

FORSYTH SCOUT - BEECHER ISLAND

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News Flash

This is not really Forsyth Scout - Beecher Island information, but is sort of connected. On May 30, 1869, the spring following the battle at Beecher Island, Scout Tom Alderdice's children were shot and his wife Susanna was carried away by Tall Bull's Dog Soldiers in the Spillman Creek raid in Lincoln County, Kansas. At that time among the others killed was George Weichell. His pregnant wife, Maria was carried away with Susanna. During a rescue attempt at the battle of Summit Springs, Colorado Territory, in July of that year, to prevent their escape, Susanna Alderdice was killed by the Indians and Maria was wounded, but rescued. Shortly after that Maria disappeared from history. Jeff Broome added some clues when researching "Dog Soldier Justice." About a year ago some new information was developed, which lead to finding new information on Maria. Late last month, a living descendant of Maria Weichell Mantz, and her daughter Minnie Grace Weichell Wurthman was located, after almost 139 years.

See Separate Attached Announcement!!!

A Correction

The last two newsletters came out with an error. Readers Kerry and Jane Peterson (I think Jane) are descended from Scout Howard Morton, not Scout George Green, as show earlier. Sorry! Fingers went faster than brain, neither is too quick.

Calendar

Fort Harker Days will be coming up in July at Kanopolis, Kansas. This is where the Scouts left from on their expedition that would make them famous. Jim Gray, The Cowboy, at Drovers Mercantile in Ellsworth, Kansas, can provide details. He can be contacted at www.droversmercantile.com or kansascowboy@kans.com, or 785-472-4703

In September, the 109th **Beecher Island Reunion** will be held at the battleground near Wray, Colorado on September 13 & 14, 2008. For contact information check here: http://www.wrayco.net/museum_beecher.html

Where are the Scouts Now?

Forsyth Scout Burials

Below are links, if they work, or cut and paste, for grave locations on Find A Grave. Some of the files I have contributed, some are by others, some of them still need details added but most have photo's.

Alderdice, Thomas, died May 29, 1925 at Conway Springs, Sumner County, Kansas, and is buried at the Milan Cemetery, Sumner County, Kansas with his second wife, Mary Amelia Lepper - Alderdice, and many of the children of his second marriage.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=alderdice&GSfn=thomas++&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSentry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14152765&>

Armstrong, Walter, unknown at present

Bankhead, Colonel Henry Clay, who lead the relief effort from Fort Wallace to Beecher Island, died January 9, 1894 at _____, New Jersey and is buried at Green Mount Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland. His wife Amelia Maria Wainwright - Bankhead, died at Fort Wallace on August 13, 1867 during a cholera outbreak and was originally buried in the Post Cemetery, but was probably later moved.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=bankhead&GSfn=henry&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=6778887&>

Beecher, Lt. Fredrick Henry, was killed on the first day of the battle and was buried on Beecher Island battlefield, his grave was desecrated by the Indians and his body was never recovered. There is a marker near the Beecher Island monument and his name and memorial story are on the Beecher family stone in Harmony Cemetery, Georgetown, Massachusetts. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=16067604>

Bennett, Wallace, unknown at present, he was thought to have been killed and buried near Anadarko, Oklahoma, Indian Territory in the 1870's, but new information shows a person with the same name arrested several times in the mid 1890's in Oklahoma, and as late as 1915 a Wallace Bennett, aged 65, was an inmate in the jail in Wichita, Kansas. Could this be the same one?

Boyle, Thomas, died March 19, 1904 in Lincoln, Lincoln County, Kansas. He is buried in the Lincoln city Cemetery, with his wife, Mary Ann Lowers - Boyle.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24403539>

Burke, Martin, unknown at present

Carpenter, Captain\General Louis Henry, Congressional Medal Of Honor recipient, and in charge of the relief of Beecher Island from the field, lead by Scouts Donovan and Peate, died January 21, 1916 at Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, and is buried at New Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, Swedesboro, New Jersey.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=carpenter&GSfn=louis&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=33&GSentry=4&GSob=n&GRid=5858252&>

Clark, George Burton or Burgess "Bert" died July 4 1898 at Grand Island, Hall County, Nebraska and is buried in the Grand Army of the Republic section of the Grand Island city Cemetery. His wife, Lucinda Jane Tripp - Clark, is believed to be buried in the Ogallala City Cemetery, Ogallala, Nebraska.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=clark&GSfn=george&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=31&GSentry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14152546&>

