

Vineland, N.J. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form. (In pursuance of adjutant at last regular encampment)

**Officers absent** - Comrades – Greene, Singleton, Pearson and Burge.

**Minutes** – No minutes.

**G.O. No. 7** – relating to Annual encampment & reports – read and ordered filed.

**Special Committee** – on drama, reported progress.

**Report – Council of Administration** – read and accepted.

**INSTALLATION of OFFICERS** - was next in order - Senior Past Post Commander Lord, waiving his right in favor of Past Post Commander White, the latter proceeded to install, the following officers in their respective stations.

*J.V.Com. – J.B. Ross; Qur. M-J.A. Strong; Surg. – L.F. Babcock; O.of D. – G.P. Capen; O. of G. – E.H. Foote; Serg. Maj. – W.G. White; Qur. M. Serg. – A.F. Gutterson; and Chap. – C.P. Lord.*

**Delinquent Dues** - The question of delinquents for dues (touched upon in report of Council of Admin.) was brought up and Comrade White moved that comrades who have been dropped & suspended for dues be reinstated on payment of \$2.00, and if unable to pay that amount, to donate it to them.

**Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, - to strike out the donating clause. (Com. White, with consent of 2<sup>nd</sup> agreed to the amendment. Carried.

**Dues Donated** – Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup>, - that the \$2.00 necessary be donated to all who have been dropped or suspended for delinquent dues – squaring them to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879. Unanimously carried.

**Quarter Master** – was instructed to notify these comrades about above said dues.

**Good of the Order** – the committee on drama asked the post to decide upon the price of admission – .20 Ct, reserve - .30 Ct., children - .10 Ct.

**Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup>**, - that the members of the post be admitted free and that their families be admitted free upon one night.

There being no further business, post adjourned in F. C. & L.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$6.50

Vineland, N.J. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades –Adj. Hamilton (detailed as delegate to state encampment), Surg. Babcock & OD Foote.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Drama Committee** – report that the expenses were \$199.82 & receipts were \$167.00, leaving a deficit of \$32.00.

**On Motion** – committee's report received and committee continued.

**Residence Change** - the following comrades reported as having changed their residences:

Com. Parsons to Wood St., Between. 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> - Com. Greene to 6<sup>th</sup> & Wood & Com. Foote to Charlestown, Mass.

**Pas Post Commander** – Lord then installed Comrade ~~Singleton as Senior Vice Commander~~, C.E. Greene as Post Commander, Comrade S.C. Singleton as Senior Vice Commander and Comrade S.F. Hamilton (Proxy) As adjutant.

**Merchants Hall** – the question of renting merchants Hall for the meeting of the post was brought up & receiving – After some discussion, the favorable consideration of the post – the Council of Administration was Instructed (by vote of the post), to secure the hall on the best terms possible. Comrades Capen, Strong, Bryant and White were made a ~~added to the~~, committee on the hall to act in conjunction with the Council of Administration.

**Resolution** – be it resolved that the thanks of the post be tendered to the ladies who assisted in the drama & to Co. K and that the resolutions be printed in the paper.

**Resolution on Condolences** – a committee appointed to draft resolutions of condolences to be presented to Comrade Sanborn on the death of his daughter and to Comrade Pervis on the death of his mother. Comrades Lord, White and Ross appointed as the committee.

**On Motion** – an order for \$32.82 was drawn on the Q.M. for the deficiency on Drama, with instruction to pay the bills as fast as the funds should be received.

**Moved & Carried** – that a special meeting be held on Saturday evening meant to take into consideration the matter of renting merchants hall.

**Commander** – appointed Comrade Verder as O. G. & Comrade Burge as I. G. for the ensuing year.

**Comrade Greene** – gave an account of his visit to Philadelphia.

There being no further business, the post closed in due form.

W.G. White, Serg.Maj.  
Adj. pro-tem

**Receipts** - \$7.05

Vineland, N.J. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Special Encampment:** Date: – Saturday Eve.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent -** Comrades – No record.

**Minutes** – No minutes read.

**Object of Meeting** - - Commander stated that the object for which the encampment was called was to take  
Into consideration the Securing of Merchants Hall for the use of the post.

**Council of Administration** – Comrade Cheever reported that he had seen Mr. Smith (the agent for the  
property), and that he asked \$200.00 per year for the hall, & one room downstairs (on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor),  
but that It could, no doubt, be obtained for \$175.00 per year with a lease for five years and the  
privileges for ten years.

**Incorporation** – The question of incorporation was referred to the Council of Administration, instructing  
them to inquire into the law.

**Council of Administration** – was instructed to give notice of a special meeting for the election of trustee's  
and for other business, if necessary for the incorporation.

**Adjutant Report** – Adjutant Hamilton reported from the state encampment, to which he had been detailed  
as a delegate.

There being no further business, the post closed in due form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

Receipts - \$14.85.

Vineland, N.J. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Special** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades – No Report.

**Minutes** – No minutes were read.

**Object of Call** – The commander stated that the business for which the special encampment was held  
And called for a report from the committee on the Hall.

**Report** - Comrade Cheever (from the hall committee), read a little from Mr. Smith (agent for the building), accepting the offer of the post to rent the Hall's one room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor for \$175.00 per year for five years, with the privilege of ten years.

**Owners** - on us to make the necessary alterations, put in the permanent fixtures of the gas pipes.

**Costs** – - Comrade Cheever remarked that he had secured estimates for these alterations and that the cost would be about \$142.00.

**Hall Committee** – was then instructed to complete the arrangement and to fix up the hall to the best of their ability.

