

A SOLDIER'S CIVIL WAR DIARY

VOICES FROM THE PAST

Using primary and secondary sources
to uncover an untold story

WILLIAM ALEXANDER BULKLEY

MAY 26, 1842 – SEPTEMBER 5, 1863



W. A. Buckley

1 Regt Mo Cavalry

Shelby's Cav. Brig.

Marmaduke's Div.

Batesville May 26th 1863

1862 - Diary of a soldier

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TRANSLATIONS

What can we learn from translated text?

What is it?

What does it tell us?

What questions do we have?

EARLY DIARY ENTRIES – AUGUST: MISSOURI (1862)

MONDAY, AUGUST 18TH

- Prairie House
- Attended church **instraverly** - Saw Colonel Shelby who was camped near town. Spent the evening at home as if it was the last day I would spend at home for a long time to come. All the family were at home, also Dr. Johnson and Aunt Laura. Intend going into camp tomorrow morning.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21ST

- Left camp yesterday, we with about 25 picked men under D. Lilly, to go on a scout to Rose Hill. Passed through Columbus and traveling all night - through the rain and the blackest darkness I ever saw. We reached Rose Hill about 3 A.Ms. and finding no federals there, passed onto Iudex where we camped expecting that the command would be up to us. But owing to the great difficulty of traveling through the woods in the dark, they did not reach us but camped east of Rose Hill.



EARLY DIARY ENTRIES – AUGUST: MISSOURI (1862)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23RD

- Struck camp yesterday evening late and marched through Pleasant Gap, crossed Osage River below Pafkinsville thence towards Montevallo and camped twenty miles south of the river. Wrote home this morning and sent it by Capt Carry. Channing is somewhat indisposed today but not seriously so. We find forage for our horses very scarce. Our rations brought from home are also giving out, and as we cannot procure any breadstuffs, we have to rely entirely upon roasting of ears without salt.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25TH

- Our scouts report six hundred Federals in the neighborhood and captured four who were on their way to Neosho. The men are beginning to suffer from the loss of sleep. Last night Col Shelby fell off his horse while asleep. We are now living entirely on roasting ears. Have plenty of old corn for our horses. Had to leave Mart-Oliver and Houston in Carthage. O. Redd has a place in Mr. Trundle's carriage and is as comfortable as could be expected.

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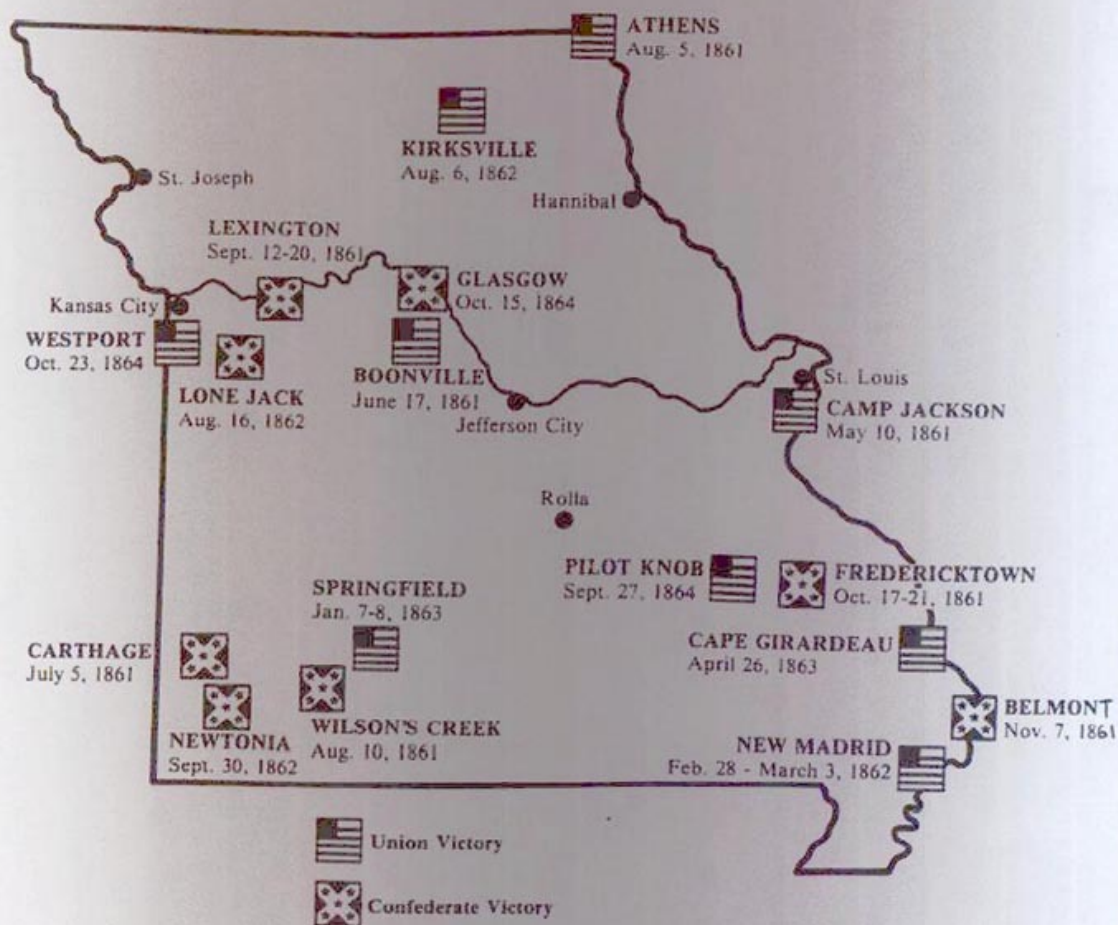
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27TH