Culver, George Washington, he was killed early in the battle and buried on Beecher Island battlefield. His body was recovered in late December of 1868 and moved to the

Post Cemetery at Fort Wallace, Kansas. In 1886, after Fort Wallace was abandoned, his remains were moved to the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is buried next to Scout Lewis Farley.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=15483840>

Currie, James, died September 21, 1899 in Spokane, Washington of old age and natural causes. He is buried in the Greenwood Cemetery, Spokane, Washington.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=currie&GSfn=james&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=50&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=22924804&>

Davenport, Harry, unknown at present

Davis, Thaddeus K, unknown at present, It appears that on January 27, 1880 he filed for Pension, and the Beecher Island Annual seems to indicate that he may have been living as late as 1906 in Elizabeth, New Mexico.

Day, Barney, a County Commissioner, was killed in an ambush during a county seat war on July 4, 1883 at Hot Sulphur Springs, Grand County, Colorado. His wife, Sophrana Neff - Day was later buried next to him in 1907. Their son, Barney Jr., and his family all migrated to California.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=day&GSfn=barney&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=7&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=21683684&>

Donovan, John Joseph "Jack", died, September 25, 1892 in Denver, Colorado, probably of an abdominal cancer, possibly caused by a kick from a fracas horse. He along with his wife, Margaret Cecila Burke - Donovan, and their children and some descendants are buried at the Mount Olivet Catholic Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=donovan&GSfn=john&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=7&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14152592&>

Dupont, Alfred "Fred", died June 3, 1928 at the County Farm, at Montesano, Grays Harbor County, Washington and is buried at Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, Washington.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=14754632>

Eutsler, Andrew Jackson "A.J.", died February 10, 1882 south of where Tescott, Kansas now stands. He is buried in the Franklin Cemetery about two miles south of Tescott, Kansas. His wife, Eliza Ann Remy - Eutsler - Best is buried between him and her second husband, John Best. Some of the Eutsler descendants are also buried here.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=eutsler&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=12214588&>

Farley, Hutson Lewis, died January 9, 1911 at Sedro Woolley, Skagit County, Washington and is buried at the Union Cemetery, Sedro Woolley, Washington. His wife Lydia Eugenia "Jennie" Phelps - Farley is buried beside him and mother-in-law and all three daughter's are buried here along with Scout George Green and his family who are buried nearby.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=farley&GSfn=hutson&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=15485504&>

Farley, Lewis A., was wounded in the battle. He died September 26, 1868, of complications and shock from the amputation of his badly wounded leg, by Dr. Fitzgerald, in a field hospital, following the relief of the Scouts on the Island. Lewis was buried on Beecher Island battlefield, his body was recovered in late December of 1868 and moved to the Post Cemetery at Fort Wallace, Kansas. In 1886, after Fort Wallace was abandoned,

his remains were moved to the Fort Leavenworth National Cemetery, Leavenworth, Kansas, where he is buried next to Scout George W. Culver. His wife, Mary Lanham, died in 1859, before Lewis and Hutson came to Kansas.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=15586903> Mary Farley is buried in the Farley Cemetery, Carmel, Indiana. Her marker can be seen here. When looking closely at her marker it says "Mary, Wife of Lewis Farley". This is why I use the spelling of Lewis on his name, rather than Louis as some sources do.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=farley&GSfn=mary&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=17&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=13699258&>

Forsyth, Colonel\General George Alexander "Sandy", leader and namesake of the Forsyth Scouts died September 12, 1915 at Rockport, Essex County, Massachusetts and is buried at the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, where later his wife, Natalie Sedgwick Beaumont - Forsyth was buried and earlier two small children were buried.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=forsyth&GSfn=george&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=48&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=1135588&>

Gantt, Richard, unknown at present

Gilbert, Elijah A. aka McLaughlin, Lewis, died January 19, 1918 in a Soldier's Home in Yountville, Napa County, California, and is buried at the Old Oroville City Cemetery, Oroville, California, with his wife, Caroline "Maria" Woods - Gilbert and most of his children. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24404113>

Green, George, died October 2, 1913 at Seattle, King County, Washington and is buried in the Union Cemetery, Sedro Woolley, Washington. His wife, Josephine Amanda "Mae or Jody" Dart - Green was later buried beside him. Both of his daughters, and some of their descendants are also buried here, along with Scout Hutson Farley and his family who are buried nearby.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=green&GSfn=george&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=50&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=15485541&>

Green, John E., unknown at present, missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island.