**Hall Committee** – also - - Comrade Bryant being called on gave an interesting description of the plan of stage and seats as decided upon by the committee.

**Council of Administration** – was instructed to proceed the matter of incorporating to post to completion.

**Senior Vice** – Commander Singleton inquired as to what provisions had been made to raise the funds necessary to carry on the work of fitting up the hall.

**Moved & 2<sup>nd</sup>, - O.D. Capen** – that the Council of Administration be empowered to borrow funds not to exceed \$200.00, on the best terms possible.

**Commander** – stated that he had on Tuesday evening visited Post 5 of Philadelphia, gave an interesting description Of the post room and its members.

Adjourned in due form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$2.00.

**\*\*Council of Administration** – reported that the law for incorporation did not call for special election for trustees The C. of A. having power to act. The whole expense of incorporation would not exceed \$5.00. The papers asking for incorporation was read.

Vineland, N.J. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades – absent & their respective stations filled as follows:

J.V.C. by Com. Cunningham, I.G. by Com. Bryant, Surgeon by Com. Cheever.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment held Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, read & approved, as were minutes of special Encampment held on Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> and the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee on Resolutions** – reported that they had discharged the duty for which they were detailed & have Sent the resolutions of condolences – properly engrossed, to Comrades Sanborn & Pervis. Report Accepted and the committee relieved of special duty.

**Committee on Drama** – reported their bills are paid and the business for which they were detailed properly closed. Report accepted and the committee relieved from special duty.

**Hall Funds** – Comrade Cheever (from the Council of Admin.) reported that the \$200.00 authorized had been Borrowed at 6% from the National Bank.

**Comrade** – William Seigler was reported as having changed his residence to Kinsington, Phila.

**Contract for Hall** – Comrade Cheever was instructed to procure the necessary book or books for keeping of And making contracts for letting the hall.

**Charge of Hall** – Comrade Bryant suggested that Comrade Cheever be recommended to the Council of Admin. As the choice of the post for the position of the charge of the hall when completed.

**Scheduling Monies** – The matter of fixing a schedule of prices for the letting of the hall, it was decided to Leave it in the hands of the Council of Administration.

**Entertainment** – It being asked that a committee of three be detailed to make arrangements for a grand entertainment On the night of opening the “Grand Army Hall”. Comrades White, Bryant & Ross were detailed.

**Hall Rent** – An order for \$3.30 was drawn on the quartermaster for rent of the hall for the month of January.

Adjourned in due form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

Receipts - \$.75

Vineland, N.J. Feb. 19, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades – posts filled as follows – Chaplain by Com. Washburn, O.D. by Com. White, Q.S. by Palmer & Surgeon by Com. Cheever.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**General Order No.1** – from department commander, respecting department and staff officers and asking for roster of posts with time & place of meetings etc., was read & ordered filed. Our adjutant was instructed to send the information asked for.

**Committee on Drama** – for opening of the new hall, reported that they had selected the drama entitled “Home Guest” and had made the cast characters.

**Bill** – was presented by the commander for \$1.0 for 7 books of the drama & an order be drawn on the Q.M. For the amount in favor of C.E. Greene.

**An order drawn** – on the Quarter Master for \$2.20 (in favor of the Hobah lodge) for rent of the room for the month of February. The commander instructed the quarter master to inform Hobah Lodge (when he made the payment) that the post did not desire the use of the room any longer.

**Comrade C.C. Flint** – desired a traveling card and the Q.M. stating that he was clear on the books, the card was ordered, good for six months from this date.

**The Commander** - - notified the post that the next encampment would be held in the “Grand Army Hall”, the Work having so progressed as render that possible. He stated that full notification would be given through the papers.

**Good of the Order** – After a few pleasant remarks by different comrades. Comrade Hotchkiss stated that he should have to lock the hall while painting the scenery.

There being no further business, the post adjourned in F.C. & L., - in due form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

Vineland, N.J. Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday Evening – February 26<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form. S.V.C. Singleton, had the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades –

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Dispensation for Recruiting** – J.C. Barrett having been received from Dept. H.Q. & read, Comrade White stated in an explanation that Barrett had asked for the privilege of being proposed and recruited on the same evening, but afterwards was not able to come forward on account of his discharge papers being at Washington.

**Committee** – on drama reported progress.

**Application** – with \$2.00 enclosing fee, was received from Jesse L. Yeaw (?), recommended by Comrade Greene Comrades Gutterson, Capen & McMahan were appointed investigating committee.

**3 Circulars** – from the National Department – relating to headstones for graves of soldiers, was read and the adjutant instructed to procure the information and forward to the Q.M. at Washington.

**Circular** – from State Department, relating to appointing a comrade to get a list of soldiers on lists of assession In their counties of Cumberland & Cape May. The adjutant was appointed as recommended by the Department Commander.

**Committee** – Comrade Babcock made a partial report on the matter of collecting funds for the Yellow Fever Suffers – committee was ordered continued.

**Camp Fire Supper** – Comrades, Cheever, Babcock, McMahan, Verder and Capen were appointed a committee to make arrangements for a Camp Fire Supper for Friday night after the drama.

**Order** – Drawn on the Q.M. for \$2.25 for incorporation and lease.

**Janitorship** – Comrade McMahan asked for information regarding Janitorship. After some discussion, in which it appeared the Council of Admin. Had appointed a janitor. Comrade McMahan offered his resignation which (there being no objections), was accepted by the acting commander.

**On Motion** – an order was drawn on the Q.M. for two months dues favor Comrade McMahan for Janitor services.

**No Smoking** – Comrade Aldrich moved that there be no smoking on this floor of the hall. After a lively discussion it was decided to exclude smoking from the hall on post night. Also carried, extending the prohibition to the room below.