- Took up our line of march yesterday and marched 5 miles to Rutledge and camped for the night to allow the men a chance to sleep all night for the first time since we left the river. Woke up this morning feeling much refreshed and after partaking of a good breakfast at a private house feel very much improved. Channing seems to stand the trip very well and takes everything as a good soldier should without grumbling at useless deficiency.

FRIDAY, EVE 29TH

- We are now camped at Huffs Mills in Arkansas for the first time in my life I am in this land of Musquitoes, Buffaloe, knats and Lizzards. One almost feels the cold touch on the feet of some slippery Lizzards or shaggy Tarantula when they lie down on their downey beds of “Arkansas feathers,” and often times the sleepy soldier awakes from his rest to find his bed shared by a Quarrelsome Rattlesnake or a many footed Centipede.

IMPORTANT BATTLES AND SKIRMISHES IN MISSOURI



WORKING WITH PRIMARY SOURCES

What is it?

What does it tell me?

What questions do I have?

THE FAMILY BIBLE

Who is William Bulkley?

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

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Rev Olcott Bulkley was born in
Sheldon, Vermont. March 28th 1808.

Anne E. Johnson was born in Ford
Co. Md. - July 3rd 1822.

Olcott Beeder son of O. S. & Katherine
Bulkley was born April 19th 1899;
at Little Rock. Cal.

Charles Channing son of C. S. &
Corinne Bulkley was born Sep 22nd
1901. in Kansas City. Mo.

Edward Olcott, son of O. R. and Isabel
Bulkley, was born in Pasadena, California
July 4, 1924.

Katherine Marshall, daughter of Olcott R.
and Isabel Bulkley, was born in Long
Beach January 3, 1928.

Beverly Anne, daughter of Edward O. and
Betty Bulkley, was born in Pasadena, Calif.
Aug 1, 1957

FAMILY RECORD.