Grover, Abner "Sharp", was shot and killed at a saloon in Pond Creek City, Wallace County, Kansas. He is buried in plot # 26 at the Fort Wallace Post Cemetery, Wallace, Kansas. After the battle of Beecher Island, in October of 1868 he was the head scout for Carpenter and the 10th Cavalry in the battle of Beaver Creek. In December of 1868 he led the detail back to Beecher Island to recover the bodies of the Scouts killed in the battle, of whom only Lewis Farley and George Culver, were recovered .

When the military remains were removed in the 1880's, his remains along with Scout Thomas O'Donnell's were not moved as they were civilians, or their military service, if any, was unknown. A few years ago both of the wooden markers for Scouts Grover and O'Donnell were replaced with military style stone markers.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=grover&GSfn=abner&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=15490760&>

Haley, John, was shot and killed February 11, 1872 about three miles southeast of where the present town of Lincoln, Kansas now stands. He is buried at the old St. John Catholic

Cemetery, Lincoln County, (south of Vesper) Kansas. He was killed in a dispute over some saw logs. Ezra Hubbard, who killed Scout Haley, was later beaten to death by a mob. Haley/Healy's mother and several siblings are also buried in this cemetery.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=20710390>

Herington, Franklin L. "Frank", died January 12, 1907 in or near Konawa, on the Pottawatomie - Seminole County line in, Oklahoma. His gravesite has not been found yet. He may be buried near Konawa in Pottawatomie or across the line in Seminole County, Oklahoma, possibly in an unmarked grave. He may also be buried near Oakman, just south of Konawa in northern Pontotoc County. His first wife, Martha Roe - Herington died in New Mexico in 1886 and is buried there, his second wife, Sarah Elizabeth Leanora "Nora" Rozell - Herington, re-married and later died in California.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=25599257>

Hurst, John, No Photo yet, died April 19, 1920 at Ogdensburg, St. Lawrence County, New York and is buried at the Campbell - Flackville Cemetery, Lisbon, New York. Both wives, Elizabeth A. Paul - Hurst and Sarah "Amelia" Armstrong - Hurst are also buried here, and possibly some of his descendants. The day I inquired about a photo, they said only the tops of the tallest markers were visible as there was over 4 feet of snow laying in the cemetery. They stated they would try to get a photo after the spring melt. If I get one, it will be posted.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=hurst&GSfn=john&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=36&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14753621&>

Inman, Maj. Henry, the Quartermaster who hired the Forsyth Scouts, died November 13, 1899 at Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas. He is buried near the center of the Old Ellsworth Cemetery, Ellsworth, Kansas, with his wife, Eunice Churchill Dyer - Inman and son Paul. His daughter, Katherine F. Inman - Sietz and her descendants are also buried close by as is the grave of Scout/Sheriff Chauncey Whitney and his family.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=Inman&GSfn=henry&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14471749&>

Johnson, Edward E., missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island, died June 6, 1899 in or near Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried in the Monroe Cemetery, about two miles south of Beverly, Kansas. He is buried with his wife, Mary Monroe - Johnson, and it is believed that his youngest brother, Nathan Clark Johnson is also buried there. Buried several spaces to the south is Scout D.C. Skinner.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=15145871>

Ketterer, J. H. (Kitver), unknown at present

Lane, Joseph, unknown at present

Lane, Marwin R., unknown at present

Lyden, John, was murdered in his home about February 10, 1875 about six or seven miles almost due south of Lincoln, Kansas. Several days later, his body was discovered in a well at an abandoned nearby farm. He was buried in a still unknown location in northern Ellsworth County, Kansas, near the site of an old Grange Hall or school. There were

several other unknown burials there too. With some more research, this can probably be located. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24440830>

McCall, William Henry Harrison, died June 13, 1883 at Prescott, Yavapai County, Arizona and is buried at Citizens Cemetery, Prescott, Arizona. It is assumed that his wife, Mary L. Wilson - McCall, who had died a year earlier, is also buried here, but there are no cemetery records for that time.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=mccall&GSfn=william&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=5&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=9751&>

McGrath, H. T., unknown at present

McLaughlin, Lewis A. see Gilbert, Elijah A.