**Donations** – Comrade White requested all members having anything to donate to the supper to so notify the Committee.

There being no further business, adjournment was in due form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - None

## Vineland, N.J. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post did not opened in due form. S.V. C. Singleton, took the chair. Reason of Play rehearsal in the hall.

**Officers absent** - Comrades – None.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Committee** – on Camp Fire reported that they had attended to the matter and that there was a bill of \$.40 yet Outstanding, the committee was continued.

**Residence** – Comrade Hamilton reported as having removed from 8<sup>th</sup> & Montrose to Montrose near 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Comrade Parsons reported as having re-moved back to his former residence on Walnut Road.

**Comrade McMahan** – reported seriously injured on March 7<sup>th</sup>, having lost the thumb and two fingers of his Right hand, by a circular saw.

**Committee** – on the drama, having hearing of the above accident, correctly presumed on the support of the post And repeated the drama for his benefit. The gross receipts were \$34.08, with \$7.45 for expenses, Leaving \$26.63 net, which the Council of Admin. Had paid over to Comrade McMahan.

**Was Moved & Carried** – unanimously that the report of the Council of Admin. (as Com. On Drama), be Accepted and that they be cordially endorsed for their action regarding the “Benefit”.

**An Opera** – The matter of taking up the opera H.M.S. Pinafore, by the post was discussed, but on the account of the absence of several comrades who had made themselves familiar with the whole matter. It was decided to Call a special communication to settle the matter.

**Special Meeting** – was decided to be held on Tuesday evening and the adjutant was instructed to place the notice in the papers.

Meeting Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$3.50



# Vineland, N.J. April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – O.D. by Com. White, Surgeon by Com Parsons  
Chaplain by Com. Cheever & I.G. by Cunningham.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Committee on Drama** – reported that they had finished their work, report accepted & Comm. was discharged.

**Council of Administration** – Made the following report - -

<b>Total</b> - amount received from all sources - - - -	= \$308.08
<b>Total</b> - amount Paid -	= \$288.63
Balance on hand -	\$19.45
<b>Total -amount indebtedness</b> -	\$546.04
Includes- due on Bank Note -	\$200.00
<b>Bills of Labor</b> - by members -	\$138.75
Due -	-\$207.27 ---\$546.04

Of this Amount – there is due from Wm. G. Smith & will be allowed on the rent of the hall as it become due. \$79.00.

**Piano** – Comrade Cheever stated that inquires had been made in relation to a piano, he had found one that could be rented for \$10.00 per quarter.

**Moved & carried** – that the piano be rented for one quarter.

**Application** – of Jesse L. Yeaw reported favorable, report accepted, on balloting the candidate was declared elected.

**Council of Admin.** – reported that the rooms below would be rented for \$100. One of the rooms had been already Occupied & would be rented to those parties that the Public Library desired the other.

**Moved** – that the renting of these rooms be left with Comrade Cheever. Amended to leave with Coun. Of Admin.

**Mr. Jesse L. Yeaw** – found in waiting and was accordingly mustered in.

**Commander** – made a statement regarding Comrade Seigler, who desired to join a German post in Philadelphia So that he could more easily get into a soldiers home.

**Transfer Card** – was granted to Comrade William Seigler.

**On a Motion** – the \$10.00 in the hands of the Council of Admin. (proceeds of “Tried & True”), was transferred To the quarter master.

**Council of Administration** – called attention to the outstanding indebtedness of the post and asked the authority To borrow \$200.00, authority was granted.

**Camp Fire** – It was suggested that we have a camp fire once a month.

**After some Discussion** – on the point of balloting for the granting of the transfer card to Wm. Siegler, Chap. & Sec. Was read to convey the idea that he should not have been balloted for.

There being no further business, the post was adjourned in form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$3.50.

Vineland, N.J. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – April 16<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – S.V.C. by Com. Cheever, J.V.C. by Com. Bryant, O. D. by Com. White & Chaplain by Com. Gutterson.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Committee** – on entertainment reported progress.

**Order Directed** – drawn on Q.M. in favor of S.F. Hamilton for printing receipts & contracts for hall, \$3.50.

**Camp Fire** – The matter of the camp fire was brought up. Comrade Parsons thought it be a good idea to have one out of doors. The commander was in favor of having a camp fire every month and mentioned that a number of comrades in Phila. Had expressed their desire to come down when ever we had one.

**Decoration Day** – Comrade White reminded the post about Decoration Day and moved that a committee of five be appointed to take the matter under consideration & report at our next meeting. The commander appointed Comrades White, Gutterson, Bryant, Capen and Burge.

**Moved & Carried** – that the Camp Fire be held in 3 weeks from tonight (May 7). It was decided that it be held exclusively for the GAR Boys and their families.

**Moved & Carried** – that a committee on the Camp Fire be appointed and the commander appointed Comrades Lord, Yeaw, Verder, Strong, Vernal and Ross to act in conjunction with the Council of Admin.

**Good of the Order** – the commander described how Post 5 (Phila) went through the muster and using the Magic lantern projector.

There being no further business, the post adjourned in due form.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$5.75.

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S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$5.75.

## Vineland, N.J. April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – Comdr. by S.V.C., J.V.C. by Com Cheever, O.D. by Com. White, Chaplain by Com. Wilson, I.G. by Com. Bryant & O.D. by Com. Aldrich, S.V.C. by Parsons.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Application Transfer** – of N.R. Gifford to Schuyler Post No. 48, N.Y. was received. After some discussion Action on it was postponed.

