranks) Transfers: 7/3/1861 co C to co E. Deserted 10/30/1862.

-Same individual as –

5b. Augustus Ezra Buckman, 25 years old. Enlisted on 3/1/1865 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 3/1/1865 mustered into "A" Co. NY 5th Cavalry. Mustered Out 6/16/1865 at Baltimore, MD (Hicks U.S. Gen. Hospital) Died 16 July 1907. Buried Wood National Cemetery, 5000 W. National Ave, Milwaukee, WI, Sect 16, Site 114

6. Dennis P. Blake (a.k.a. Pliny Blake) ("Enrollment of Persons Liable to Military Duty in Town of Crown Point", Essex Co. Clerk's Office) Enlisted 20 yrs old on 6/30/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 7/3/1861 he mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Re-enlisted on 1/1/1864. Promotions:* Corpl 5/15/1862 * Sergt 7/1/1863. Transfers:* 8/15/1861 company C to company K 12/21/1863 company K to company B. Deserted on 4/26/1864 at New York, NY

7. William Barnett (as Barnet 1860 Census) (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, for Crown Point) Enlisted 25 yrs old on 6/14/1861 at New York City, NY as a Sergeant. On 6/30/1861 mustered into "A" Co. NY 62nd Infantry Re-enlisted on 3/1/1864 Dismissed on 8/26/1864 Promotions: 1st Sergt 8/26/1861 Private 12/2/1861 (Reduced to ranks) Sergt 8/1/1863 1st Lieut 5/1/1864 (As of Co . C)Transfers: 12/14/1861 company A to company I. 5/1/1864 company I to company C. Dismissed on 8/26/1864 Invalid Pension App(1901)1274,627

Elsewhere in Essex County

Town of ESSEX (Also Note: group per Smith's History Essex Co pps. 548-549)

William D. Ross. Enlisted 31 yrs old on 5/25/1861 at New York City as 1st Lieutenant. 7/3/1861 commissioned into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Transfer: 7/15/1861 from company C to company F. Killed 25 Oct 1861. Buried Ross Family Crypt, Vault # 15, Rt. 22, Essex Village. Oct. 5, 1830 - Oct. 25, 1861 . See Also - http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~frgen/essex/essex/briar_hill/Ross%20Family%20Vault/Ross%20Family%20Vault.pdf

Albert Green, Private. Enlist 21 yrs old, 4/30/1861 at New York City. 6/30/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Re-enlist 1/1/1864. Transfers: 6/30/1861 co C to K , 12/31/1863 co K to B .MO 8/30/1865 at Fort Schuyler, NY Harbor. Date of Death 11/29/1913 Buried Sect 1, Row 10, Site 31 Bath National Cemetery, Bath, NY.

Joseph Hall, Corpl. Co's C, K. Enlist 20 yrs old, 5/25/1861 at New York City. 7/3/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Promotions: Private 8/15/1861 reduced to ranks Corpl 12/1/1861
Deserted 9/3/1862 at Fort Ethan Allen, VA. Subsequent Service Co D, 5th U.S. Cavalry. Father applied for Pension (1892) App 550.054 Certif 391,281

Henry H. Tucker Enlist 20 yrs old 4/30/1861 at New York City as Corporal. 4/30/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Promotions: Private 6/30/1861 (Reduced to ranks) Corpl 3/15/1862 (Estimated day) 1st Sergt 2/29/1864. Transfers: from company C to company K. Mustered Out on 6/29/1864 . Buried Briar Hill Cemetery, Route 22, Essex, NY.

Timothy Kelley (Kelly) (1860 census, Essex) Enlisted 21 yrs old 8/19/1861 at New York City, as Private. 8/19/1861 mustered into "K" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. 10/27/1863 transferred into Veteran Reserve Corps Wounded 5/3/1863 Fredericksburg, VA

William B. Marsha (Marshy, Marshey) Born Chazy, NY. Enlisted 19 yrs old 8/14/1861 at Essex, NY as Private. 8/19/1861 he mustered into "K" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Discharged for disability on 2/17/1863 at Convalescent Camp, VA. Subsequent Service 1864-65 U.S. Navy, 2nd Class Fireman, USS Ohio, USS Massasoit. Invalid Pension App. 1886 591,892 Certif 637,042. Died 24 Sept 1923. Buried Eugene Masonic Cemetery, E 25th Ave, Eugene, Lane County, Oregon.

