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CAMP 20
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
SONS of UNION VETERANS of the
CIVIL WAR
"PRESERVED BY THE GRACE
OF GOD..."



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BILL COSTELLO, STEVE REDINGER AND ART BONNELL

REMINDER- our next camp meeting will be Tuesday, September 2nd, 2008 at 7PM.
Camp 20 meets on the first Tuesday of the month, March through November, at the Oshtemo
Branch of the Kalamazoo Public Library, located at 7265 West Main Street.

THANKS TO ALL UNITED STATES VETERANS FOR
YOUR SERVICE!

2008 EVENTS

PRAIRIE RIVER MONUMENT RE-DEDICATION

THE PROGRAM IS TO BEGIN AT 10:00 AM ON AUGUST 30 AT THE PRAIRIE
RIVER CEMETERY.

THE MARCH TO THE SEA CAMP #135 OF THE SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE
CIVIL WAR EXTENDS AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO ATTEND A RE-DEDICATION
CEREMONY FOR THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC MONUMENT SITED AT THE
PRAIRIE RIVER CEMETERY IN CENTREVILLE.

CAMP 20 IS HOSTING A GRAVESTONE DEDICATION FOR SOLOMON OSTRANDER,
OAKWOOD CEMETERY, ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN. HE WAS IN BATTERY C, 1ST
MICHIGAN LIGHT ARTILLERY.

DATE October 4th at 2:30 pm
COMMITTEE

- 1. STEVE REDINGER
2. BILL BRENNAN
3. DAN KNIGHT

REMEMBRANCE DAY AT GETTYSBURG is November 19, 2008

# NOTICE

## **PROPOSED CAMP 20 BY-LAWS CHANGE:**

(COPIES OF THIS PROPOSED CHANGE WERE HANDED OUT AT THE JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2008 MEETING  
AND INCLUDED IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER)

**(This was shelved till the September meeting)**

### THE LAST SURVIVING MEMBER OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

was Albert Woolson, born 11 Feb.1847, died 2 Aug.1956



### THE LAST AUTHENTICATED VETERAN OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY

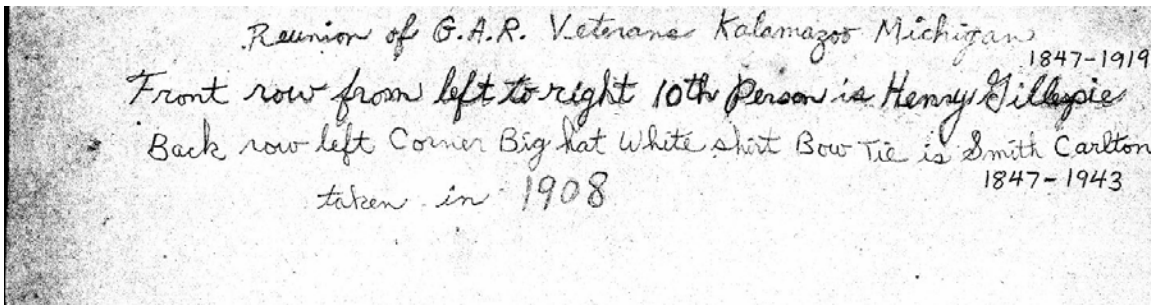
was Pleasant Crump of the 10th Alabama, who died on 31 Dec 1951. There are 2 other claims that are disputed: Walter Washington Williams (died 19 Dec 1959) of Texas and for John Salling (died 19 Mar 1959) of Virginia.



## Cenotaph

A cenotaph is a memorial marker erected in honor of a person whose remains are elsewhere.

### REUNION OF THE 13<sup>TH</sup> MICHIGAN INFANTRY IN KALAMAZOO, MI OCTOBER 1908



The October Camp 20 meeting will begin one hour earlier at 6pm. We are having a presentation at 7 pm by Camp 20 member, Brother Michael Culp, 13<sup>th</sup> Michigan authority; he has been relentless in his study of this local regiment.

This event at 7pm is open to the public so please tell everyone.

Please submit items to be added to this newsletter to-

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