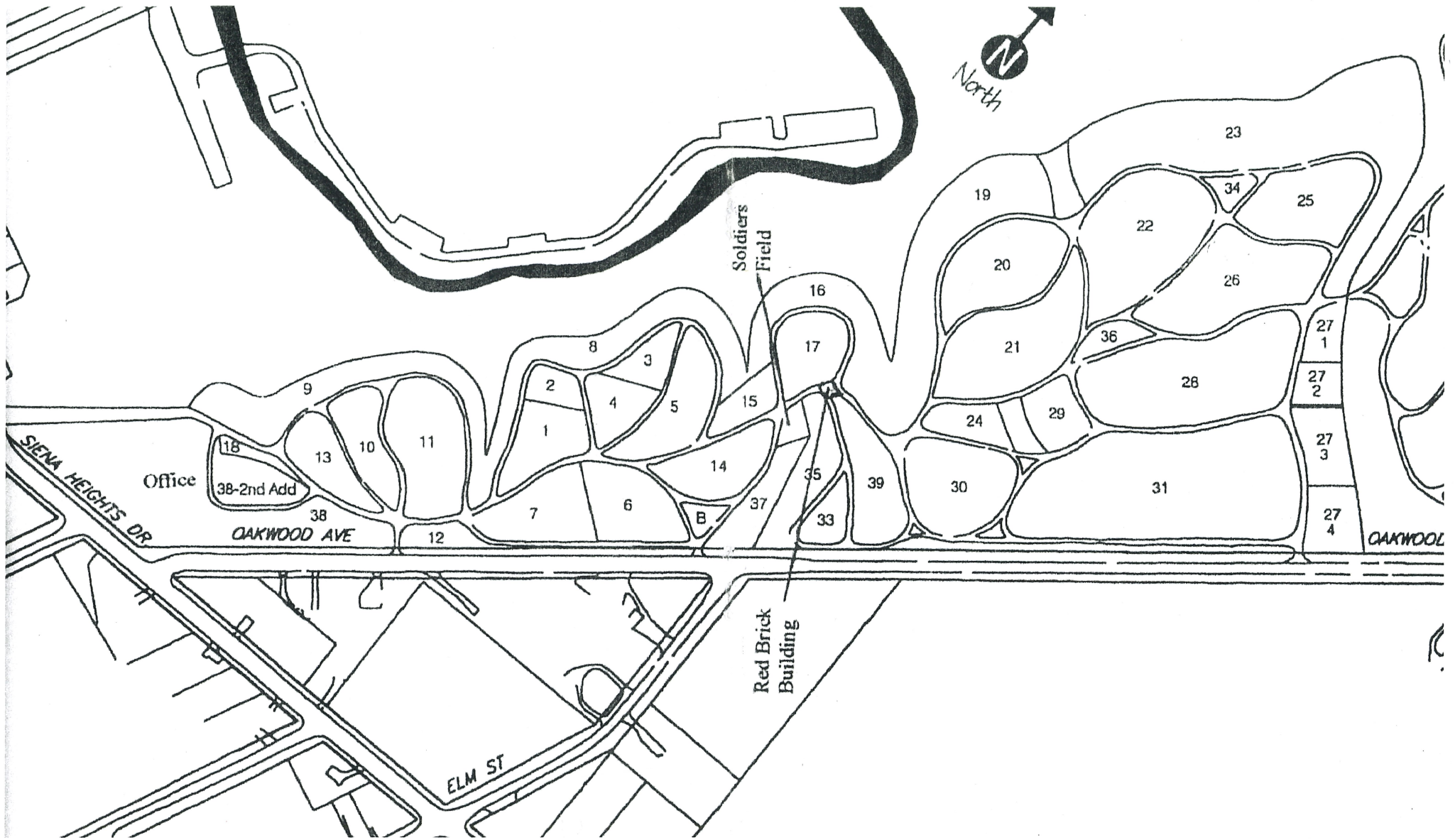


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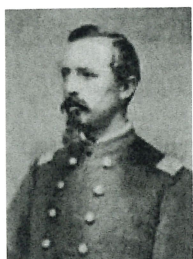
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Sgt. James Jackson



Cpl. Martin Loop



Pvt. Sumner Hartshorn

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Section 1

Sergeant Henry E. McLouth – (1842-1863) Company F, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Fought in numerous battles and skirmishes in Tennessee, including the Battle of Stones River. Killed in action charging the enemy at Sparta, TN on October 13, 1863.