Mapes, M. R., unknown at present

Moores, Dr John Henry, received a head wound the first day of the battle and lingered three days, dying on September 20, 1868. He was buried on Beecher Island battlefield during the battle. His grave was desecrated by the Indians and his body was never recovered. There is a marker near the Beecher Island monument and his name and memorial story are on the family stone at Riverside Cemetery, Plattsburgh, New York. Several years later, his wife, Helen M. Boynton - Mooers, was buried there.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=mooers&GSfn=john&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=36&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14753752&>

Morton, Howard, died February 7, 1925 at Palo Alto, Santa Clara County, California of a cancer caused by an Indian bullet. The bullet, that had destroyed the sight in one eye, had been lodged there since the battle. His remains were cremated and on June 6, 1925 his ashes were scattered at sea in a military ceremony at latitude 27.52 N, longitude 115.49 W. At this time it is unknown where his wife, Jessie Kent Wellington - Morton is buried.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=25596904>

Murphy, Thomas Benton, died December 4, 1929 at his farm home near Corbin, Sumner County, Kansas. He is buried at the Corzine Cemetery, Falls Township, Sumner County, Kansas, with his wife, Nancy Jane Thompson - Murphy. All of his children are also buried here.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=murphy&GSfn=thomas&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14170309&>

Nichols, Crosby B., unknown at present

Oakes, George Washington, died February 5, 1917 at Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, and is buried at the Evergreen Cemetery, Tucson, Arizona.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=oaks&GSfn=george&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=5&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14152635&>

O'Donnell, Thomas, was wounded in the battle. Following the relief, he was returned to the Fort Wallace Post Hospital. On November 18, 1868 he died in the Fort Wallace Post Hospital and on the 20th was buried in the Fort Wallace Post Cemetery. When the military remains were removed in the 1880's, his remains along with Scout Abner T. Grover's were

not moved as they were civilians, or their military service, if any, was unknown. A few years ago both of the wooden markers for Scouts O'Donnell and Grover were replaced with military style stone markers.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=o'donnell&GSfn=thomas&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=15490415&>

Peate, James Jared “Jack or J. J.”, he recruited all of the scouts from the Saline valley, he missed the battle, but was with Carpenter and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island. He died June 23, 1932 at his home on the north end of Beverly, Kansas and is buried in the Beverly City cemetery, Beverly, Kansas. He was buried next to his wife, Laura Williams Page - Peate, who had died a few years earlier. He is buried very near Scout Chalmers Smith. Unfortunately, his stone has been defaced with spray paint.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=peate&GSfn=james&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=18&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=12211501&>

Piatt, Charles Carroll, died June 9, 1910 at Cooperstown, Griggs County, North Dakota and is buried there in the city cemetery. Two of his children who died young are also buried with him. It is believed that his wife, Charlotte S. Millard - Piatt, later died and is buried in California.(No Photo yet. Hopefully soon. If I get a Photo, it will be posted)

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=piatt&GSfn=charles&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=14754688&>

Pliley, Allison John “A. J.”, died February 22, 1917 at Kansas City, Wyandotte County, Kansas and is buried at the Quindaro Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas. He is buried next to his wife, Martha "Mattie" Louise Young - Pliley. Several of his daughters and their spouses are buried with them or nearby.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=pliley&GSfn=allison&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=14356574&>

Ranahan, Thomas “Irish Tom,” missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island. Tom died December 27, 1926 at Boise, Ada County, Idaho. He is buried at Mount Saint Mary Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri, beside his wife, Mary Callam - Ranahan and with his parents and siblings. Later in life he was active in working for pensions for the Scouts and their widows.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=ranahan&GSfn=thomas&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=14471530&>

Reilley, William (Reilly), unknown at present

Shlesinger, Sigmund (sometimes Schlesinger), died April 20, 1928 at Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio and is buried at Mayfield Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio. Later his wife, Fannie Flesheim - Shlesinger and son Louis were also buried there. Sigmund was later in life active in lobbying for pensions for the Scouts and their widows.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=shlesinger&GSfn=sigmund&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=12304196&>

Simpson, Edward, unknown at present

Skinner, D. Calvin “D.C.”, he missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island. He died February 7, 1896 near Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas and is buried at Monroe Cemetery, two miles south of Beverly, Kansas. He is buried near a brother and some nephews. Scout Edward Johnson is buried to the north of him. D.C.'s wife, Hulda "Amanda" Cogswell - Dart - Skinner, and family moved to Longmont, Colorado after his death, and are buried there.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=15145941>