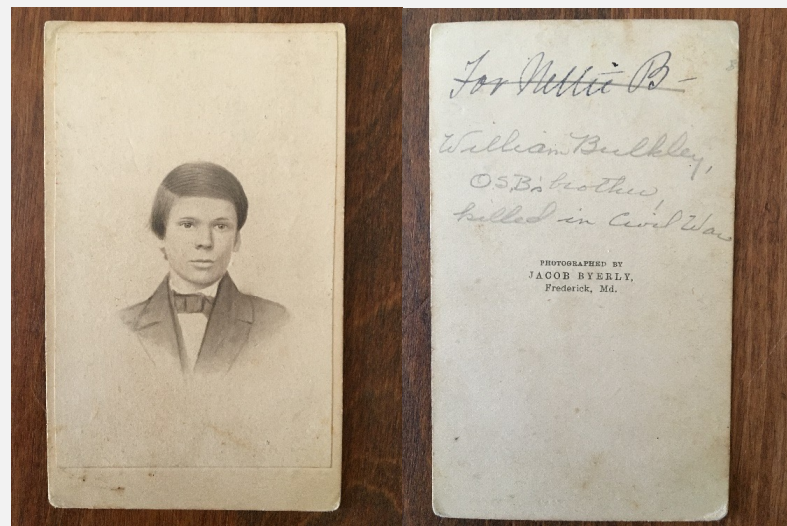
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Children of Rev O. & A. E. Bulkley.
Wm Alexander, born May 26th 1842. in Md.
Channing Moore, - Jan 25th 1844. " Va.
Henry Martyn, - Jan 14th 1846. " Va.
Eleanor Johnson, - Sep 7th 1848. in Va.
Elizabeth Killeary, - Sep 11th 1850. " Md.
Ann Rebecca, - Dec 22nd 1852. " Va.
Charles Lincoln, - Feb 18th 1855. " Va.
Mary Louisa, - Dec 5th 1856. " Md.
Barrick Johnson, - Sep 21st 1859. " Mo.
Laura Brashear, - June 16th 1862. " Mo.
Olcott Smith, - June 11th 1865. " Mo.

Infant child of Silas & Laura Bulkley
passed within the Father's fold -
Oct 4, 1896. unnamed.

WHAT ARE THESE?





DEATHS.

Henry M. Bulkley died June 12, 1850,
aged 4 years, 5 months. in Fed. Co. Md.

Channing M. Bulkley fell in battle at
Springfield, Mo. Jan 8th 1863 - aged nearly 19 yrs.

William A. Bulkley died at Little Rock, Ark.
Sep 5, 1863; 8 mos - after being wounded

Rev Olcott Bulkley died Feb 23, 1891 at his
home in Saline Co. Mo. - faithful minister of G.

Elizabeth W. second daughter of Olcott
& A. E. Bulkley fell asleep Aug 31st 1900.

"Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in thy sight."

Anne Elizabeth Johnson Bulkley died
Feb 22, 1905, at her home in Higginville Mo.

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they
shall see God."

DEATHS.

Bulkley Family - Brief Geneological Table.

Robertus Dus de Bulkeley (1) was born in Cheshire, England, prior to the reign of King John (from 1199 to 1216. He had one son, William (2), who also had one son, Robertus de Bulkeley (3), Lord of Bulkeley who married the daughter of Thomas Butler, Baron of Warrington, Lancashire, and had two sons, William and Perer (4).

Peter (4) married the daughter of Nicholas Bird of Haughton and was succeeded by his son John (5), who marries Adryon, daughter of John Colby of Word. John died in 1450 and was succeeded by his son, Hugh (6), who married Helen, daughter of Thomas Wilbraham of Woodley. They had one son, Humphrey (7), who married Cyle, daughter of John Multon of Multon and Pole. Issue, Humphrey, William, Helen, Margery.

William Bulkeley (8) married Beatryce, daughter of William of Balansdale, whose son Thomas Bulkeley (9) married Elizabeth, daughter of Randall Grosvenor of Bill Report. Issue, Nathaniel and Edward.

Edward Bulkeley (10), Rector of the Parish of Woodhill, Bedfordshire, married Ilive Isby of Lincolnshire. Died 1620. Issue Peter and David.

Peter Bulkeley D.D. (11) was born 1583 at Woodhill, Bedfordshire, educated at St. John's College, Cambridge, first married Jane, daughter of Sir Thomas Allen of Goldington. Issue, Edward, Thomas, John, Joseph. He next married Grace, daughter of Sir Richard Chitwood, emigrated to America and founded Concord, Mass., 1635. There were born Greshom (12), Eleanor, Peter and Dorothy. Died March 9th. 1659.