Private Orin McLouth – (1844-1863) Company F, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Died at Adrian after being discharged for disability as a result of the war on October 27, 1863. Brother of Henry.

Section 4

Congressman Fernando Cortez Beaman – (1814-1882) An abolitionist, he was one of the founders of the Republican Party who attended the Jackson “Under the Oaks” convention in 1854 and a delegate to the party’s first national convention in 1856. Mayor of Adrian in 1856 and elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from the second district from 1861-1871. Strongly advocated the passage of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Captain Benjamin Franklin Graves – (1839-1917) Company G, 19th Ohio Infantry for three month service, fighting in the Battle of Rich Mountain, WV and reenlisted in Company L, 2nd Ohio Cavalry. Took part in the battles of Independence, MO, Prairie Grove, Pea Ridge, AK, Carthage, MO and other engagements in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas and Indian Territory. Promoted to captain and later discharged for disability in 1863 after being badly injured when his horse fell on him. Commander of the Woodbury G.A.R. Post #45.

Section 5

Lieutenant Colonel Seymour Howell – (1841-1909) Company F, 6th Michigan Infantry. Entered service as second lieutenant. Commissioned captain in Company C and later major. Engaged in the capture of Forts Jackson and St. Phillip, Battle of Baton Rouge, Siege of Port Hudson, LA, battles of Forts Gaines and Morgan, AL. Brevetted lieutenant colonel. Served as a major (Army Paymaster) in the Spanish-American War and in the Philippines from 1899-1903.

Captain Benjamin H. Berry – (1842-1925) Company A, 20th Michigan Infantry. Enlisted as first sergeant. Commissioned second lieutenant, first lieutenant and captain. Served as adjutant and aid de camp, First Brigade, First Division, Ninth Corps. Fought in the Battle of Fredericksburg, VA, the sieges of Vicksburg, MS and Knoxville, TN, battles of Spotsylvania, Wilderness, Cold Harbor and Petersburg, VA. Discharged for disability August 22, 1864.

Section 8

Governor Charles M. Croswell – (1825-1886) An abolitionist, he helped establish the Republican Party “Under the Oaks” at Jackson in 1854 and was mayor of Adrian in 1862. As a state senator (1862-1867) he encouraged Michigan’s vote to end slavery through the 13th Amendment. Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives from 1873-1874 and elected governor of Michigan from 1876-1881.

Mrs. Josephine Southworth Wilcox – (1832-1897) Sewed and presented a national regimental flag to the 4th Michigan Infantry on their departure from Adrian on June 21, 1861. Stitched on it was the wording: “The Ladies of Adrian to the Fourth Regiment Michigan Infantry, Defend It”. Her husband, William, served as mayor of Adrian in 1865.

Section 9

Colonel Dwight A. Woodbury – (1828-1862) Colonel of the 4th Michigan Infantry. Militia commander who recruited and organized the regiment, leading it in the Peninsula and Seven Days Campaigns. Killed instantly by a musket ball striking his forehead while trying to reorganize and rally retreating troops of another regiment (9th Massachusetts) fleeing into his ranks during a desperate struggle in the Battle of Malvern Hill, VA on July 1, 1862.

Lieutenant Colonel Loren L. Comstock – (1825-1863) Mexican War veteran, lieutenant colonel, 1st Michigan Infantry for 3 months service. Commissioned captain, Company A and promoted to lieutenant colonel, 17th Michigan Infantry. Fought in the battles of First Bull Run, VA, South Mountain, Antietam, MD, Fredericksburg, VA, the Siege of Vicksburg, MS and Campbell's Station, TN. Mortally wounded by a shot from a rebel sharpshooter at Knoxville, TN on November 25, 1863. Grave unmarked, possibly reburied at Forest Hill Cemetery, Ann Arbor.

Lieutenant Colonel William Huntington Smith – (1823-1863) Company A, 20th Michigan Infantry. Entered service as captain. Commissioned major and lieutenant colonel. Commanded regiment from March through November 1863. Engaged in the Battle of Fredericksburg, VA and the Siege of Vicksburg, MS. Commanding the regiment, he was killed in action at the Battle of Campbell's Station, TN on November 16, 1863, "pierced through the brain by a rebel bullet". "He was in every respect, a model soldier", from The Story Of The 20th Michigan Infantry.