Smith, Chalmers, died March 31, 1919 at Beverly, Lincoln County, Kansas, and is buried in the Beverly City Cemetery. He was buried next to his wife Anna Elizabeth Bloomheart - Smith, who had died earlier. Several of his children were later buried nearby, as are his father, and Scout Jack Peate and his wife.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=smith&GSfn=chalmers&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=12200779&>

Stewart, William, unknown at present

Stilwell, Simpson Everett "Jack", died February 17, 1903 at Cody, Park County, Wyoming. He was originally buried at Riverside Cemetery, Cody, Wyoming and in the 1980's his unmarked grave was re-discovered and moved to the Old Trail Town Cemetery in Cody. His wife, Esther Hannah Sherwin - White - Stilwell, who later married Carlton D. "Carl" Hammitt, was later also buried in Riverside Cemetery, with her second husband, in another area. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24420840>

Stubbs, William Edward, he missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island. He died June 11, 1903 at Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado and is buried in Fairview Cemetery, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Apparently he and his wife, Essie Marilda Kennedy - Stubbs, separated, but never divorced, as she was eligible to receive his pension. Essie and their daughter, Jessie M. Stubbs - Wilson, are buried in Riverside Cemetery, Denver, Colorado.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24421514>

Thayer, Isaac "Doc", died October 13, 1905 at Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri and is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Missouri, beside where his only child, Charlotta "Lottie" Thayer - Crawford - Martyn - Wells was later buried in an unmarked grave. His wife, Mary E. Riggert, moved to southern California with her sister, following the death of her daughter in 1917. Mary died the following year and is buried in the Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=thayer&GSfn=isaac&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=26&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=10691161&>

His stone says, "McLain's Independent Light Artillery Battery, Colorado"

Trudeau, Pierre, his date and place of death and burial are unknown, but other histories seem to indicate that he probably died at or near Fort Sill, Indian Territory in the year following the Beecher Island battle and is probably buried on the Post or nearby in an unmarked grave.

Tucker, Henry Harrison, his grave was last known to be unmarked. He died March 6, 1908 near Roosevelt, Kiowa County, Oklahoma and is buried at the Hobart Rose Cemetery, Hobart, Oklahoma. His family was widely scattered, several sons are known to be buried in Oklahoma City, and one is in Dallas, Texas. The date of death and place of burial of his wife, Charlotte S. Ingersoll - Tucker is still unknown.

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=tucker&GSfn=henry&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSst=38&GSctry=4&GSob=n&GRid=14934289&>

Tozier, Edward George, he missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island. He died January 19, 1921 at Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon and is buried at the Sunrise Cemetery, Wasco, Oregon. This grave is thought to be unmarked. The date and place of death and burial of his wife,

Elvira "Ella" J. Bishop - Tozier, are unknown but it does not appear she is buried with Edward. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=24421949&>

Tozier, Richard Rice, he missed the battle, but was with Carpenter, Donovan, Peate and the 10th Cavalry on the relief of Beecher Island. He died May 6, 1902 near Tescott, Ottawa county, Kansas, and is buried in the Price Cemetery, about two miles northwest of Tescott, Kansas. Later his wife, Susannah "Sue" Catherine Kinsel - Tozier, was buried beside him. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=tozier&GSfn=richard&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=15478321&>

Vilott, Fletcher James, died February 15, 1912 at Mankato, Jewell County, Kansas and was buried at the Mount Hope Cemetery, Mankato, Kansas. Later his wife, Lettie Lucetta Frazier - Vilott, was buried next to him, along with several children. His youngest son, also named Fletcher, was killed in WWI and is buried in France. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=vilott&GSfn=fletcher&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=10990631&>

Whitney, Chauncey Belden, later, Sheriff of Ellsworth County, Kansas, was shot and mortally wounded by a drunk Texan, Bill Thompson, on August 15, 1873. He died on August 18, 1873 and was first buried at the old Episcopal Church Cemetery in downtown, Ellsworth, Kansas, and was later re-moved to the old Ellsworth Cemetery. His wife, Nellie Viola Henry, and her second and third husbands, were all later buried there, along with some of her ancestors and descendants. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=whitney&GSfn=chauncey&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=8332301&>

Wilson, John, unknown at present

Wilson, William, he was killed in battle and buried on Beecher Island battlefield. His grave was desecrated by the Indians and his body was never recovered. There is a marker near the Beecher Island monument with his name.