John Emerson Brittell (Britall) (1865 NY State Census, Section VII) Residence Essex, NY
Enlisted 19 yrs old 8/4/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 8/19/1861 mustered into "K" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. He died of

disease on 4/3/1862 at Washington, DC. Buried Section B, Site 1216, Soldiers Home National Cemetery, 21 Harewood Road N.W., Washington, DC.

Father App. for pension 31 Aug 1868 #164,663.

Town of WILLSBORO

Arthur Lincoln (1860 Census,) Enlisted 22 yrs old on 4/30/1861 at New York City as a Private.

On 7/3/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Re-enlisted on 1/1/1864. Mustered Out on 8/30/1865 at Fort Schuyler, NY Harbor. Promotions: Corpl 3/15/1862 Sergt 2/1/1863 , 1st Sergt 6/15/1863, Private 1/1/1864 (Reduced to ranks as of Co. B)* Sergt 1/1/1864 . Transfers:* 7/15/1861 co C to co K , 1/1/1864 co K to co B. Died 24 Dec 1885. Minor Pension App 547,672 Certif 368,208

David Currier (Carrier) (1860 Census) (1865 list of those furnished, Essex Co clerk) Enlisted 27 yrs old on 8/3/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 8/19/1861 he mustered into "K" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Discharged for disability on 1/30/1863 at Philadelphia, PA
Promotions: Corpl 9/15/1861, Sergt 3/1/1862. Died 23 May 1896. Invalid Pension App 1169,346 Certif 898,205 Buried Gilliland Cemetery, Willsboro.

William E. Pratt , Private Enlist 28 yrs old, 4/30/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private.

4/30/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. (discharge ??) On roll 6/30/1862
Promotions: Corpl 7/15/1861 Private 3/15/1862 (reduced to ranks) Transfers: 7/3/1861 from company C to company K [Moved to North Elba, NY 1870. Died 1902] Invalid Pension App 441.113. Buried North Elba Cemetery, Old Military Road, Lake Placid, NY.

Horace A. Pratt Enlist 23 yrs old, 5/25/1861 at New York City, NY as a 2nd Lieutenant.

On 7/3/1861 commissioned into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Dismissed (date not stated)

Town of CHESTERFIELD (next North of Willsboro)

George Paul (1865 NY State Census, Section VII) Residence Chesterfield, NY; Enlisted 21 yrs old 6/25/1861 at New York City, NY as a Corporal. 7/3/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. * Private 7/15/1861 (reduced to ranks as of Co. K) Transfer * 7/15/1861 company C to company K * Wounded 5/3/1863, Fredericksburg, VA. Deserted 6/27/1863 at New York, NY (Deserted while on sick furlough leave)

Town of TICONDEROGA

Neddo, Francis G. (Nadeau) (1860 Census lists him in Ticonderoga, Essex Co.) PVT, Co. B, 62nd NY Infantry (Anderson Zouaves). Born 1843. Enlisted 4 Aug 1861 @ NY City
Death: 24 Feb 1862, Tenallytown, MD. Died of Typhoid Fever. Buried Arlington National Cemetery, VA Site 7774

Cheney, Harrison (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, for Ticonderoga **) Enlisted 21 yrs old on 8/1/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. 8/20/1861 mustered into "B" Co. NY 62nd Infantry
Died of disease on 2/19/1862 at Tennallytown, MD

Hogle, Alanson (Ti 1860 Census) (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, Ticonderoga) (Last Name: a.k.a. Hogale, first name a.k.a. Lansing or Alonzo) Enlisted 22 yrs old on 7/5/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. 8/15/1861 mustered into "E" Co. NY 62nd Infantry Discharged for disability on 10/14/1862 at Philadelphia, PA Widow Pension (1884) App 320-785 Certif 281051

McAllister, William (Ti 1860 Census) (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, for Ticonderoga)
Enlisted 21 yrs old on 4/30/1861 at Albany, NY as a Private. 6/30/1861 mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Promotions: Wagoner 10/1861. Transfer: company C to company K. Died of disease on 10/19/1862 at David's Island, NY Harbor .Buried Section 1, Site 499, Cypress Hills National Cemetery, 625

Jamaica Ave, Brooklyn, NY. Father app. pension 1868 # 164,663.