Captain Frederick S. Ladd – (1819-1864) Company C, 9th Michigan Cavalry. Active in the pursuit and capture through southern Ohio of the rebel raider General John Hunt Morgan as well as many battles and skirmishes in Tennessee and the Siege of Atlanta, GA. Killed in action at Cypress Swamp, GA on December 7, 1864 during "Sherman's March to the Sea".

Sergeant Harmon Camburn – (1842-1906) Company D, 2nd Michigan Infantry. Fought in the battles of First and Second Bull Run, the Peninsula and Seven Days Campaigns, VA (Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Glendale and Malvern Hill), Fredericksburg, VA, sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson, MS and Campbell's Station, TN. Severely wounded in action (shot through the lung) during the Siege of Knoxville, TN on November 24, 1863. Captured by the Confederates and exchanged a few days later. Commander of the Woodbury G.A.R. Post #45.

Section 11

Major Samuel E. Graves – (1839-1925) 2nd lieutenant, Company F, captain, Company G, 12th Michigan Infantry and major, 30th Michigan Infantry. Participated in the Battle of Shiloh, TN, sieges of Vicksburg, MS and Little Rock, AK. Assistant adjutant general, First Brigade, Second Division, July 1863-December 1864.

Captain Alonzo M. Rogers – (1843-1865) Company C, 18th Michigan Infantry. Promoted to captain of the First Georgia Battalion, U.S. Army, October 30, 1864. Some of the men he commanded were ex-Confederate POWs who became "Galvanized Yankees" as well as "loyal" Georgians. Died soon after the war. Brother Charles, a lieutenant, buried in section 20.

Section 13

Private Sumner Hartshorn – (1837-1919) Company C, 12th Iowa Infantry. Known as the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh", he fought in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, TN, Corinth, Siege of Vicksburg, MS and Nashville, TN.

Section 16

Lieutenant Colonel Richard B. Robbins – (1833-1905) Company F, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Entered service as captain and later commissioned major in 1863. Participated in over sixty battles and skirmishes throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, including Stones River, TN, Chickamauga, GA, Missionary Ridge, TN and the Atlanta Campaign. Brevetted lieutenant colonel, March 18, 1865, for "gallant and meritorious service" in action leading his battalion at Kingston, GA, where he was also badly wounded (left arm shattered) on May 18, 1864. After being disabled, he commanded Camp Blair in Jackson, MI. Elected mayor of Adrian, state representative and senator. Appointed as U.S. consul at Ottawa, Canada.

Lieutenant John B. Masten – (1836-1919) Company I, 7th Michigan Cavalry. Entered service as a sergeant, promoted to second and later first lieutenant, Company M. Fought under the command of Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer as part of the famed "Michigan Cavalry Brigade". Participated in the battles of Gettysburg, PA, Yellow Tavern, Wilderness, Trevilian Station, 3rd Winchester, Cedar Creek, Five Forks, Sailor's Creek and Appomattox, VA.

Section 17

Colonel Lyman S. Elliott – (1818-1865) Enlisted in and then elected lieutenant colonel of the 47th Ohio Infantry. Commissioned colonel, July 17, 1862. Active in all engagements of the regiment from Carnifex Ferry, WV through the Siege of Vicksburg, MS. Honorably discharged on February 17, 1864, died June 5, 1865.

Major James D. Hinckley – (1830-1904) Raised Company B of the 18th Michigan Infantry and commissioned its captain. Promoted to major on March 21, 1865. Engaged in the regiment's battles and skirmishes in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama, including Athens and Decatur, AL.

Section 18

Captain Albert F. Crane – (1834-1871) Company H, 81st Illinois Infantry. Participated in the campaigns for Vicksburg, MS (Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion Hill, and assaults on Vicksburg), Atlanta, GA (Kennesaw Mountain, battle and siege of Atlanta, Jonesboro) and Mobile, AL. His name is engraved inside the Illinois Monument at Vicksburg.

Section 19

Colonel William H. Graves – (1836-1874) Captain, Company K, 1st Michigan Infantry. Lieutenant colonel and colonel, 12th Michigan Infantry. Fought in the battles of First Bull Run, VA (wounded in the leg on July 21, 1861), Shiloh, TN, sieges of Vicksburg, MS and Little Rock, AK. Brigade commander July 1863-June 1865. Brother of Samuel.

