

Memories



Sergeant Humiston



Children of the Battle Field

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The picture on the top of page 202 in the left hand corner may recall memories of amateur theatricals. The young lady in white is Vinnie Ream (Stansbury) Allen. The hero with her is actually another young lady, May Moore. The title of the play for which they are costumed is *The Little Tycoon*, author unknown, presented in Mason City, Iowa, February, 1891. Vinnie Ream Stansbury was born 4 August 1869 in Iowa and married William Allen 11 September 1888 at Mason City, Cerro Gordo County, Iowa. Her parents were Dr. John Engor Stansbury, born 24 December 1839, Iowa; died 27 April 1878, Iowa and Emma L. (Horne) Stansbury born 3 March 1848 in Allentown, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania; died 13 November 1920. Evanston, Cook County, Illinois, at the home of her daughter, Vinnie. Dr. Stansbury served in the Civil War as a hospital steward with Co. 122, Iowa Volunteers from Keokuk, Iowa. After the death of William Allen, in 1903, Vinnie married Arthur Hoff Pinkerton in 1910 at Mason City, Iowa. Remaining active throughout her life, she was a talented musician and gardener. She died 4 August 1939, in Evanston, Illinois, age 70, from injuries sustained in a fall while playing badminton. She had no children. This photo was shared with us by Elizabeth V. Mason, 66B Stony Hill Rd., Eatontown, NJ 07724 who is Vinnie's niece.

Arle Schneider, 5294 East Highway St., Vicksburg, MI 49097 submitted the interesting photograph found in the middle on the top of page 202. This picture was taken circa 1900, probably in Albion, Noble County, Indiana. From left to right, the young people playing this interesting game are Charley Gatwood, Lizzie (Myzer), Maurie Purdy, and Burl Butler. Mr. Schneider states that he has played "cat's cradle", but never with four people and he wonders why the 2nd and 4th persons are holding the cord in their mouths. Maybe our readers can help us with this "parlour game".

Fannie Battle and the Kevice children can be found on the upper right hand corner on page 202. Fannie Battle was a special person in the home of Maggie Glynn Kevice, born 9 June 1870 and John Henry Kevice born 1 December 1870. Fannie assisted in the loving care of their children. A traveling photographer appeared one day and Fannie took advantage of the opportunity to have a picture made with her three charges. The baby in her arms is Edwin Joseph Kevice, born 12 June 1906 in Cairo, Alexander County, Illinois. He was a few months old when the picture was taken. Seated on the doll bed is Elizabeth Kevice, born 1 December 1904 in Nashville, Tennessee. Standing next to Fanny is, Mary Elois Kevice born 25 May 1901. Mary Kevice is the mother of our submitter, Margaret Jo Donnelly, R.R. 3, Box 144, Tuscola, IL 61953.

The unique photograph found in the middle of page 202 was shared with us by Janet Schreiber, P. O. Box 1113, Point Roberts, WA 98281. On the left is Mariana Ford and John C. Bounsall and on the right is Georgianna Ford and William M. Bounsall. Ms Schreiber states in her letter that she often admired this photograph of the "Double Wedding Day" of her great-great grandparents. Twins Mariana and Georgianna Ford and twins John C. and William M. Bounsall celebrated a double wedding day on 18 June 1872, presumably in New York State. The Ford twins were born February 1850 in Hastings, New York. They were the daughters of William C. Ford and Fanny Potter Ford. The Bounsall twins were born 21 July 1848 in Rochester, New York. They were the sons of John Bounsall and Mary Ann Stapleton Bounsall, originally from Launceston, Cornwall, England. The twins on the left are the great-great grandparents of our submitter. According to family history, Georgianna died early in the marriage, possibly in childbirth. All known descendants of William Bounsall are from his second marriage to Eudora Logan, which took place in 1887 in Calistoga, California.

The subject of the picture in the lower left hand corner of page 202 is Dora Ellen Moore. She was born in Gold Beach, Oregon on 20 April 1863. Dora was married (1) to Dr. J. F. Thorwarth whom she divorced; (2) to Alfred E. Rinehart; and (3) to a Waterbury. Apparently Dora left Gold Beach at or around the time of her divorce. The family knew of her subsequent marriage to Rinehart in 1893 in Denver, Colorado. However, when her mother died in 1913, Dora had not been heard from for over ten years and was presumed dead. This seems unusual in light of the fact that she was one of only two children. It was not until long after the death of both of her parents in the mid 1930's that Dora made inquiry of the postmaster in Gold Beach to determine whether her brother was still residing there, that anyone had reason to believe that she was alive. Subsequently she she came to Gold Beach for a single visit but died in the mid 1940's. It is believed that she was a liberated lady well ahead of her time. Our submitter has a transcript of a newspaper clipping documenting a bicycle ride she made in 1896 from Denver, Colorado, to Evan, Colorado, "that places her in front rank of the women riders of the west". The enclosed photo was taken by her husband Rinehart who was a photographer. Our submitter, D. Patricia Smith, 3728 S.W. 55th Drive, Portland, OR 97221 is the granddaughter of Dora Ellen Moore's brother.

At the turn of the century, community team sports were often the center of local "esprit" and usually involved most of the people in town - either through participation or as "authoritative spectators". The photo of the Wood's Basketball team, New Hampshire State Champions, 1901 appears in the lower right hand corner of page 202. These six brothers, identified left to right are back row, Harry, Bill, and George; front row, Walter, Frank, and Charles. Their father, John Woods, was born in Chivelstone, Devonshire, 1828. He was first mate on a sailing vessel that sailed around the world three times. In 1849, he was in California, mining for gold. From there, he returned to England and operated a grist mill and inn. In 1873, he brought his wife and 15 children to New Hampshire, to live on a farm he had acquired. The closeness in that family must have been the contributing factor to these sons, who played and worked together throughout their lives. Each was well appreciated in his own community, as a leader of children: organizing picnics and sports events in the summer; and Christmas parties in the winter for all the children in town. The basketball team was organized when the game became so popular in the late 1800's. In 1901, it won the New Hampshire State Championship. Our submitter, Hazel Standeven, 1075 Arago, Coos Bay, OR 97420, is the granddaughter of Charles Woods in whose house she was raised. She states that she knew these brothers, her great uncles and can't recall ever seeing them without a smile to share.

The two photos at the top of page 203 have a unique history. The picture of the children was an ambrotype found in the hands of Sergeant Humiston of the 154th New York Volunteers as he lay dead on the Battlefield of Gettysburg. Our submitter John M. Kitzmiller, 2681 Crystal Springs Rd., Camino, CA 95709, writes that an ancestral member of his family picked up a small book that was Sergeant Humiston's on the Gettysburg Battlefield. The book was kept in his family along with the above photographs.