Greshom Bulkley (12) D.D., was born at Concord, Mass., Jan. 2nd. 1636; Graduated from Harvard 1655; married Oct. 26th. 1659 to Sarah Chauncy. Issue; Peter, Charles, Edward, John, Catherine, Dorothy. Died Dec. 2, 1713.

John Bulkley (13) D.D., Born Weatherfield, Conn. about 1670. Graduated Harvard 1699; married Patience Prentice; Died June 1753; his wife died Dec. 25, 1761. Issue, John, Parience, Gershom, Charles, Peter (14), Oliver, Sarah, Dorothy, Lucy.

Peter Bulkley (14) was born in 1712; died March 2, 1790. First married Lucy Avery Jan. 17, 1742; issue Peter, William, Lucy. Next married Susannah Newton Dec 16, 1756; she died Aug. 26, 1799; issue James, Susannah, Israel, Charles, Dennis, Asa, John Wilkes, Frederick, Mary, Olive, Isaac.

Asa Bulkley (15) was born May 15, 1768; married Esther Smith. Wounded in 1812, merchant and farmer. Issue; Smith, Olcott (16), Fanny, Sarah, Mary, Louise.

Olcott Bulkley (16), D.D., was born March 28th. 1806, near Sheldon, Vermont. Married Anne Elizabeth Johnson Nov. 19th. 1840. Died Feb. 22nd. 1890, near Blackburn, Mo. Wife born July 3rd. 1823, Frederick County, Maryland and died Feb. 23rd. 1906, at Higginville, Mo. Issue:

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| William Alexander Bulkley, | Born May 26 1842 | Died Sept. 5 1863 |
| Channing Moore | " " Jan 26 1844 | " " Jan. 8 1863 |
| Henry Martin | " " May 14 1846 | " " May 11 1850 |
| Eleanor Johnson (17) | " " Sept 7 1848 | " " " " |
| Elizabeth Hilary | " " Sep 11 1850 | " " Aug. 26 1900 |
| Anne Rebecca | " " Dec 22 1852 | " " " " |
| Charles Simeon (17) | " " Feb 18 1855 | " " " " |
| Mary Louise | " " Dec 5 1857 | " " " " |
| Henrietta Johnson | " " Sep 21 1859 | " " " " |
| Laura Brashear | " " Jun 16 1862 | " " " " |
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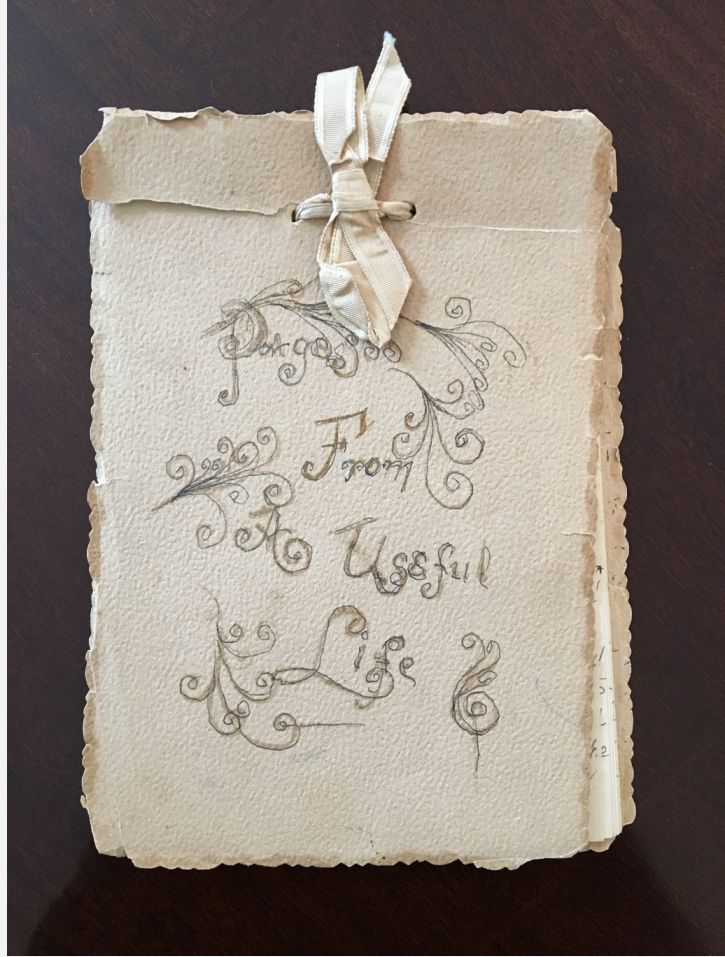
Charles Simeon Bulkley (17) married Nov. 5 1895 to Corinne Price, born May 10 1869 in St Louis. Issue Charles Channing (18) born Sept 22 1901 in Kansas City.