Captain Henry King – (1838-1924) Company F, 47th Ohio Infantry. Took part in the Battle of Carnifex Ferry, WV, Siege of Vicksburg, MS, Missionary Ridge, TN and the Atlanta Campaign, being badly wounded at Resaca, GA on May 14, 1864. Very successful in architecture, contracting and building. He constructed water works systems for cities throughout the country and invented the rural mail box, city letter box/fastener and street signs. Superintendent of the Bond Steel Post Company. Built the first steel building in Adrian.

Section 20

Sergeant James H. Jackson – (1844-1878) Served as a private in Company D, 54th Massachusetts Infantry (famed African-American regiment) and as a sergeant in Company B, 55th Massachusetts Infantry. Fought in battles and skirmishes in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Section 21

Corporal Judson Beach – (1835-1883) Company H, 5th Michigan Cavalry. Trooper in the “Michigan Cavalry Brigade”, commanded by Brigadier General George Armstrong Custer. Engaged in the Gettysburg, Overland, Shenandoah and Appomattox Campaigns. Brother Oliver, buried in Section 28, also served in Company H, 5th Michigan Cavalry.

Sergeant Charles H. Hack – (1848-1928) Company I, 11th Michigan Infantry. Enlisted in Company B, 7th U.S. Cavalry during its formation in 1866 under the command of Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer. Promoted to sergeant. Served on the Kansas frontier during “Hancock’s War” and fought in the Battle of the Washita, OK on November 27, 1868.

Private George Post – (1848 -1876) Trooper in Company I, 7th U.S. Cavalry, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer. “Killed in Custer Massacre”, Battle of the Little Big Horn, MT, June 25, 1876, probably along with most of the “Wild I” Company on Battle Ridge under the immediate command of Captain Myles Keogh. Actually buried at Little Big Horn Battlefield.

Section 22

Lieutenant Colonel Richard A. Watts – (1838-1920) Enlisted as a private in Company K, First Michigan Infantry. Reenlisted as a 2nd lieutenant and later commissioned 1st lieutenant and captain in Company A, 17th Michigan Infantry. Adrian College student wounded at First Battle of Bull Run, VA on July 21, 1861 and at Petersburg, VA on July 30, 1864. Cited for gallantry at the Battle of Spotsylvania and during the operations before Petersburg. Brevet major, March 25, 1865 and lieutenant colonel, April 2, 1865. Served as adjutant on the staff of Major General John Hartranft and appointed to be in charge of communication to the War Department during the imprisonment and execution of the Lincoln conspirators. He wrote the names of the executed on pieces of paper, put them in small bottles and placed in each coffin.

Lieutenant Colonel Nathaniel B. Eldredge – (1813-1893) Major, 7th Michigan Infantry. Lieutenant colonel, 11th Michigan Infantry. Fought in the battles of Balls Bluff, VA and Stones River, TN. Resigned in 1863 due to poor health. Served as mayor of Adrian in 1870 and U.S. Congressman from the second district, 1883-1887. Practiced medicine and law.

Major L. Briggs Eldredge – (1840-1909) Company K, 4th Michigan Cavalry. Entered service as 1st Lieutenant. Commissioned captain in Company B and major. Participated in numerous battles and skirmishes throughout Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia, including the battles of Stones River, TN, Chickamauga, GA, the Atlanta Campaign and the pursuit and capture of Confederate President Jefferson Davis. Son of Nathaniel.

Major Michael P. Long – (1823-1892) Company E, 3rd Michigan Infantry. Enlisted as a private, promoted to sergeant and later commissioned captain. Brevet major for “gallant and meritorious service”. Took part in the battles of First and Second Bull Run, Yorktown, Fair Oaks, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, VA, Gettysburg, PA and the Wilderness, VA.

Captain Jerome H. Fee – (1835-1914) Enlisted in Company K (Adrian Cadets), 1st Michigan Infantry as a corporal. Fought in the Battle of First Bull Run, VA. Graduated from Adrian College in 1862. Reenlisted in the 1st Independent Battery, Ohio Light Artillery, fighting in the battles of Carnifex Ferry, WV, South Mountain and Antietam, MD. Later he received a commission as captain in the 13th Regiment, U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery, serving in Kentucky. Co-owner of the Adrian Times & Expositor newspaper.

Captain John M. Messick – (1831-1891) Company K, 124th Indiana Infantry. Promoted to captain soon after enlistment. Marched with Major General William Tecumseh Sherman in the Atlanta Campaign, participating in the battles of Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek and Atlanta, GA as well as Franklin and Nashville, TN.

