

The September 20 Meeting

Program will be presented by the County Historian. In addition, there is a good chance that the fella who found the medallion near Stone's River will be on hand. Rumor says that he has a firm offer of \$100,000 for the relic. Time is 7:30 p.m. in Room 112, Cope Administration Building. Members and guests will please come to the front entrance of the Administration Building.

Thirty-six words about dues: Dues for the coming year are payable on September 20. The Association has set these categories: Charter members - \$4.00; others - \$5.00. If members are confused about their status, they should check with Dottie Matheny at the September meeting.

What happened to the other two? "Confederate Hero" and Coleman Scout Sam Davis, charged and condemned as a spy, was hanged at Pulaski on November 27, 1863. Officiating at his demise was Union Brigadier General Grenville Mellen Dodge. After the war, Dodge was appointed chief engineer of the Union Pacific Railroad and under his supervision one thousand and eighty-six miles of track were located, laid, and equipped. Later a Congressman from Iowa, he died on January 3, 1916 in Council Bluffs, at the age of eighty-five. Dodge City bears his name. It should be added that during the campaign to raise funds for the Davis monument for the Tennessee State Capitol grounds, the accumulation of remorse over the years moved Dodge to send a contribution of ten dollars.

Dewitt Smith Jobe, also a Coleman Scout and Rutherford Countian, was captured near Triune on August 30, 1864 and tortured to death. Commanding the detachment of fourteen Union troopers from Company K, 115 Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was Sergeant Taylor Temple. After the war, the erstwhile sergeant returned to Wellsville, Ohio where he became a wealthy and an influential farmer. He died on June 18, 1919 just after two months shy of his seventy-seventh birthday. The Maple Funeral Home in Kensington made this entry on the death record: "Very healthy, wealthy, known as quite a horse trader. If anybody wanted to buy anything from him, he would quote a price and sleep on it." The following excerpt from the East Liverpool Evening Review (June 19, 1919) gave this account of Temple's moment of death: "He had driven from his homestead farm yesterday afternoon to an adjoining farm to see that a herd of cattle was properly housed for the night. He drove onto the pasture field, and a few minutes later, neighbors saw the horse and buggy moving aimlessly about. They investigated, found him lying lifeless in the field, neck broken, bruises on the side of face and head. He had obviously fallen from his buggy." The story that Temple, "in contemplating the bloody deed became a raving maniac after the war," is another old wives' tale.

Historic sites: Bob Baskin will have a report on September 20 on a type of historic marker for the some thirty-five sites in Murfreesboro. The Association has resolved that this project will be completed. Following the full authentication of sites, a printed guide will be published.

Lye from the ash-hopper: An archivist is a MUST. There appears to be no real problem in obtaining one. Express your interest to Mayor Westbrook ... Eleven Congressional Medals of Honor were awarded to Yankee combatants at Stone's River - one as late as August 6, 1902 ... 1822 wheel tax (to assist in financing the construction of a new courthouse): "\$10 tax on each four-wheel pleasure carriage, \$5 for each two-wheel carriage" ... Where was Murfreesboro's slave market located? On the north side of the public square "near the town well" ... (For the researcher) "The first brick house erected in town was built this year (1818) by John M. Telford, west of where the present National Bank now stands." Can this site be pin-pointed and authenticated? ... Where is "Capitol Hill" in Murfreesboro? Is it our public square? ... First town newspaper: The Courier - June 16, 1814, corner of Vine and Lebanon Streets ... Anyone acquainted with descendants of David Neugent? He owned the broad-ax used in the building of the first and only steamboat at Jefferson.