Zigler, Eli Maderson, died April 5, 1916 at Salem, Marion County, Oregon, and was buried at the Stipp - Macleay Cemetery, Fruitland, Oregon. He was buried next to his wife, Isadora "Dora" Dell Goble - Zigler, who had died several years previous. His mother, Mary, is also buried here and possibly his father, Michael. His daughters are mostly buried in other cemeteries in the Oregon area. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GSln=zigler&GSfn=eli&GSbyrel=all&GSdyrel=all&GSob=n&GRid=14152676&>



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Can anyone identify all the Scouts in this picture? Here are my guesses.

From the left

#1 unknown, maybe not a scout,

2Allison Pliley?,

3 Howard Morton,

4 Tom Ranahan?,

5 James Peate,

#6 unknown, maybe George Green?

Let me know, if you know or who you think they are.

That's all until next month.

Until then, Happy Trails.

Mike Day
Wichita, KS

Names & Connections of Readers

Mike Nelson, historian and related to Scouts Eutsler and Smith
Chris Bernard, descendant of Scout George B. Clark
Sam Geonetta, descendant of Scout George B. Clark
Mrs. Arliene Matthews, Tescott, KS museum
Madrene White, descendant of Scout Charles C. Piatt
Dr. Jeff Broome, western historian & author
Donna Tauber, Farley family historian
Donna Watters, descendant of Scout Thomas Alderdice's step-son Willis Daily
Jim Grey, Drovers Mercantile, Ellsworth, KS - historian
Gary Bathurst, historian, descendant from Alverson -Alderdice -Zigler line
Ginny Kane, descendant of the D.C. Skinner was with Peate in the relief
Jack Neely, descendant of Scout Allison Pliley
Jean Roen; Tucker family historian
Judy Lilly, historian, Campbell Room, Salina, KS Public Library
Vic & Kelly (Tucker) McCallay, descendant of Scout Henry Tucker
Kerry and Jane Petersen, descendant of Scout Howard Morton
Mary Smith, descendant, by marriage of Scout Chalmers Smith
Noel Bourasaw, historian, Sedro Woolley, WA, later home of Scouts Green & Farley
Orvel Criqui, author & historical researcher "The old Scout on the Kaw".
Sarah Ingram, Zeigler (Zigler) and Norton family historian
Sherry Witt, Herington family historian, cousin of Scout Frank Herington
The Glenn's, Beecher Island historians
Tracee Hamilton, Lincoln county, Kansas historian
Marilyn Helmer, Village Lines, Lincoln, KS & local historian
Wendy Ratnavale, descendant of Scout Sigmund Shlesinger
John Greenwald, descendant of Scout Sigmund Shlesinger
Kathy Atkins, Jewell County, KS, historian - researching Scout Vilott
Linda Olds, researching Scout George Green
Patsy Vinson, Scout Allison Pliley, researcher & cousin
Gill Donovan, cousin of Scout John "Jack" Donovan
Bill Anderson, descendant of Scout Chauncey Whitney
Bill Sutton, descendant of Scout Chauncey Whitney
Tod Sutton, descendant of Scout Chauncey Whitney
Bill Davis, western history researcher
Jim Sechrist, descendant of Christian Bernhardt, writer of the 1910, "Indian Raids in Lincoln County."
Bernard Kitt. Great grandson of Scout John Donovan
Larry Shirkey, historical researcher
Charlene Hagus, great granddaughter of Scout John Donovan
Dorothy and Ted Kitt, great grandson of Scout John Donovan
Jerry Mitchell, western history enthusiast
Chris Horn, western history enthusiast and former Civil War and frontier re-enactor
James Shaw, his great grandmother was Mary Isabella Beecher, sister of Lt. Beecher.
Leo Oliva, historian & author
Kathy Lupfer-Nielsen, Lincoln County Historical Society

Marge & Alfred Aufdemberge, Lincoln County Historical Society
Richard & Brenda Peterson, Lincoln County Historical Society
Jack & Kathie Crispin, Lincoln County Historical Society
Kerry Isbell, Lincoln County Historical Society
Leigh Geyer (great, great neice of Tom Boyle), Lincoln County Historical Society
Pam Morgan, Lincoln County Historical Society
Fort Wallace Museum
John Baetz, editor, Lincoln Sentinel-Republican, Lincoln, Kansas
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Mike Baughn, Historian
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