Dolbeck , Nelson Peter [George] Enlisted 20 yrs old on 6/30/1861 at New York City, NY as a Corporal. On 6/30/1861 he mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. He was discharged on 5/19/1865. d. 20 Sep 1920. Buried Valley View Cem, Rt 9N, S of Ticonderoga, NY.

Ferguson, James. Enlist 21 May 1861. Re-enlist 1 Jan 1864. Wounded 5 May 1864 right leg, Wilderness VA. Disch. for wounds. Pension App 155.911 Certif 105,132. Died 9 Sept 1919. Buried Mount Hope Cem. Ticonderoga, NY

McCormick, Francis Enlisted 20 yrs old 5/25/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private.
8/19/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Discharged for disability on 7/27/1862 at Harrison's Landing, VA Subsequent Service 2nd NY Cav. Buried Mission Cem, Vineyard Rd N. of Ticonderoga, NY

Hogle, Alanson. (1860 Census, Ticonderoga) (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, for Ticonderoga) (a.k.a. Alonzo, Lansing/Hogal, Hogale) Enlisted 22 yrs old on 7/5/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 8/15/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. He was discharged for disability on 10/14/1862 at Philadelphia, PA. As 'Alonzo' Widow applied for pension 28 Oct 1884, #320,785, Certif 281,051.

Wakefield, David (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, for Ticonderoga)
Enlisted 30 yrs old on 8/12/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 8/19/1861 he mustered into "E" Co. NY 62nd Infantry. Discharged for disability on 2/12/1863 at Convalescent Camp, VA. Enlisted 32 yrs old on 12/25/1863 at Ticonderoga, NY as a Private. On 12/30/1863 he mustered into "Batty G" Co. NY 4th Heavy Artillery. Died of disease 6/27/1864 at Washington, DC. Widow's Pension App 60,593 Certif 37,056. Buried Arlington National Cemetery Section 13 Site 5564.

Harrison, William H. (or J.) (1865 NY State Census, Section VII) Residence Ticonderoga, NY; Enlisted 19 yrs old on 5/7/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 7/3/1861 he mustered into "C" Co. NY 62nd Infantry Transfer: 7/1861 co C to co E. Discharged for disability on 10/30/1862 at Convalescent Camp, VA

Town of MINERVA

James Dunigan (Dunegan) Residence Minerva, NY; Enlisted 19 yrs old on 7/3/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 7/3/1861 he mustered into "K" Co. NY 62nd Infantry.

Per 1865 NY State Census, Section VII, Killed in battle 3 May 1863, Fredericksburg, VA. Mother App. pension 23 Jun 1864 # 55,119 Certif 41723

Town of HAGUE, Warren Co (next south of Ticonderoga)

Beaudry, Moses J. (Boudry, Boudrie) (Hague, Warren County) (Enroll List Essex Co. Clerk, for Ticonderoga). Enlisted 25 yrs old on 6/27/1861 at New York City, NY as a Private. On 6/30/1861 he mustered into "I" Co. NY 62nd Infantry Mustered Out on 12/20/1864 at Petersburg, VA. Goulding: *Official Military and Naval Records of Rutland, Vermont in the War Of The Rebellion, 1861-1866*, (Rutland, 1891) lists Moses Beaudry, 62nd N.Y. Infantry, resident of Rutland. Per records in Town Clerk's Office, Salisbury, VT "Record Taken from Health Officer", he died 15 Oct 1898, Age 53[sic- should be 63] of "Cystitis", at Brattleboro, VT (not Salisbury as per Bruce DeLarm), "Soldier of Civil War". Supposedly buried West Salisbury Cemetery, VT, but cannot locate grave or burial record. Curious entry in 1910 U.S. Federal Census, Brattleboro, VT, lists one "Moses J. Baudry[sic], 77 yrs old, as a Patient at the Brattleboro Retreat. Conflicting evidence needs to be resolved.