**Committee** – on the “Camp Fire” reported progress.

**Comrade Aldrich** – reported he moved to Almond Road west of Orchard Road.

**Camp Fire** – the matter being taken up, was moved & carried & that it be indefinitely postponed.

**Comrade White** – in offering the motion stated that there were so few out now and the time so short; that the 16<sup>th</sup> of June was our anniversary while Decoration Day was so very near that he deemed it best to postpone. Comrade Parsons offered the additional objection that many comrades were just too busy to attend.

**Comrade Bryant** – gave an account of his visit to Swedesboro as delegate to assist in instituting the post there accompanied by Com. Greene.

**Comrade Wilson** – said that he was back again and ready to do what the post should call upon him to do.

There being no further business, the post adjourned in F. C. & L.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$5.00.

## Vineland, N.J. May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday - May 14<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – S.V.C. by Com. Cheever, J.V.C. by Com. Wilson  
O.D. by Com. White & I.G. by Com. Bryant.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Application** – of Wm. Von Diemse was received for membership (enclosing fee of \$2.00), he was referred to  
Comrades Parsons, McMahan & White as investigating committee.

**Committee** – on Decoration Day reported that the call for citizens was duly made in the paper and on the evening out  
but only three responded. A postponed meeting was then called and additional notice put in the paper to  
which one citizen responded. Committee gave names of citizens as follows – W.E. Cansdell, H.W. Wilber,  
H.L. Ellis and S.R. Trivitt. Report accepted. It was decided that the call for citizen in the paper be inserted in  
the minutes and the names of the 4 citizens be given honorable mention

**Committee on Entertainment** – reported that they had acquired the popular play “An American Cousin” and had  
Nearly completed the cast. Would put it out in about a month. Reported accepted.

**Junior Vice Commander** – reported sick but recovering from heart attack.

**Transfer Card** – was granted to Comrade N.R. Gifford to join Schuyler Post in N.Y.

**Statement of Widow** – After making a statement in relation to Major Von Diemais (?) widow – that she had been  
unable after long delay and repeated letters to get any notice from the pension Dept. Comrade Wilson  
suggested that the adjutant be instructed to write a statement of the case to Senator Robeson, asking him to  
interfere in her favor.

**The Commander** – made a statement regarding Wm. Siegler (to whom was discharged & had been granted from  
this post), Mr. Siegler desired re – instatement where upon he was balloted for & declared re-instated.

**Comrade Jos. M. Poole** – asked for a traveling card, on payment of his dues, it was granted him.

**Moved & carried** – that we meet at six am to decorate graves on Decoration Day.

**Moved & carried** – that an informal meeting be held next Thursday evening

**Co. K** – be cordially invited to assist as escort on Decoration Day.

**Floral Society** – after some discussion as to asking the floral society regarding flowers, some advancing the idea that  
there would be some hesitency on participation, carried that it be left in the hands of the committee.

**Citizens** – also that the 4 citizens who attended the call be invited to attend & a carriage be furnished them.

**Good of the Order** – Comrade White described his visit to J.A. Dix Post in Swedesboro also one to post 46 in Phila.  
the commander spoke about post 9 in Phila, & remarked that they gave us a pressing invitation to attend  
their meetings whenever in the city.

There being no further business, the post adjourned in F. C. & L.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$4.75.

Vineland, N.J. May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1879

**Special** Encampment: Date: – Thursday - evening, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form. \*\* Opened with form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – Not listed.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved. – None read.

**Comrade White** - reported that he had corresponded with the Floral Society and received a favorable answer. To the request that they furnish the flowers as usual. Committee on Decoration Day was instructed to Appoint a sub- committee to act in conjunction.

**Comrade Cheever** – reported the Millville would desire our attendance on Decoration Day but would like to know How we looked at the matter. It was unanimously decided to go if an invitation was received from them.

**Moved & Carried** – that we have a special meeting on Saturday evening for muster.

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adj.

Vineland, N.J. May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Special** - Encampment: Date: – Saturday – Evening – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – None listed.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved. Not mentioned.

**Communications** – from Nat. H.Q. in response to headstones for soldier's graves was read. Also from Soldiers Union, in Millville inviting the post to assist them on Decoration Day.

**Committee** – on application of Wm. Von Diemer reported favorably. He was balloted for and declared Elected & being in waiting, was mustered in.

**Mrs. D.H. Burge** – presented to the post a beautiful motto of Fraternity, Loyalty & Charity, accompanied With appropriate verses. A vote of thanks was voted to Mrs. Burge and the adjutant was Instructed to notify her of their action.

**Committee** – on Decoration Day reported progress.

**The Adjutant** – was instructed to send to Senator Robeson an expression of our grateful feelings toward him for his prompt actions in the case of Mrs. Von Diemer.

**Council of Administration** – will take up the matter of the piano.

**The Invitation** – from Millville for Decoration Day was accepted.

**Good of the Order** – Comrade Von Diemer made a few remarks.

No further business appearing, the post adjourned in due form.

Thos. B. Ross, Adj. – Pro-tem

**Receipts** - \$2.50.

Vineland, N.J. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – Cmdr, JVC, Surg., Adj., Sergt Maj., & I.G.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Committee** - on Decoration Day could not make a full report, owing to the absence of the chairperson, so the report was postponed.

**Committee** – on entertainment reported that the receipts of “An American Cousin” were \$27.15 and Expenses were \$17.60 leaving a balance of \$19.55 – which was turned over to the Council of Admin.

