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## BURDETTE ALLEN STOWE

2015 will mark the 150th anniversary of the end of America's Civil War. Grinnell Historical Museum volunteers Karen Groves, Ann Igoo, Julie Young and Shana Estes have created biographies of men who were participants in a local project just after World War I to photograph Civil War veterans. The Nina Wayne Grau Studio photographed the Grinnell veterans in 1922. Over 200 Civil War veterans are buried in Hazelwood Cemetery, including most of the veterans photographed in 1922. Here is one of those portraits and biographies:

Burdette Allen Stowe was born May 10, 1844, in Eaton, N.Y., and came to Iowa with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Stowe, when a small boy. He worked on a farm at Oak Grove until he was eighteen. On Aug. 13, 1862, he enlisted in Company C of the 28th Iowa Infantry at Montezuma and served three years before being discharged on July 31, 1865.

His unit saw service during western campaigns, including in Arkansas, Yazoo Pass, Milliken's Bend, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, and Champion's Hill where many men were lost from the regiment. The unit then served with General Grant at the sieges of Vicksburg and Jackson and served next with General Banks in the Red River campaign.

The regiment was then placed on boats and moved to Fortress Monroe in Virginia, then Washington, D.C. The regiment was next assigned to General Sheridan on his raid up the Shenandoah Valley and was then re-assigned to General Sherman's army on its March to the Sea.

With all of this duty, it was said that Stowe did not have a single day's absence, even though he was wounded twice.

Stowe had several mementos of his war service such as a copy of the "Natchitoches Union," a newspaper edited and printed by soldiers when they took possession of a deserted

print shop in Louisiana. He also had a copy of the "Vicksburg Daily Citizen" which the union soldiers put out after spending 47 days in rifle pits outside of Vicksburg during the siege.

While in a camp at Georgetown near Washington, D.C., he

visited an aunt who was working at the Columbia Hospital in D.C. She introduced him to President Lincoln, and he had the privilege of shaking hands with the president.

Returning from the war in 1865, Stowe started farming and also served as constable of the Oak Grove neighborhood. In 1869 he took up

the work of blacksmithing.

Burdette Stowe and Anna Thresa Ear were married on Jan. 29, 1874, by the Rev. Thomas Brande. They were able to celebrate their 58th wedding anniversary at their home at 634 East St. They were parents of two sons and seven daughters: Earl Stowe, Addie Stowe Agnew, Blanche Stowe Manatt, Lillian Stowe, Bess Stowe, Mary Stowe Cratty, Willard Stowe, Lola Stowe Connelly and Ruth Stowe.

Stowe took a strong interest in the affairs of the community and the state. He was employed for many years at the state capitol as doorkeeper.

Stowe died on Aug. 28, 1938, at the age of 94 and was buried at Hazelwood Cemetery.