Olcott Smith Bulkley (17) married Apr 9 1898 to Katherine Reeder, born July 27 1876 in Lexington, Mo. Issue Olcott Reeder (18)

“PAGES FROM A USEFUL LIFE”

Olcott Smith Bulkley, 1808 - 1891

Episcopalian Reverend



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From

Useful

Life

Pages from a Useful Life:

A Brief Memorial
of
Rev. Elcott Bulkley.

"He that is the veil which they
who live call life;
We sleep and it is lifted."

This little Memorial of
a faithful minister of Christ,
your dear father, is written
as a bright lesson shining
through a season of deep
sorrow in the past.

May his children feel that
"he being dead, yet speaketh."
Your loving mother

Nov. 19, 1894.

Months passed, and when the young clergyman asked me to share his lot and help in doing his Master's work, I consented, though with misgivings as to my fitness. We were married Nov 19, '40, by Rev. R. H. Phillips, my friend and pastor. This union brought increased happiness, the memory of which is inexpressibly precious. We remained with my mother the first year and then moved to St. Mark's parsonage as he was now in charge of the parish; it was there May 26, '42 that dear Willie was sent us. The pastor labored faithfully there and at the other places given, adding many efficient, useful members. The last of '43 brought an invitation

Moved to Saline Co, Mo. in '57 with seven children; bought land, and he entered up on the duties of St. Thomas parish, preaching at several other points occasionally; he was the pioneer missionary of Saline Co, going to other places to perform ministerial duty for church members.

