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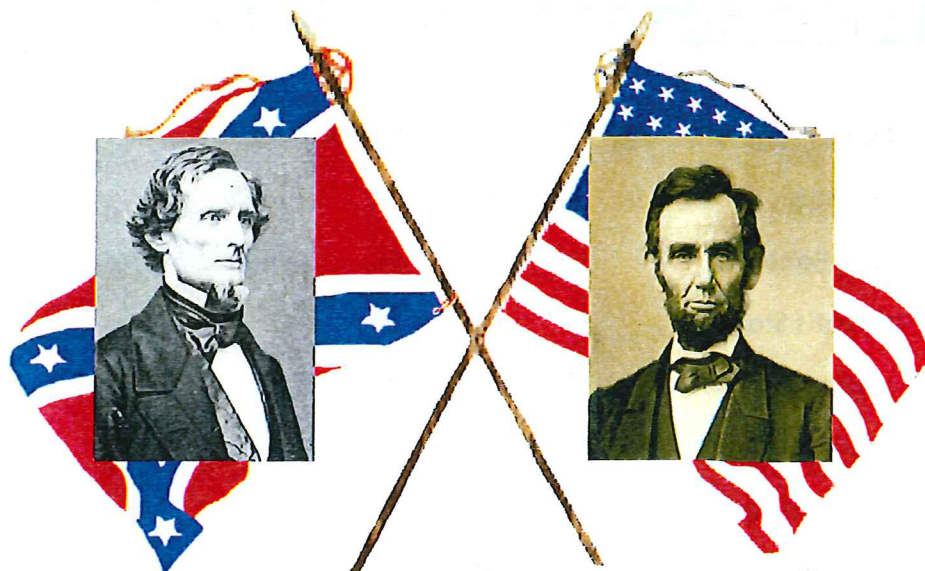
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# East Lawn Cemetery Walk

## Civil War Veterans

### Part 1

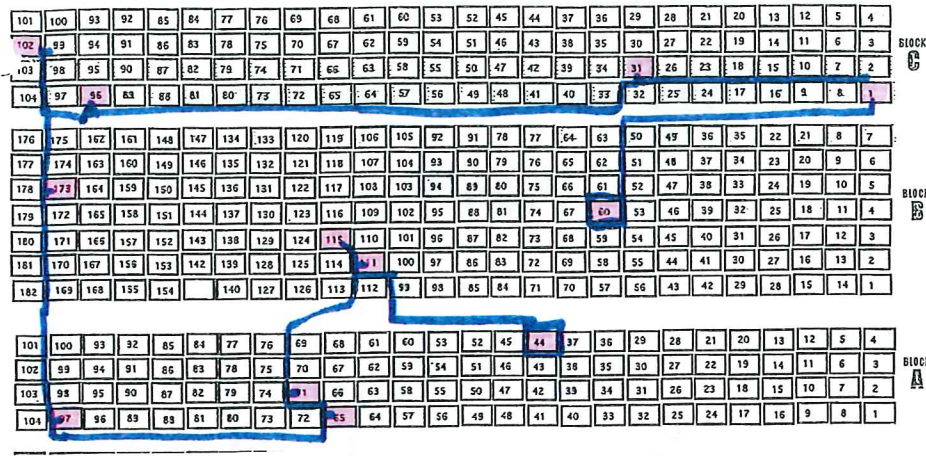


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# Map & Guide



| Name:                | Block | Lot | Grave |
|----------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| 1. Levi Pettis       | B     | 60  | 1     |
| 2. Alfred Bolton     | C     | 1   | 6     |
| 3. Hortentis Stone   | C     | 31  | 3     |
| 4. Fred Le Hundra    | C     | 96  | 3     |
| 5. Jediah Berger     | C     | 102 | 2     |
| 6. Dennis Bylow      | B     | 173 | 2     |
| 7. James Butler      | A     | 97  | 2     |
| 8. Levi Bangler      | A     | 65  | 1     |
| 9. Willis Sage       | A     | 71  | 1     |
| 10. Elipha Horton    | B     | 115 | 2     |
| 11. Patrick Herrick* | B     | 111 | 6     |
| 12. John Beebe       | A     | 44  | 4     |