**Comrade Singleton** – brought up the case of Mrs. Leech – a widow of a member of the 9<sup>th</sup> Maine Regt., who has applied for a pension, but cannot find the officers of that regt. The Adjutant was instructed to write to the Adj. Gen. Of Maine to inquire their where abouts, more especially those of Co. B.

**Comrade Cheever** – presented a bill for the rent of the hall for 3 months (7 meetings) - \$7.50. The Adjutant was directed to draw an order on the Q.M. for said amount.

**A Vote of Thanks** – was extended to the Soldiers Union of Millville for their courteous actions towards this post on Decoration Day.

**Good of the Order** – Senior Vice Singleton gave some good advice about Post etiquette.

Adjourned.

J.L. Yeaw, Adj., Pro-tem

**Receipts** - \$.45



Vineland, N.J. June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – JVC by Com. Cheever, Chap. By Com. Bryant and I.G. by Com. Palmer

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Communications** – received from the citizens of Vineland asking the cooperation of the post on the 4<sup>th</sup>.  
Also – one from Post #6 (Glassboro), inviting our post to visit them.

**Application** – of Emile Blanc (recommended by Com. C.W. Vernal), received – no proposition fee – Comrades Cheever, Singleton & Verder appointed as investigation Committee.

**Committee** – on entertainment reported that those who gave \_\_\_?\_\_\_ take part in such things, think about it – before  
It gets too hot - & asked for a postponement of action.

**Order Drawn** – on Q.M. for a team on Decoration Day.

**After Much Discussion** – the comrades generally feeling pretty much the same way, it was decided to decline the  
Invitation of the citizens for the 4<sup>th</sup>, given the manner in which the post had formerly been treated as a reason.

**The Invitation** – from Glassboro (post 6) was also declined for the reason that it was not deemed advisable to make  
any decided movement against the proceeding in this place.

**The matter of Obtaining Guns** – from Trenton was taken up and the Q.M. instructed to make a requisition for Forty  
guns and the equipment's.

**It was Moved** – that the old committee on entertainment be re-appointed, but it being lost, the commander  
appointed Comrades Capen, Gutterson, Strong, Cheever and McMahan.

**Comrade White** – remarked about the advancement of the order in the state – 4 new posts having been  
instituted since January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Comrade Hamilton** – brought up the matter of the election of himself as representative from N.J. on the National  
Council of Administration & spoke of the honor shown Lyon Post by the selection of a comrade from  
Its ranks to such a responsible position.

**The Sergt. Maj.** – was instructed (by vote) to read the Rules of Order – which was accordingly done.

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$.75

## Vineland, N.J. July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form. Commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – JVC by Com. Parsons, O.D. by Com. White, Chaplain by Com. Cheever & I.G. by Com. Bryant.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Gen. Order No. 5** – regarding the semi-annual encampment, was read, fixing the place as Skillman Station, (Bound Brook route) and the time as August 26, 27, 28 & 29 next.

**Application** – of Emile Blanc was reported favorably, he was balloted for & duly elected.

**Council of Administration** – were not able to get their report ready, would have it for next the meeting.

**A Committee** – of three, Comrades White, McMahan and Parsons, were appointed to see how many comrades would be able to attend the encampment at Skillman Station.

**An Order Drawn** – on the Q.M. for a bill presented by Comrade Hamilton for printing 1000 tickets for entertainment in the amount of \$2.00.

**Comrade Cheever** – reported that he had visited Trenton and ascertained that in order to obtain the guns, a requisition must be made and a bond signed by the Council of Administration for their safe keeping and return.

**Comrade Cheever** – was appointed to ascertain from Gen. Sewell if a reduced fare cannot be obtained on the West Jersey R.R., for those attending the encampment.

**Past Commander** – Gilmore, from New Haven, Conn., - gave us very interesting remarks in relation to the Duties of the Grand Army Boys and what is expected of them.

**Comrade Wilson** – offered a trunk of dresses and costumes to the post for \$20.00. This was referred to the Council of Admin. After some pleasing remarks by the comrades were made.

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton

**Receipts** - \$1.00

## Vineland, N.J. July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** – SVC, JVC, and the Adjutant.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were not read and approved. Adjutant absents, no books.

**Application** – of S.B. Cambron for admission by card was received and on motion accepted. Comrades Capen, Cheever and Babcock were appointed on the committee of investigation.

**Committee** – on semi-annual encampment reported progress with 20 comrades on the list.

**On Motion** – Comrades White, Babcock and Strong were appointed on a committee to arrange the orders and communications heretofore received, systematically & place them in charge of the Adjutant.

**On Motion** – it was resolved that a fine of \$1.00 be imposed on any officer neglecting to have his books present at any regular meeting.

**A Bill** – of \$1.50 was presented by Comrade Greene, for books ordered by entertainment committee, ordered paid.

**The Q.M.** – was instructed to procure a frame for the “Motto” presented Mrs. Burge and he producing it Ready framed, the bill of #1.25 was ordered paid.

**Comrade** – Rowell was appointed Cook and Q.M. Strong as Commissary for the coming encampment.

**The Encampment** – was discussed by the membership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

W.G. White, Sergt. Maj. – Adj. Pro-tem

**Receipts** - #3.25

Vineland, N.J. August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – JVC, Surg, Adj. & Sergt. Maj.

**Minutes** – of the last 2 regular encampment were read and approved.

**Gen. Order No. 1** – of Commander-in-chief, relating to his assuming command and appointing the “National Soldiers Home” in Dayton, Ohio as his head quarters. Read and ordered filed.

**Communication** – from the adjutant general of Maine ( in answer to a letter of inquiry from the adjutant of this post), in relation to the whereabouts of officers of the 9<sup>th</sup> Maine Regt. So as to forward claim of Mrs. Phineas Leach – read and handed to Mrs. Leach.