Osteyee, Henry (a.k.a. William). (Hague) [Ostegee, Ostegeer, Oystee, Oytseyu)

Enlisted 25 Yrs old at New York City, NY as a Private Co H, NY 62nd Infantry. Wounded Battle of Salem Church May 4, 1863,

captured and paroled on or about September 15, 1863. Reenlisted January 1, 1864, killed Battle of the Wilderness on May 5, 1864, buried on the field.

** Series of pre-printed, paper cover books, for each town[ship] in county, "Enrollment Of Persons Liable For Military Duty In The Town of _____, County of Essex, New York" bound into single hard-cover volume, "Enrollment 1862-1864". Essex County Clerk's Office, Elizabethtown, New York 12932

For a geographical context see:

1876 Essex County Atlas

<http://rpts-web.co.essex.ny.us/rpts/website/essexcountygispublic/1876atlas.htm>

Modern NYSDEC Adirondack Map

http://rpts-web.co.essex.ny.us/rpts/website/essexcountygispublic/nysdec_adirondackmap.htm

Dates are in US format.

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CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS' GRAVES ONLINE DATABASE

by Richard Eastman



The Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) was the largest fraternal organization for Union veterans. It was a very active organization in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Only Union veterans were permitted to join the GAR. As the members aged and then died, the organization eventually disappeared.

However, it was replaced by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, with membership restricted to descendants of Union Civil War veterans. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War inherited most of the records of the national GAR organization, as well as many of the records of local chapters (called "encampments").

The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW) now has created its Grave Registration Project to document the final resting places of both Union and Confederate Civil War veterans. The fully-searchable database is available online and is free for everyone. I had an opportunity to use the database this week.

The SUVCW web site can be found at <http://www.suvcw.org>. You can save yourself some time if you go directly to <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search>. The web site says that a free registration is required before you can access the database. However, I simply started searching, and everything worked perfectly for me. I never did register. Perhaps SUVCW will change that after reading this article.

The main search form has a lot of fields to fill in: first name, last name, birth date, death date, Union or Confederate, unit, state, branch, company or ship, rank, cemetery name and location, and more. You simply fill in whatever information you have and leave the remaining fields blank. Click on SEARCH, and the database will return a list of all entries that match your search criteria.

I entered my own surname into the Last Name field and left all the other fields blank. I clicked on SEARCH, and about three seconds later the web site returned a list of 137 matches. I was especially intrigued by one entry: a man who also shares my first name as well as last name. I'll use him as an example of the information available in this database:

Last Name: Eastman
First Name: Richard
Middle Name: K
Birth: 07-Jan-1832
Death: 05-Feb-1899
Age: 67
Civil War: Union
Unit Designation: 31

Branch: Infantry
State: Ohio
Company/Ship: F
If federal, State From:
Rank: Corporal
Enlisted 19-Sep-1861
Discharged: 20-Jul-1865
Cemetery Name: Ohio Soldier's & Sailors'
Home Cemetery
Lot: 5
Section: G
Grave Number: 8
Cemetery Street: Columbus Avenue
City: Sandusky
County: Erie
State/Country: Ohio
GAR Post:
Dept. of:

In addition, the database indicates that this soldier had a military-issued headstone and that the cemetery burial records had been checked.

As you can see, the above entry had quite a bit of information. However, there is a place for text notes, and in this man's record the text notes were blank. I looked around a bit more for others and found some entries had extensive text notes.

For instance, here are the notes for George E. Eastman of Company E, 9th Maine Infantry:

Residence: Cornish, Me. Born: Cornish, Me. Age at enlistment; 18, Mustered US Service Sept 22, 1861. Re-enlisted Jan 1, 1864. POW Sept 29, 1864 at Chaffin's Farm, Va. Died of starvation April 9, 1865. Stone at Riverside Cemetery, SR 25, Cornish, Me.

The records in this database were obtained from many sources, and it is believed that some number of veterans' records have not yet been found. If you have new information not yet in the database, you can submit it online. However, if you have updated or additional information concerning previously submitted registrations, you should submit that information to the National Graves Registration Officer. Details may be found at <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/about.php>.

While this database was created by and is maintained by the Sons of Union

Veterans of the Civil War, the database lists Confederate as well as Union soldiers. There are fewer Confederates listed. The reasons are two-fold: (1.) because the organization collected only Union veterans' information in its earlier years and (2.) because record keeping was not as well organized among the Confederates. The SUVCW is keenly interested in adding more information about Confederate graves.