Lieutenant Orvey S. Barrett – (1832-1892) Company B, 4th Michigan Infantry. Fought in all the major battles of the 4th Infantry (Peninsular and Seven Days Campaigns, Shepardstown, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, VA) through Gettysburg, PA where he was seriously wounded in the leg during the “Wheatfield” melee on July 2, 1863. Wrote the historically significant book, Reminiscences, Incidents, Battles, Marches and Camp Life of the Old 4th Michigan Infantry in the War of Rebellion, 1861-1864.

Private Francis Wright – (1841-1894) Company B, 18th Michigan Infantry. Taken prisoner at Athens, AL, September 24, 1864 and sent to Cahaba Prison, released on April 22, 1865. Survived the explosion of the steamer Sultana on April 27, 1865 in which 1,200 were killed.

Section 23

Captain Charles R. Miller – (1835-1908) Company C, 18th Michigan Infantry. Graduate of the Michigan State Normal School (EMU) in 1855, the University of Michigan in 1858 and the U of M law school in 1860. After a year’s service with his regiment, by special order, he was made Assistant Judge Advocate of the Department of the Cumberland on the staff of Major General George Henry Thomas, “The Rock of Chickamauga”. Successful in business/banking.

Section 26

Brigadier General William Humphrey – (1828-1899) Company D, 2nd Michigan Infantry. Promoted from captain to colonel in 1863, then brevet brigadier general, August 1, 1864, “for conspicuous and gallant service”, commanding the second brigade of the third division in the Ninth Corps. Fought in all the major battles of the 2nd Infantry (First and Second Bull Run, Peninsula and Seven Days campaigns, Fredericksburg, sieges of Vicksburg, Jackson and Knoxville, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, battles in and around Petersburg). He was wounded twice at Spotsylvania, VA and later his brigade carried out important roles at Cold Harbor and Petersburg, VA during the Battle of the Crater. Elected Auditor General of Michigan from 1866-1874 and appointed warden at Jackson State Prison from 1875-1883.

Private J. Wallace Page – (1843-1916) Battery F, 1st Michigan Light Artillery. Part of General Sherman’s army during the Atlanta Campaign fighting in the battles of Resaca, Kennesaw Mountain, Marietta, Chattahoochee River, Decatur, Atlanta, Utoy Creek and siege of Atlanta, GA. His battery fired the first shell into the city. Also Nashville, TN and Wise Fork, NC. Inventor of the woven wire fence and owner/president of the very successful Page Woven Wire Fence Company, which employed well over one thousand people.

Soldier’s Field

Corporal Martin A Loop – (1843-1946) Company A, 17th Michigan Infantry. Active in most of the battles of the regiment (South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Siege of Vicksburg, Knoxville, Overland and Petersburg campaigns). Discharged for disability, January 1865. Vice Commander of the Woodbury G.A.R. Post #45. The last Lenawee County Civil War veteran. He passed away on September 17, 1946 at age 103.

Private James Coleman – (1843-1879) Company G, 54th Massachusetts Infantry. Wounded in action during the assault on Fort Wagner, SC, July 18, 1863, depicted in the movie “Glory”.

Other Civil War Monuments in Adrian

Monument Park – 436 East Maumee Street. Large Civil War memorial in the center includes a marble column from the Bank of Philadelphia, built in 1799. It was dedicated on July 4, 1870 to honor Adrian's soldiers who died in the Civil War. It includes 8 bronze plaques around a sandstone base with 84 fallen soldier's names. Also around the perimeter are four howitzer cannons.

Laura Haviland Statue – 110 East Church Street. Statue at the northwest corner of the Lenawee County Historical Museum grounds of the Anti-Slavery advocate/Underground Railroad Conductor and founder of the Raisin Institute which educated African-Americans and women. She had a \$3,000 bounty placed on her, "Wanted dead or alive!"

Camp Williams/ 4th Michigan Infantry Marker – 4th Michigan Infantry organizing site at 110 S. Madison Street, near North Hall, Adrian College. Enlisted men from southern Michigan counties trained here from May 1861 to June 21, 1861. They fought in most of the major battles of the Army of the Potomac through Petersburg, and would become one of the state's few "Fighting Regiments", losing more soldiers in battle than to disease.



Grave of Colonel Dwight Woodbury, 4th Michigan Infantry

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