**Comrade** – Bartlett reported sick, but improving.

**Committee** – on arranging orders and communications reported progress.

**The Bond** – required by the Q.M. Gen. Of the state of N.J. in the matter of acquiring guns & equipment’s was read.

Adjourned.

A.J. Parsons, Adj. – Pro-tem

**Receipts** - \$.60

## Vineland, N.J. August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening – August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. Bryant, JVC by Com. McMahan  
Sergt. Maj. By Com. Washburn.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Orders & Circulars** – are as follows from National and state H. Q. as follows –

**Gen. Order No. 2** – In relation to appointment of staff officers – elections of SVC, JVC, Surg., &  
Chap. In chief, & Nat. Council of Admin., - dated July 20<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

**Gen. Order No. 3** – In relation to the constitution of the department of the state of Indiana, dated Aug. 11, 1879.

**From the** – State Department head Quarters -

**Gen. Order No. 6** – relating to a new roster of the state, appointments on Dept. staff, a number of comrades going to camp from each post & counties not having been appointed. Comrades to enroll lists of ex-soldiers, sailors And Marines; urging post to procure arms and accoutrements. Dated Aug. 7, 1879.

**Gen. Order No. 7** – giving rules to be observed at the encampment at Camp Skillman, dated Aug. 26, 1879.

**Circular No. 3** – (marked confidential), reminding comrades of complaints made at last encampment of depredations on the property adjoining camp and of camp equipage , defaced and destroyed and putting comrades on their honor to not only refrain from such acts but to prevent others. Dated Aug. 15, 1879.

**Circular No. 4** – giving rate of fare to Camp Skillman and telling comrades to procure orders for reduced fare from commander of the post. Dated Aug. 15, 1879.

**Communication** – received from S.B. Camborn (Millville), asking if action had been taken on application.

**Also** – one from commander of post #6 (Glassboro), asking for a delegate to attend their meeting to make arrangements of joint action in attending Camp Skillman.

**Communication** – received from Mrs. Phineas Leach asking post 6 to take up her claim for pension and make and make an effort to secure it for her.

**Application** – of S.B. Camborn to become a member (was reported favorably by the committee), by card, was acted On and on a favorable ballot being taken he was declared a member of this post.

Application – of Hiram E.W. Barton (recommended by Com. L.B. Babcock) to become a member by initiation Was received. As no fee accompanied the application, the rules were suspended and Comrades – Gutterson, Bryant and Cheever were appointed as investigation committee.

**The Subject of** – no fee accompanying application having been brought up, it was discovered that the application of Emile Blanc had been so deficient and that the Committee of Investigation had not fully preformed it's duty before reporting.

**A Motion** – was made that as the vote on the application of Emile Blanc was illegal, the rules being suspended, the Post proceeded to ballot. Amended to appoint a new committee. Whereupon the commander re-Appointed the old committee of Comrades Cheever, Singleton and Verder.

**The Adjutant** – was instructed to write to Mrs. Leach inquiring fully into the matter of her claim.

**An Old Soldier** – Michael Farley, having died since last meeting, at the request of the family, the commander Detailed Comrades /white, Babcock, Verder and Singleton to act as pall-bearers.

**In the Matter of** – Glassboro Post #6, the commander stated that Comrades White, Capen and himself had visited the post and

extended an invitation for them to join our post at Camp Skillman, invitation was accepted.

**The commander** – stated that arrangements had been made for through fare and return on West Jersey R.R. was made for \$2.50. They agreed to furnish two cars to go through without changed and promised a special train to return Friday night.

**Accommodations** – had also been made special for the ladies at the camp (Camp Skillman).

**The Matter of** – the Temperance Movement under the auspicious of the G.A.R. was brought up, and several Comrades spoke in explanation of his moves.

**It was suggested** – that the baggage of those going to Camp Skillman be brought to the hall on Monday.

**The Commander** – showed a nice blue silk badge with the name and number of the post printed in gold, The cost, \$.15 ea. And stated that all post intended on wearing them at the encampment.

There being no further business.

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$4.90.

## Vineland, N.J. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, September, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. Parsons, JVC by Com. Bryant  
O.D. by Com. White.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Committee** – on the application of Emile Blanc – not being ready to report, were instructed to report next meeting.

**Comrade Parson** – (From Council of Admin.), reported that so little business had been done during the past  
Quarter that they asked to be allowed to go until the end of the quarter for their report. Permission Given.

**Comrade Bryant** – reported moved to Grape Street near 8<sup>th</sup>. (in Souter's house).

**Application** – (fee of \$1.00 enclosed), of Wm. C. Pasco, recommended by Comrade E.H. Foote- was received,  
& Comrades Parsons, White and Babcock were appointed as investigation Committee.

**The Matter of** – renting the hall to the G.A.R. Temperance Union was referred to the Council of Admin. With  
Instructions to rent at as low a figure as possible. Comrade Parsons (from C. of A.), stated that if the  
Hall were rented in such a manner, it would have to be undissolved that the Temperance Union should  
Give way if the opportunity came of renting to a paying company.

**It was Moved** - & Carried unanimously that the post endorse the name of – G.A.R. Temperance Union by that  
Society and grant them protection called for by such use.

**The Comrades** – who had been to Camp Skillman related their experiences – all coinciding in the general feeling  
Of satisfaction that the post had taken such a decided stand on the temperance question.

There being no further business –

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant.