\*War of 1812

## Patrick Herrick

1794-1880

Patrick was born in Harpersfield, NY. He was among the earliest settlers to the Midwest and settled in Bear's Grass where he made his home and lived most the rest of his life. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church; his obituary noting his conversion at the age of 17 by "Elder Fillmore, brother to President Fillmore". He and his wife, Clarissa had four children that would survive him, two boys and two girls. He is noted as being "an honored citizen, a good neighbor, a kind father, and a true husband."

Unlike the others on our walk, Patrick served in the War of 1812. A bit of a misnomer, the war lasted 32 months, during which the British burned Washington D.C., and the U.S. attempted to invade Canada 3 times.

## John Beebe

1821-1904

Our final stop is John Beebe. Born in Randolph, VT, he was 15 when his parents moved to Massena, NY, a familiar town to many of our pioneers. He spent the last of his teen years there before in 1840, he began to trek westward staying in Freeport, I.L., then to Wisconsin. He returned to New York where he married Amanda Snow in Massena in 1842. They had two daughters together before her death a few years later. Since his daughters were now motherless, he married Polly Rickard in 1849.

In 1854 he once again set out for the Midwest, settling in Oneco, IL and began a mercantile business and served as a postmaster. Six years later, he made his way into Wisconsin, settling into another business in Monroe. It was while there that the Civil War began and he volunteered with the 31st Wisconsin Infantry, serving under Sherman during the march from Atlanta.

After the war, he returned to Wisconsin, and it wasn't until 1880 that he and his family would move to Augusta, once again opening a business which he retired from in 1897. His wife, Polly, passed away in 1901 and he made his home with his daughter, Laura. The last day he was seen out was Election Day, making his way out of the house after a bout of failing health, to cast his ballot.





## **William "Willis" T. Sage**

**1826-1889**

Born in Massachusetts, Willis moved west before the Civil War; already living in Wisconsin at the time he enlisted. . He first joined in December, 1861 with the 18th Infantry, Company K. He was honorably discharged about a year later after achieving Corporal rank. He re-listed again in 1863 as a private in Company D, 10th Infantry and stayed in the war until the end; officially discharged July 8th, 1865.

He died of heart disease, which had troubled him for some time, confining him to his house the last 3 weeks of his life. His obituary says he was about 65 at the time of his death, though the dates on his stone would indicate he was closer to 63. His obituary reads: "The Funeral...was taken charge by his old soldier comrades of the G.A.R.... Thus the old soldier was "mustered out" for the third and final time."



## **Elipha J. Horton**

**1840-1924**

Elipha was born in Massena, N.Y.. At 21 he attempted to enlist but was rejected because he was underage. In 1861, he came to Augusta with his uncle, Dan Russell, and made his home here until November of 1863 when

he enlisted again. He joined the 30th WI Infantry, Company I as a Private and remained with them until he received his honorable discharge, September 20th, 1865 at Louisville, KY.

In 1866, he began a homestead and married Miss Anna Mierow. They had four children together and improved the farm they lived on for ten years before selling it to purchase a farm in Diamond Valley. Anna died in 1903 and in 1905, Elipha remarried; this time to a widow, Mrs. Mary Randall and they moved into town. Elipha was a member of the G.A.R Post and acted as an Officer of the Day and the Masonic Lodge. His obituary notes that he was very active up until a short time before his death.



## **Levi Mortimer Pettis**

**1761-1872**

Levi Pettis is officially the oldest person (as of this time) buried in Augusta. Pettis family lore says that he was a drummer boy in the Revolutionary War, though there are many skeptics to his actual age of 111.