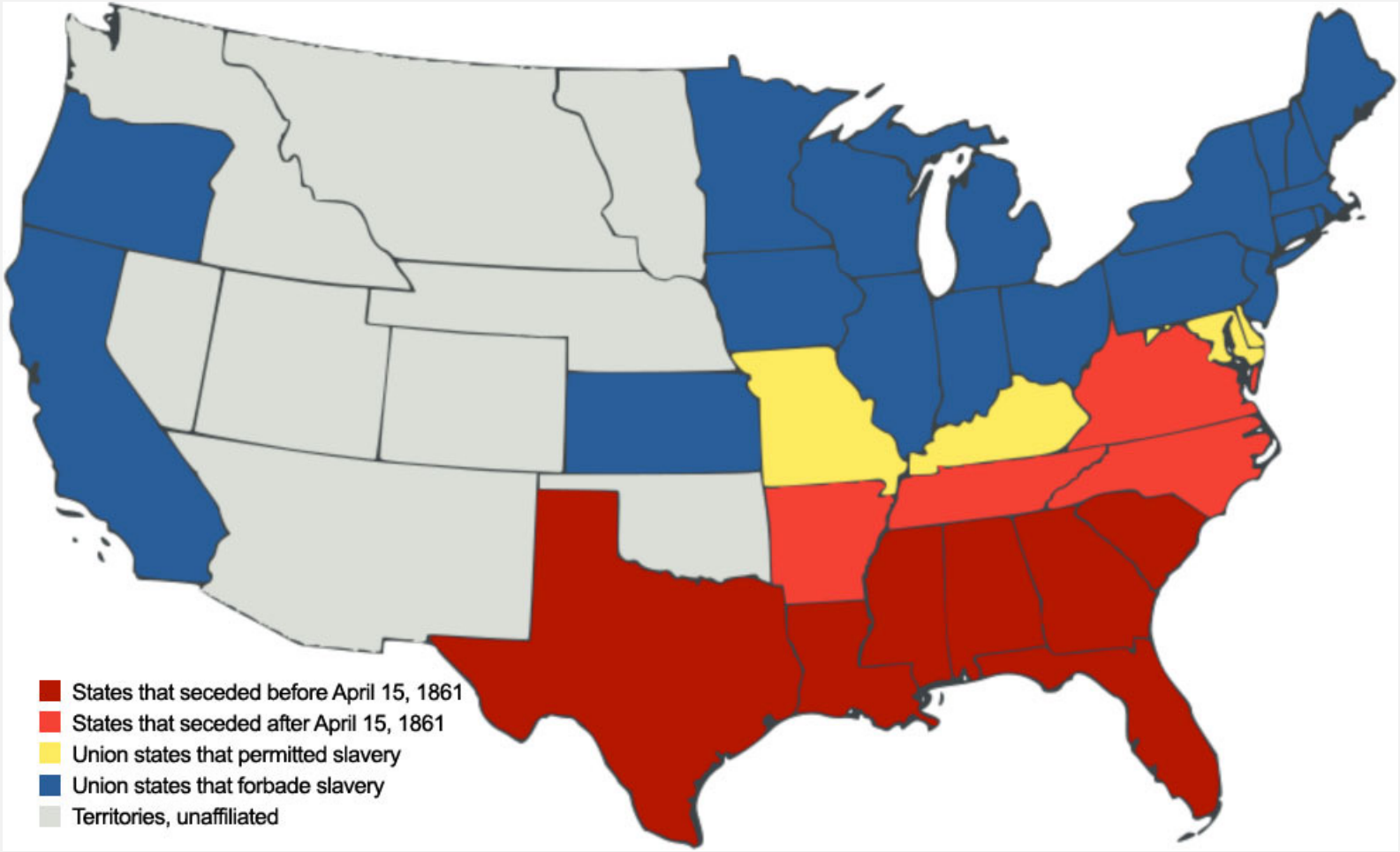
In '61 our Civil War commenced; our older boys were at school in Lexington, and had to return home!

In Sept Willie went away with Southern troops, returning in Dec. sick with camp fever; that winter was the last one our boys sheltered under the house roof. Our hearts were filled with dark forebodings as a cruel civil ^{war} was inevitable, and

**TRANSCRIPTION FROM A USEFUL LIFE -
WILLIAM BORN AND MOVE TO SALINE COUNTY**

Months passed by and when the young clergyman asked me to share his life and work, I consented though with misgivings as to my fitness. We were married Nov 19, 1841; by Rev R.W. Phillips, my old teacher and pastor. The vestry of St. Mark's called Mr. B and in '42 and we moved from Mother's to the Parsonage, and it was there that next May 26 dear Willie was given us, one of the dearest blessing of our happily married life. The Pastor labored faithfully there and at other points, adding many efficient, faithful members to the Church.

The last of 1843 he received a call from Bishop Meade to go to Cumberland Co. Va, which he accepted and he went in Nov. I joined him the next spring March 1844; Channing being six weeks old. The people were refined and cultivated, greatly attached to the faith and ways of our Church, and aided their Rector by regular attendance, and generous contributions. Ten happy years we lived among them, and it caused great regret when circumstances led Mr. B. to move to Fluvanna Co in '54. Finally in '56 he decided to move West and make better provisions for our young family. We came to Saline Co. Mo in '57 with seven children, bought land and made a comfortable home. Mr. Bulkley took charge of St. Thomas parish, preaching at several other places occasionally: he was for years the pioneer missionary of our Church in Central Mo.