**Receipts** - \$.85.

Vineland, N.J. Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, The commander, SVC & JVC being absent – the adjutant appointed past commander White to act as commander.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. Wilson, JVC by Com. Washburn, Chaplain by Com. Parsons & O.G. by Hotchkiss.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**The Committee** – on the application of Wm. C. Pasco reported favorably , where upon he was balloted for and declared duly elected to become a member.

**Recruits** – H.E.W. Barton & Wm. C. Pasco, being in waiting, were introduced & mustered in.

**Special Committee** – on Yellow Fever Suffers (1878), reported some \$3.00 In their hands and desired some action by the post – suggesting that as the sum was so small that it would be well to return it to the several subscribers. It was moved that the money be so returned. Was amended that the committee have as much time to refund as it had taken to report – Voted LOST. Then it was moved that the money be forwarded to Howard Association, but an objection was raised that the money had been collected for members of the Grand Army – voted lost. The committee was continued.

**Committee** – on Emile Blanc reported progress but still having difficulty in finding testimony, unable to make report.

**A Report** - having been made that Comrade Camborn (of Millville) had lost his wife and it was so moved and carried that a committee be appointed to show the sympathy of the post with the comrade in distress. Comrades Parsons, Capen and Hamilton were appointed.

**Acting Commander** – White spoke of his anticipated visit to Connecticut and announced his determination to visit Posts where ever he could find them.

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$5.25.



# Vineland, N.J. October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form. In the absence of the commander, past commander filled the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. Bryant, JVC by Yeaw,  
Chaplain by Cheever & O.G. by Faunce.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Communication** – from the A.A.G. of Penna. Relating to their 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dept. of Penna. To be held  
At the Exhibition Building in Phila. On Oct. 11, 1879 . received.

**Michael Evirlachner** (of Millville), made application by transfer card from Millville Post (defunct) was received  
enclosing fee of \$1.00. Comrades Cheever, Camborn & Capen were appointed investigation Comm.

**Committee** – on Yellow Fever reported progress

**Committee** – on Emile Blanc reported progress.

**Report – Of Council of Administration** – for 6 months, ending Sept. 30 – made as follows-

Cash on hand as of last report -	\$10.45	Indebtedness – Bank note -	\$400.00
Cash received - - - - -	\$274.16	Sunday Bills -	\$106.19
total =	\$293.61	Labor -	\$108.75
Amount paid out - - - - -	\$292.94	<b>Balance =</b>	<b>\$614.94</b>
<b>Balance=</b>	<b>\$ .64</b>		

Report was ordered filed.

**Committee** – appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy with Comrade Camborn, reported that they had done so  
and had it published in the papers. Report accepted.

**Commander Greene** – having arrived (late) during session – spoke of a visit he had lately made to post 7 (Phila)  
On Girard Ave. \_\_\_?\_\_\_ & described them as being in good trim.

**The Order of** – New Business was returned to and an order for \$11.00 in favor of Council of Administration  
Was drawn for rent of the hall to Oct 1, 1879.

**Commander** – gave an interesting description of the inauguration of a new post in Woodbury, Sept. 15.

**Matters of Entertainment** – was brought up and it was thought about time to commence operations.

**The Commander** – hoped that the comrades would remember that hereafter the post would open at 7 ½ o'clock.

Adjourned.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$4.00.

## Vineland, N.J. October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. Cheever, JVC by Com. McMahan, Chaplain by the Adjutant, Surgeon by Com. Faunce & Sergt Maj. by Com. Bryant.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Application** – of Geo. N. Copp, recommended by Comrade Capen, enclosing fee of \$1.00 was received. Comrades White, McMahan and Faunce appointed as investigation committee.

**Comrades** – Burge, White and Verder were appointed to wait on the Junior Vice and ascertain causes of Absenting himself from the post meetings.

**Commander** – removed to new residence to Wood Street below Sixth street.

**Comrades** – Capen, Cheever and Parsons were appointed to the entertainment committee to serve for 3 months.

**Attention To the Drama** – “Din Thompson” was called by Comrade Cheever and desired that the comrades would remember, and act on it.

**Matter Of** – taking the badge away from Comrade Singleton (for drunkenness and disorders) at Camp Skillman. This was brought before the post by a motion by Comrade Gutterson that his badge be returned to him. After considerable discussion as to the right way for the post to act in this matter, during which the sentiment of our motto – “Charity” was often referred to and the desire generally expressed that such action be taken as to be for the good of both the comrades and the post. The motion was amended that the adjutant be instructed to inform Comrade Singleton that his badge was in the possession of the post commander and would be restored to him at the post meeting. Passed as amended.

**Comrade** – Hotchkiss gave his idea of the drama to be played & advised that all comrades take hold & mean business.

**Commander** – stated that he had heard from Comrade Lewis (who was here last winter) and the comrade desired to bring out another play.

**Comrade** – White, having returned from his visit East, gave an interesting description of his visit to Admiral Foote Post in Conn.

Adjourned, in F. C. & L.,

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

**Receipts** - \$11.00.

Vineland, N.J. October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening – October 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, called to order by past post commander Com. Capen.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. McMahan, JVC by Com. Faunce,  
Chaplain by Com. Hotchkiss.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**\*\*\* There being no business of importance –**

With the hall being engaged by the drama “Deuman Thompson”.

**ON Motion** –

Post Adjourned in due form.

W.G. White, Adjutant – Pro-tem

Vineland, N.J. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening – G.A.R. being occupied- The Post was called to Order in the Odd Fellows Hall

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – SVC by Com. Camborn, JVC \*not filled, Q.M. by Com. White, Chaplain & O.D. by Com. Parsons and I.G. by Com. Yeaw.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>, were read and approved.