This is a great database for anyone researching Civil War ancestry. If you are not sure of the origins of your ancestor, there is a good chance that you can find his place of birth as well as place of enlistment in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Grave Registration Project. To search the database at no charge, go to <http://www.suvcwdb.org/home/search.php?action=search>

Contributed by Neil Chippendale

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TENNESSEANS ASKED TO SHARE HEIRLOOMS FROM CIVIL WAR

by Jennifer Brooks
(The Tennessean - July 15th 2010)



The Civil War left its mark on Tennessee and a large part of that legacy has been tucked away and forgotten in countless attics across the state. Now, with the 150th anniversary of the conflict less than a year away, state historians are asking Tennesseans to dig into their family heirlooms and share the Civil War mementos in a unique online archive.

"This state was one of the central battlegrounds of the war," said Wayne Moore, assistant state archivist at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. Many of the families who made it through the war passed down mementos to their descendants. "People have stuff in their homes a lot of times that have never been seen by the public."

Moore is part of a group of state historians and preservationists who are crisscrossing Tennessee to examine and photograph these hidden treasures. In recent months Moore has seen countless rare treasures, from battle flags to quilts to lead bullets whittled into figurines by bored Confederate soldiers, including a tiny lead coffin with the whittled word "Yankee."

On Friday, Moore and other representatives of the Tennessee State Library and the Tennessee State Museum will be at Fort Negley in Nashville to examine and record any pieces of Civil War memorabilia the public is willing to share. Photographs, sketches, diaries, guns and swords, bullets, letters, maps, clothing and any other relics of the war years will be examined, authenticated and photographed for inclusion in an online database. The pieces will be returned to their owners, along with instructions on how to keep them preserved and safe for future generations.

Tennessee was a state divided during the war. About a third of the mementos collected are Union relics, mostly gathered in East Tennessee. Moore has seen a letter to home from a Confederate soldier, footsore and heartsick after the Battle of Gettysburg, complaining about General Lee. He has seen the same sort of letter from a Union soldier, describing a visit from Abraham Lincoln where none of his troops would cheer him.

"These are the unvarnished, direct remnants of these people," Moore said. "It's not mediated by some scholar. You're getting it directly from their hands."

Anyone interested in including his or her family heirlooms in the state's digitized Civil War archive should call 615-253-3470 to schedule an appointment...

The archivists will be visiting every county in the state. On Aug. 6, the preservation project will be in Murfreesboro. For more information, visit: <http://tn.gov/tsla/cwtn>

Contact Jennifer Brooks at 615-259-8892 or jabrooks@tennessean.com

See: <http://www.tennessean.com/article/20100715/NEWS01/7150337/Tennesseans+asked+to+share+heirlooms+from+Civil+War>

Contributed by Neil Chippendale

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WHY DOCTOR GATLING INVENTED HIS GUN

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In 1877, Dr. Richard Jordan Gatling lived in Hartford, Connecticut next door to Mrs. Colt, widow of the late Samuel Colt at whose factory the Gatling Gun Company now contracted the manufacture of their guns. Mrs. Colts little niece, Elizabeth Jarvis, was a frequent visitor to the Gatling's hospitable residence, and Gatling explained to her his beliefs at the time he developed the guns.

Hartford, June 15th, 1877

My Dear Friend,

It may be interesting to you to know how I came to invent the gun which bears my name; I will tell you: In 1861, during the opening events of the war, (residing at that time in Indianapolis, md.) I witnessed almost daily the departure of troops to the front and the return of the wounded, sick, and dead. The most of the latter lost their lives, not in battle, but by sickness and exposure incident to the service. It occurred to me if I could invent a machine--a gun-- which could by its rapidity of fire, enable one man to do as much battle duty as a hundred, that it would, to a great extent, supersede the necessity of

large armies, and consequently, exposure to battle and disease be greatly diminished. I thought over the subject and finally this idea took practical form in the invention of the Gatling Gun.

Yours truly,
R.J. Gatling

See:

<http://www.civilwarhome.com/gatlinggun.htm>

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