

Last Civil War Veteran of Pike County Honored by Camp Commander Don Martin

The Sergeant Richard Enderlin Camp #73, Ohio Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (SUVCW), honored Mr. Samuel Ake Shattuck on the 3rd of October 2009, as Pike County's Last Union Soldier of the Civil War. The ceremony opened with members of the camp in uniform marching into the ceremony area. Enderlin Camp Commander Donald L. Martin opened the ceremony. Darby Beekman, Pastor, Mt. Holy Church of Christ in Christian Union conducted the Invocation and Benediction. Mr. Shattuck was a member of this congregation.

The guest speaker at the Shattuck ceremony was the David V. Medert, Past Commander in Chief of the SUVCW. Mrs. Rita Perry of Waverly unveiled the plaque. Her Great Grandfather Lt. Col. Thomas Higgins was the 1st Commander of Company B 73rd Ohio Volunteer Infantry in which Ake Shattuck served. Henry Shaw, Colonel, Deputy Commander of the Sons of Veterans Reserve laid a wreath followed by taps played by Brother John Huffman, First Sergeant, 122nd Army Band, Ohio National Guard.

Many relatives of Mr. Shattuck's were among the over 40 people present at the ceremony. One guest related how she used to stay with his family and he would buy her candy. Commander Bob Davis of Columbus and Senior Vice Commander Chuck Reeves of Cincinnati represented the Department of Ohio. Past Department of Ohio Commanders Jim Huston and Ray Nagel also made the 2-hour drive from Cincinnati to be present. Department of Ohio Chief of Staff Jonathan Davis of Columbus attended as well.

Samuel Ake Shattuck was born on May 31, 1842, the son of Samuel Shattuck (1798-1860) and Mary Fouts (1806-1860) both of New Hampshire. On 17 Feb 1868, he married Lydia Walls (1845- Mar 9, 1926) in Pike County, Ohio. At age 98, he died on Nov 12, 1940, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ake Walls where he resided. He is buried in McBee Cemetery West on Leeth Creek Road in Benton Township.

In the first year of the Civil War Ake Shattuck answered his nations call. At age 19 he enlisted as an Army Private on November 18, 1861. In December he mustered into "B" Co. OH 73rd Infantry. He soldiered with the Army of the Potomac fighting at Bull Run, marched through Tennessee and Virginia, and took part in the battles of those regions. On July 2, 1863, he was wounded on the 2nd day of the Battle of Gettysburg, PA. Lewis Weiss, the grandfather of Earl and Paul Weiss, of Waverly carried him from the battlefield. Two years later on January 24, 1865, he was Mustered Out in Columbus, OH, for expiration of service.

Ake was a member of the Mt. Holy Church of Christ in Christian Union and their Veterans Day Booklet of 6 Nov 2005 states: "In 1870, under the leadership of John Treat, he heard the call of one even greater than Lincoln- Who is Jesus Christ. He enlisted in His cause and walked his remaining years with his Lord. He was instrumental in seeing to the building (by donating the lumber) and growth of Mt. Holy Church of Christ in Christian Union where he taught many Sunday School lessons."

The Republican Herald of Waverly on 3 June 1937 ran an article about a surprise party for Ake's 95th Birthday. At the party Ake related the following story: "He (Ake) related a story of their

march through Virginia. They had been told that in a short time they would be called into battle, as they marched along with this solemn thought in mind an old colored lady sallied out as she passed by a plantation shouting. ‘The Good Lord told us you were coming this way.’ An Irishman in the ranks with the thought of battle on his mind replied, ‘hen did He say we were coming back?’ The combat came and the Irishman never came back.”

“Ake” as he was know, and his two sisters Mary and Margaret all married in Pike County, Ohio. The three Shattuck children all married descendents of Levi Walls. Margaret married Elias Walls, Mary, Elias’s brother James, and Ake’s wife Lydia, was the daughter of a 3rd Walls brother named Joshua.

On behalf of Camp #73, Commander Don Martin would like to thank the following people and organizations for helping us to recognize Samuel Ake Shattuck:

Pike County Convention Bureau
Mrs. Rita Perry
Mr. Tom Klinger
Lenoir Taylor of Washington Court House
Waverly High School Leo Club
Waverly Lions Club
Pike Genealogical Society
The Walls Family

Mr & Mrs Frank Walls, James E. Massie, Chuck & Dixie Leeth Marion & Nancy Massie, Ean Perkins & Lindsey Smith, Larry & Audra Herman, Stephen Walls, Ricky A. Walls, Gary Walls, Gail Herman, Carlos Herman, Steve & Rosetta Schaeffer, Dwight & Mary Lou Walls, John Joyce Hopper, and Everett & Elsie Walls.