According to an obituary, Levi was born in England and came to New York with his parents as some of the earliest settlers. While his participation in the Revolutionary War is up for debate, it is more likely he entered military service during the War of 1812. Later, he would marry Susannah "Minnie" Payson with whom he had 8 children. They lived for a time in Humbird, WI in 1831. For whatever reason, Susannah was in Symrnam, NY when she passed away in 1832, and was buried there. Levi made his home east of Augusta in "Pettisville", with his children Granville and Wilford. He was noted as being an avid hunter and quite active until just a few days before he passed. He was a "modest, unassuming man, very kind to children, and to those in need of help".

## **Alfred Bolton**

**1828-1870**

Unfortunately, not much is known about Alfred Bolton's early life. According to Census reports, he was born in Vermont, but his death certificate lists Virginia.

In 1862, he enlisted in the army and entered the Company H, 16 Wisconsin Infantry. When the Union stormed Atlanta, July 22nd, 1864, Alfred was wounded. The effects of this wound would permanently disable him though specifics weren't recorded. He returned home and set shop as a merchant in Augusta; the death certificate reading his occupation as "druggist". He married Margaret Peirce in 1867. He passed away in 1870 due to kidney problems —though the reports of his death would cite the wound taken in the war as an exacerbation.

He was noted to have been in delicate health during the remainder of his post-war life, though he made many friends and was active with the local Masonic fraternity.

His wife, Margaret, passed away in 1887 and is buried beside him.

### **Hortentis R. Stone**

**1849-1913**

Hortentis was born in October of 1849 in Massena, New York to John F. Stone and his wife Lettia . He came with his parents to Augusta in 1856 as the second recorded settlers to arrive after the Buckman family. His father would start the first sawmill and was later our first Postmaster.

During the Civil War, Hortentis served with Company G of the 48th Wisconsin Regiment under Captain Hobart Stocking. The company was mustered out on December 30, 1865. He returned home to Augusta and in 1867 married Jane Russell. For several years, he aided his father and brother with the lumber business, but later moved to Minneapolis. When his health began to fail, he moved south to Georgia and Kentucky before returning to Minneapolis shortly before his death there.



### **Fred Le Hundra**

**1837-1920**

Fred was born and spent his early life in England before moving to the United States. In 1854, he served in the Crimea War and then in 1861 enlisted in the Civil War. Records found indicate that he served with the Navy, likely enlisting from New York.. When he returned, he moved to Wisconsin where he married Miss Augusta Zank in Bloomer and the couple made their home in Augusta. They had two daughters, one of which died

just 11 months prior to him. He was 83 years, 5 months, and 6 days old at the time of his death.

### **Jediah Berger**

**1841-1912**

Born in 1841, Jediah began life in New York. At 21, he enlisted to Company I, 107th Regiment with the New York Infantry ("The Campbell Guards") and served for three years of the Civil War. After being discharged, he moved to Cleveland, MN and in 1875 was married to Diana Baker. They had six children together. He was 71 years, 1 month, and 2 days old when he died in Augusta.

### **Dennis Bylow**

**1838-1912**

Dennis was born in New York and came to Augusta after the war in 1881. Five years before his passing, he moved to Mott, North Dakota. His remains were brought back to Augusta so he could be laid next to his wife, Hulda, who died in 1901.



### **James B. Butler**

**1837-1905**

James Byron Butler was born January 22nd, 1837 on Grand Island in Vermont. Prior to the Civil War, he married Miss Ellen Brundage in 1860 in Potsdam, NY. He served in the war with the New York 14th Heavy Artillery Regiment, Company A., enlisting in 1863 and was discharged September 6th, 1865.



### **Levi N. Bangle**

**1846-1901**

Levi was born in New York. At 14, he enlisted in the NY 92nd Artillery. After the war, he moved to Augusta where he was a member of the John E. Perkin's Post G.A.R. and the Augusta Odd Fellows. His death, October 4th, 1901 occurred in Oberon, North Dakota. He and his family were moving to Hood River, Oregon and had stopped to visit relatives. While helping work on a barn (likely the home of his sister), he fell from a scaffolding and was killed instantly. His remains were returned to Augusta, where they were interred. His obituary notes that he was "universally respected and left a host of friends who are in deep sympathy with his faithful wife...three daughters and son who are left to mourn his loss."