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# THE FAIRBANK VIEW.

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## WANTED

The Fairbank historical society is looking for photos of Weddings, Military - civil war to present, School - sports, music, photos of your farm or home, photos of businesses inside and out.

Composite photos (8 x 10) of Fairbank graduation photographs for the years 1918 to 1926

Photos of Fairbank for the years 1920 thru to the present.

If you would be willing to allow us to copy your photos, someone could come to your home with a scanner so the photos will not leave your possession.

or

We could pick them up, scan them and return them to you.

or

You could scan them yourself and burn them to a disk and mail it to us.

If you scan the photos yourself use the following scanner settings:

From the "manual Menu"

Set the exposure type to "Photo"

Scan in color (even black & white photos)

Scan at the highest resolution you can, minimum of 300 dpi, 1200 dpi is great.

Save as a jpeg file

Burn them to a CD and mail it to:

Fairbank Historical Society

Box 325

Fairbank, Iowa 50629

If you have any questions contact Robert Shields 319-635-2713 or Howard Durham 319-635-2343



This is a 1949 composite 8 X 10 photo that we copied and enlarged to 17 X 26 to match the other Graduation Photo that hung in the Elementary school. We are still missing years 1918 thru 1926.

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Congregation to Mary Ann (Cowlshaw) Rogge of Loves Park IL, the winner if the painting done by Rev. Scott Jans, given away at the Holiday Hop.

We would like to thank the Fairbank American Legion for there help with the painting give away.

# 150 years ago, men from the area in the Civil War.

Winter of 1861 - 1862

## 1st Iowa Cavalry

The first engagement in which the 1st Iowa Cavalry participated in was fought on December 19, 1861, on the Black Water River, near the town of Milford, Missouri, under command of Major Torrence, along with a detachment of the Fourth United States Cavalry. This force attacked a camp of rebel recruits, who were on their way to join the rebel army under General Price.

The following is from the official report by General Pope. "At a late hour in the afternoon we came upon the enemy, encamped in the wooded bottom land on the west side of the Back Water opposite the mouth of Clear Creek. His pickets were immediately driven in across the stream, which was deep, and impassable, except by a long narrow bridge which the enemy occupied in force. Colonel Davis brought forward his force, and directed that the bridge be assaulted. The two companies of the Fourth Regular Cavalry being in advance were designated for that service, and were supported by the five companies of the First Iowa, Lieutenant Gordon of the Fourth Cavalry led the charge in person with the utmost gallantry and vigor, carried the bridge in fine style, and immediately formed his company on the opposite side. The force of the enemy posted on the bridge retreated precipitately over a narrow open space in the woods, where his whole force was posted. Our forces still continuing to press forward, and the enemy finding his retreat south and west cut off, and that he was in presence of a large force, and at best could only prolong the contest a short time, surrendered at discretion."

Within five days the infantry forces comprising this expedition have marched 100 miles, the cavalry more than double that distance, having swept the whole country of the enemy, west of Sedalia and as far as Rose Hill to a line within 15 miles of the Osage. Union troops had captured nearly 1,500 prisoners, 1,200 stand of arms, nearly 100 wagons, and a large quantity of supplies.

The next engagement—known as the "Battle of Silver Creek" was participated in by four companies of the First Iowa Cavalry. "By order of General Pope

the First proceeded from Otterville for the purpose of dispersing sundry rebel camps which were being formed in the vicinity, and arrived here Sunday, Jan. 5, 1862. On the morning of the 8th, five companies of the Fifth Iowa Infantry arrived from Boonville and leaving them to guard our camp here, the command was on the march by 8 o'clock. We arrived near the location of their camp, which was situated on or near the headwaters of Silver Creek, about 4 P. M., and made the attack at half past. The enemy was protected by dense woods and underbrush and there was no approaches to them save through a narrow road, only wide enough for two men to ride abreast. Our troops were ordered to dismount, every fifth man holding horses, and we prepared to fight on foot. The engagement commenced at once.... The enemy faltered, gave back, retreated in disorder, and we soon had possession of their camp.

It was found impossible to overtake the rebels, they being well mounted and familiar with the roads and by-ways of the wooded country in which they made their camps. In this engagement the command lost 27 men, killed and wounded. The loss of the enemy could not be definitely learned, but was supposed to be about 60 in killed and wounded. James Convey, of the First Iowa, was mortally wounded and died the next day.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry

For a short time the 5th was in quarters at Jefferson Barracks, and from there proceeded to Jefferson City, for the remainder of the 1861, and until April 28, 1862, no considerable bodies of the enemy were encountered.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Iowa Infantry

On the last days of 1861, the official returns showed an aggregate strength of 995 men. The active winter campaign which followed, had further reduced its fighting strength, and when it first went into battle it numbered little more than half the 995. On January 21, 1862 the regiment was consolidated, and was conveyed by rail to Rolla, Mo. From there the 9<sup>th</sup> begins its first real campaign against the enemy. Marching to Lebanon, Mo., it joined the Army of the Southwest commanded by General Curtis. Upon the approach of the Union forces, the rebel General Price evacuated Springfield, which he had occupied

during the winter, and began his retreat towards the Ozark Mountains followed by General Curtis' army in pursuit of the rebel enemy.

**Source:** Iowa, Adjutant General Office. *Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion, Together with Historical Sketches of Volunteer Organizations, 1861-1866*. Des Moines: E. H. English, State Printer, E. D. Chassell, State Binder, 1908-11.

*Roster and Record of Iowa Troops in the Rebellion, Vol. 1 thru VI*

### Men that served from Illinois and later moved to the Fairbank area

Name	Company	Regiment
Joseph H. McIntyre	F	6th IL Cav.
Franklin Jenson	A	13th IL Cav.
Charles H. Proctor	A	8th IL Inf.
Felix Boyl	F	13th IL Inf.
Samuel L. Fidment	F	13th IL Inf.
Wallace Newton	E	15th IL Inf.
Constantine Zuraff	A	33rd IL Inf.
John Long	D	59th IL Inf.
Fletcher W. Nichols	F	105th IL Inf.
John S. Ball	B	124th IL Inf.
Lafayette Boutwell	I	127th IL Inf.
Franklin Howard	I	127th IL Inf.

### Lots of emotions in Fairbank last week

The Fairbank landmark that holds many warmhearted memories to the people in the area, was torn down in less then 7 hours last week with little fanfare.



The original three story high school/ elementary school was torn down December 10th by Larsons Construction of Independence, to make way for a play area for the new elementary school that was build to the north last year.



School under construction in 1917



New Elementary School built in 2010



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**Our Web Site**

[www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~iafhs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~iafhs)

**Reminder;**  
Next years dues are due January 1st 2012

**Membership:**

All residents of the Fairbank area and friends of historic preservation are invited to participate in the meetings and events and to become members.

Membership is: Annual - \$10, Lifetime - \$100

If you would like to become a member send a check for the appropriate amount, fill out and mail this portion to:

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