**Committee** - on the application of M. Evirlackner reported favorably, and ballot was declared elected, as a Member, where upon he was admitted and signed the roll.

**Committee** - on the application of Geo. N. Copp, reported favorably and on being balloted for was declared elected. Mr. Copp, being in waiting was admitted and mustered into the post.

**Bill of** – Comrade Hamilton for printing was read and referred to the Council of Administration.

**Committee** – on where abouts of JVC reported and were discharged.

**An Order** – favoring the Trustees of Hobah Lodge for rent of hall amounting to \$1.00 was granted.

There being no further business, post was –

Adjourned in F. C. & L.

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant

Receipts – None.

Vineland, N.J. Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening – November 29<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, past commander Parsons in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – No Roll.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were not read.

**In consequence of the hall being otherwise occupied and no important business to transact.**

**On Motion** – of the post –

Meeting was adjourned in due form.

W.G. White, Sergt.Maj. – Adj. - Pro-tem

Vineland, N.J. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular Encampment: Date:** – **Thursday – Evening** – December 11<sup>th</sup>, 1879. Dispensation, having been obtained from the Department Commander, the regular Encampment was held on Thursday evening.

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – No listing.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were read and approved.

**Gen. Orders** - No.'s 5, 11 & 12 – Dept. of NJ, & circulars were read, approved and ordered filed.

**Recess for Five minutes** - - -

**Committee** – on entertainment asked permission to issue a circular letter to other posts offering to \_\_\_?\_\_\_ the plays ~~Now, gotten~~ being given under the auspicious of this post, to such posts. So granted.

**Committee** – on yellow Fever reported a balance of \$10.00 which was ordered to be paid to the Q.M.

**Comrade** – Aldrich reported change of residence to \_\_\_\_?\_\_\_\_\_. (unknown)

**An order** – for \$5.00 was drawn in favor of Comrade Wilson, he also spoke of the dramatic corps attached to the post.

~~On Motion of Com. Capen, a circular letter was ordered to be issued inviting the post to co-operate, presenting dramas.~~

**The Post then proceeded to elect Officers for the Ensuing Year.**

**Commander** - - -

**Comrades** – Gutterson, Ross, Singleton and Foote were nominated for the office of Commander.

**On First Ballot** – ~~vote was as follows~~ – did not give required majority and a second ballot was ordered. **Comrade Singleton** receiving the majority required, he was declared elected as commander.

**For Senior Vice Commander** –

Comrade Ross - was the only nominee and the adjutant was ordered to cast to  
Cast the vote for the post. Comrade Ross was declared the new SVC.

**For Junior Vice Commander** –

Comrades Foote, Washburn, Vernal, Burge and Baker were nominated.

**On the First Ballot** – the vote stood as follows: Foote 10 votes, Washburn 2 votes, Vernal 4 votes, Burge 16 votes  
And Baker 1 vote. No one received the required majority.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ballot** – was ordered, resulting in the election of **Comrade Burge**.

**Q.M. – Quarter Master** – **Comrade Strong** being the only nominee for Quarter Master, the Adjutant was instructed  
To cast the vote of the post, was elected.

**Chaplain** – the same as above, **Comrade Lord** the only nominee, he was declared elected.

**The Adjutant** – cast the votes of the post for **Comrade Parsons** for **Surgeon** and for **Comrade Washburn** for  
Officer of the Day, (**O.D.**).

**The Office of Guard** – Comrade Foote received 23 votes and Comrade Vernal received 5 votes. **Comrade Foote** was declared duly elected.

**Comrade Cheever** – was nominated for representative to state encampment, with **Comrade Foote** as alternate, Adjutant cast the vote for each.

**Department Commander** – Hufty being present gave a talk for the benefit of the order, showing the advances made in the department during the last year.

**Inspector Crump** – (who accompanied Cmdr. Hufty) made a lively speech, but adverted to the report of 60 members on the roll, with only 24 in good standing.

**Comrades** – Washburn, Babcock and others followed with remarks.

**The Post returned** - to the **order of New Business** –

**Comrades** – Parsons, Cheever and Babcock were nominated as Council of Administration for the ensuing year. The Adjutant – cast the ballot for the post and they were declared elected.

**Comrade Wilson** – was called on and gave a touching recitation of the “Crutch In the Corner”.

There being no further business –

The Post adjourned.

**To partake of the Camp Fire Supper prepared for the occasion.**

S.F. Hamilton, Adjutant.

**Receipts** - \$9.30.

Vineland, N.J. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1879

**Regular** Encampment: Date: – Wednesday – Evening – 7:45 PM, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 1879.

Post opened in due form, with the commander in the chair.

**Officers absent** - Comrades stations filled as follows – Chap. By Com. Cheever, O.D. by Com. Parsons  
Adjutant by Com. White.

**Minutes** – of the last regular encampment were not read.

**Senior Vice** - stated that the adjutant could not be present and that if we wished the report of the last meeting, we must go and get it.

**Moved By** – Comrade Singleton that we dispense with the reading of the minutes – vote lost.

**On Motion** – by Comrades Parsons the post reconsidered the matter and on motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

**On Motion** – a committee of three were appointed to straighten out the minutes, so that they might be approved at the next meeting. Comrades Parsons, Cheever & Babcock were so appointed.

**Comrade Hamilton** – reported a change of residence to Eight and Grape Streets.

**Comrade Van Duesen** – reported removed to New York City.

**Comrade Babcock** – made some remarks regarding some of the members who do not attend regularly, he thought it well to notify them.

No further business appearing, the post closed in due form.

(signed) - W.G. White, Sergt. Maj.  
Adj. – Pro-tem