

# MARY CHESEBRO LEE

## DETACHED TENT #23

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### OUR NAVY NEPHEW JAMES STONE AND FAMILY

Congratulations are extended to James and Faith Stone on the birth of their daughter Kathleen. The new addition to the family was born on October 4, 2022 and joins her two year old brother, Jimmy. While we are all proud to be "great aunts" once again, our Sister Barbara Hale is thrilled and beaming with pride!

### CIVIL WAR VETERAN, ALONZO CHASE GRAVESTONE RESTORATION PROJECT

Delavan historian, Frank Landi will be the guest speaker at our meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Delavan Community Center.

Landi has located the missing portion of the Alonzo Chase gravestone which was damaged by vandalism years ago in Delavan's Old Settlers Cemetery which is located at the northeast intersection of Third Street and McDowell Street in the city of Delavan. Because of the extensive damage to the cemetery, there is a memorial board listing the names of those buried in the cemetery. Among those names is Alonzo Chase. Chase served in the Union Army as a member of Co. M, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry. He enlisted at Bradford in Rock County on February 10, 1862 and served until September 1, 1862 when he was mustered out due to disability. Chase died May 13, 1863 at the age of 39 years and was buried in Delavan.

While the lower portion of Chase's gravestone remained at the cemetery, Landi was able to locate the top portion of the stone at the city's workshop at 69 Walworth Avenue where other portions of vandalized stones have been stored for a number of years.

Landi began the restoration project prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic by contacting Bosman Monuments in Kenosha. They will set the original marble stone in concrete, resurface it and highlight the lettering on the stone. Then the stone will be installed at the Old Settlers Cemetery in Delavan. (Cont'd. on page 2)



## FRATERNITY, CHARITY, LOYALTY

The next meeting of Tent #23 will held at  
The Delavan Community Centre  
on Tuesday, October 25 at 6:30pm





### ALONZO CHASE GRAVESTONE RESTORATION (Continued from page 1)

Landi hopes that the restored gravestone will be returned to its original site by Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup> of this year.

The original cost of the project pre-COVID was estimated at \$1,150. The current restoration cost has risen significantly to \$2,400. As of July 21, 2021 Landi has raised \$1,100 for the project. The Blooming Prairie Questers pledged \$900, the Yanke Family donated \$100 and the Mary Chesebro Lee Detached Tent 23 also contributed \$100 in 2020.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are dedicated to the preservation of our monuments, historic sites and cemetery sites of our Union soldiers. By our support of this project we are commemorating the deeds of our ancestral fathers and their unselfish sacrifices to preserve the Union in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government.



The image on the top far left is the sign that exists on the Memorial Board at Old Settlers Cemetery commemorating the burial of Alonzo Chase. The image on the bottom far left is Chase's Pension Record indicating that he served with Co. M of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Cavalry. The pension had been applied for by his wife, Frances in August of 1863. A second pension shows, Frances' second husband Harvey Merriman applying in 1869 for the children.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Chase, Alonzo</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT: <i>Wife, Chase, Frances</i>				
<i>Minor, Merriman, H. 2d</i>				
SERVICE: <i>M 2<sup>nd</sup> Wis. Cav.</i>				
DATE OF FILING: <i>1863 Aug 29</i>	CLASS: <i>Invalid</i>	APPLICATION NO.:	CERTIFICATE NO.:	STATE FROM WHICH FILED:
<i>1869 Jan 2</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>30,996</i>	<i>569,209</i>	
		<i>169,774</i>	<i>132,006</i>	
ATTORNEY: <i>Shawmut</i>				

Above photo: (right, Frank Landi center, Mayor Ryan Schroeder)

**“At its best, preservation engages the past in a conversation with the present over a mutual concern for the future.” William Murtagh**

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### GHOSTLY HAUNTINGS

It is common knowledge that Lt. James M. Mead is the Civil War soldier that haunts the Oak Grove Cemetery in Whitewater. As a part of this month's Spirit Tour which is a fundraiser for the Chamber of Commerce in the city, Pat Blackmer portrayed Mead's mother, Fama Mead to relate his story and confirm that he does indeed haunt the grounds. Mead died of typhoid fever at the age of 25, on Feb. 13, 1863 in Helena, Arkansas where he was stationed with Co. D of the 28<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. His parents, Fama and Zerah Mead had his body returned to Whitewater for burial. Legend says his restless spirit haunts the cemetery because he would rather have been buried with his comrades and brothers in arms in Helena, Arkansas. Care to take an evening walk with Pat to the cemetery?

## WHAT ARE THE SUPERNATURAL SECRETS OF AMERICA'S MOST DEADLY WAR?

The Civil War left behind unforgettable stories of heart-broken families, brave soldiers, field hospitals filled with death and disease and violent battles.

An estimated 600,000-800,000 individuals perished in the War of the Rebellion. The majority of the deaths were due to disease rather than mortality arising from the throes of war itself.

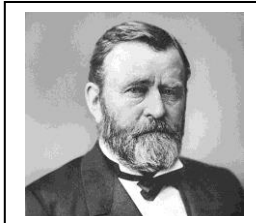
However, at the Battle of Sharpsburg where 5,000 were killed in action at Bloody Lane, people have reported gunfire and the smell of gunpowder when no one is around or even near-by.



The Carnton Plantation in Franklin, TN was one of the premier farms until it was used for a Civil War Field Hospital where there are still blood stains on the floor from the many amputations of limbs that took place in an effort to save a soldier's life,

which was not always successful.

It is said that U.S. Grant haunts the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. Grant would walk each evening to The Hotel from the White House. He would enjoy a brandy and his favorite cigars. After his death, patrons could still get a whiff of the cigar smoke. Whether you choose to believe the possibility of these



incidents which have occurred for many years are real or fictitious, it always makes for the most interesting conversation. Why it is even reported that our national DUVCW museum in Springfield may have ghostly inhabitants.

**BEWARE!**

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