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# THE FAIRBANK VIEW.

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Howard Durham and Maurice Welsh look over the maple floor they removed from Mrs. Harter's 6th Grade room

## PAINTING RAFFLE



The Historical Society with the help of the Wapsie Valley School has started to remove items from the Fairbank Elementary School before it is torn down and things will be lost forever. Some of the items saved are the Stage Curtains, a classroom door with the transom window and hardware, the three arched leaded glass windows from the entry way, a black board with the chalk tray, roughly 800 Sq. Ft. of Maple hardwood floor from one of the classrooms, a couple wooden chairs with arms, and some of the old roofing tiles from the original roof.

The Items will be cleaned and stored away till a location for their display is found. Some member thought of using some of the wood floor to make picture frames or other gift items for fund raising.

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The Fairbank Historical Society is raffling off a 24 X 30 inch print on canvas of an oil painting done by local artist Rev. Scott Jans. The original painting was done of a Fairbank scene showing WWI soldiers standing in formation on the Main Street of Fairbank, at the town's celebration of their return in 1919. This is one of Rev. Jans few color paintings and the only one done in the "Primitive or Grandma Moses' " style. Rev. Jans is more noted for his pencil line art.

Historical Society members will be selling tickets until the drawing on November 17, at the Christmas Hop.

You do not need to be present to win.

# THE FALL OF 1861

In our last issue I said we would follow the local war Veterans through the time line of the Civil War. In my research I found 117 veterans that lived in the “Four County Area” either before the war or moved here soon after its end. This includes men from 15 Iowa regiments, and regiments from the States of Illinois, Indiana, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. Three Vets from the regular US Army, and one Vet of the War of 1812 and Civil War from Virginia. We’ll try to follow the regiments that had the largest enlistment from the area.

This Issue we’ll follow the 1<sup>st</sup> IA CAV., the 5<sup>th</sup> IA INF, and the 9<sup>th</sup> IA INF through the fall of 1861.

The 27<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Regiments, two other units that also had large enlistment hadn’t formed yet.

**The First Iowa Volunteer Cavalry Regiment**, was mustered into service September 12, 1861, at Burlington, Iowa. On the 30th day of September, six companies embarked on steamers for St. Louis, and went into quarters at Benton Barracks, Missouri. The Army at that time, and for a long time later, was not able to fully equip all the cavalry regiments. The Army equipped the First Iowa with only revolvers and sabers at first. The 6th cavalry soldiers not being provided with carbines were placed at a disadvantage, except when fighting at very close range or engaged in a hand to hand conflict, when the saber and revolver were the most effective.

The State of Missouri was torn by the conflict between those of citizens who adhered to the cause of the Union and those who had adopted the cause of the Rebellion. Armed conflicts occurred frequently, and the number of those who had cast their lot with the rebel cause had increased to such proportions as to strain the available resources of the Government, in its efforts to protect the loyal citizens, who were subjected to pillage and murder at the hands of lawless bands, often composed of those who had been their friends and neighbors previous to the out-break of the war.

These rebel bands, being mostly well mounted

and familiar with the country could only be successfully pursued by cavalry. Battlefields were in the byways and wasted places, where the rebel had their holes. Marches were often done at night because from hilltops and sometimes from the tree tops, watcher looked out to note the First’s progress and fix an ambush.

Veterans of companies F and G: Hiram Balcom, Marshall Carpenter, Josiah Platt, John Roberts, Samuel W. Ross, William Sayles, and Robert Young.

**The Fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment**, was mustered into service by July 17, 1861, in Burlington, Iowa. The regiment was ordered into active service very soon after it was mustered. Colonel Worthington received orders from General Pope to proceed to Keokuk and “be in readiness to repel a threatened invasion of Iowa” by a force of rebels approaching the State line. The Fifth and Sixth Regiments at once proceeded to Keokuk, where they received arms and ammunition, and marched into the State of Missouri to meet the rebels army. Upon the approach of the Union troops, the rebel force promptly retreated, and being mounted, the Iowa troops did not have a chance to overtaking them. The regiment was ordered to return to Keokuk, and on August 11, 1861, it was conveyed to St. Louis by steamboat.

For a short time it was in quarters at Jefferson Barracks, and from there proceeded to Jefferson City, the capital of Missouri, where it was stationed from August 18 to September 1, 1861. The operations of the regiment covered a wide extent of territory in the states of Missouri, Kentucky, Arkansas and Tennessee, but its principal service was in Missouri, in which State it marched and counter-marched for long distances, and performed important and arduous service.

Veterans of companies E and F: William Coddling, Mervin Conkling, John McCray, Alexander Munger, William Peck, Peter Putman, Jeremiah Rea, Jeremiah Richards, John Richards, George Sellers, Simon Shultz, George Sitler, and Reynar Walker.

**The Ninth Iowa Volunteer Infantry Regiment,** mustered into the service of the United States on dates ranging from September 2nd to September 24th, 1861. Two days later, the regiment embarked at Dubuque, on steamboats and was transported to St. Louis and, upon its arrival there, marched to Benton Barracks, Missouri, where it received the first supply of arms, clothing and camp equipment, remaining there until October 11th. It was then ordered to proceed to Franklin, Missouri. Companies were detached to different points for the purpose of guarding the railroad from Franklin toward Rolla, Missouri. During the three months in which the regiment remained in guard duty, it suffered greatly from exposure to the inclement winter weather, and, like all new regiments, was subjected to much sickness because of such exposure.

Veterans of companies C, E, D, and K: Horace Adams, George Carpenter, Harvey Chase, Isaac Chase, Clement Dorland, John Ford, Charles Hobart, Daniel Kerns, Thomas McCunniff, Henry McGuire, Samuel Monroe, Enoch Platt, John Redfield, George Turner, Fredrick Wilbur, Henry Wilbur, and William Willey.

**Source;**

*Iowa Adjutant General Office. Roster and Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of the Rebellion*

*Historical Sketches of Volunteer Organizations, 1861-1866.*

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

Thank you to everyone who helped reclaim and store the hardwood floor

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Some photo of the floor reclaim operation.





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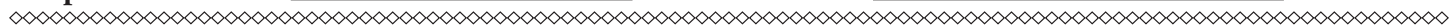
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