History

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What fun - your history arrived today!! So many things there - and I loved the memories and poem written after your summer on the farm.

I found this from a search on Olcott Bulkley Missouri -

Rev. Olcott Bulkley, P. O., Blackburn. Son of A. Bulkley, of Connecticut, and Esther Bulkley, of Massachusetts, was born in Sheldon, Franklin county, Vermont, Nov. 28, 1808, where he was raised. Educated at Bristol College, and studied theology at Alexandria, Virginia. After completing his course, and being ordained a minister in the Episcopal church, he settled first in Frederick county, Maryland, then in Cumberland county, Virginia. From there he came to Missouri, and settled in this county. During his rectorship here, he had charge of the parish known as St. Thomas. In 1869 he had charge of Grace Church in Jefferson City, for six years, and was chaplain of the penitentiary during that time, and was also president of the Jefferson City Female Seminary. In consequence of the broken state of his health, he was compelled to retire to his farm in Saline, which consists of 400 acres of fine land on Quality Ridge, and to give up his active ministry, in a great measure. He was married November 19, 1840, to Miss Ann E. Johnson, of Frederick county, Maryland, and has had eleven children, eight of who are living: Elena. (Mrs. Dr. Pelot), Elizabeth H., Ann Rebecca, Charles S., Mary L., Henrietta J., Laura B., Olcott S. Two of his sons, William A. and Channing, were killed in battle during the war. They were brave and gallant boys of nineteen and twenty-one years of age, and fell fighting for what they thought was right. Page 658

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A GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL

Anne Elizabeth Johnson Bulkley, 1822 - 1905

Mother and Recorder



Sign

William A Buckley
Haverlog. P. O.
Aug 15th 1862 Lafayette Co.
Mo.
Laura B. Johnson.
from her friend.
Mollie Dray.
July 15th 1862

W A Buckley Orderly Serg
Co D 1st Regt Cavalry
Shells Cavalry Brigade
Fort Smith Ark
Nov 20th 1862

Order

**TRANSCRIPTION FROM GENEALOGICAL JOURNAL -
THE BOYS IN THE CIVIL WAR**

In 1861 our Civil War commenced; our older boys were at school near Lexington, and had to return in consequence of the closing of the Academy. In September, Willing went away with the Southern troops after the capture of Lexington, but returned in Dec sick with camp fever. That winter was the last our boys W. and C. spent at home. Our hearts were filled with dark forebodings as a cruel civil war was inevitable, and we knew we must give them up to fight for Southern rights. In Aug '62 our brave, noble sons left home; news came occasionally of their welfare and safety - then that Channing had fallen at Springfield, and Willie was wounded at Hartsville. Oh! Those long weary months of waiting and anxiety! And 8 months later news came of Willie's death; so many cherished hopes frustrated, and yet we did say "Thy will be done."

Your father's work had not been interrupted by the turmoil of contending forces; he went from place to place teaching the story of the Cross, and comforting many poor hearts bereaved during these dark days; and he labored in and out of season to make these trials blessed and his name was honored and loved by many outside of our communion.

Sept 11th - 61.

This is to certify that Lieut
Berkeley has an order to get a
certain wagon left by the Federal

troops to report the same to
the Quartermaster of 2d Reg

B Elliott Col

HISTORICAL RECORDS

What happened to Channing Moore Bulkley
and William Alexander Bulkley?

MISSOURI SOLDIERS (1861-1865) WAR BETWEEN THE STATES

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|---|-------|------------|---------------------|------------|
| BULLIEN | | Channing | | Pvt. |
| SURNAME | | GIVEN NAME | | RANK |
| Co. "D" 1st Mo. Cav. Col. Joseph G. Shelby C.S.A. | | | | |
| SERVICE | | | | |
| DATE ENLISTED | | | PLACE OF ENLISTMENT | |
| DATE | PLACE | KILLED | PAROLED | DISCHARGED |

CONFIRMATION OF RECORD:

Was killed at Springfield. This company was organized Aug. 1862, at Grand Pass, Saline Co., Mo.

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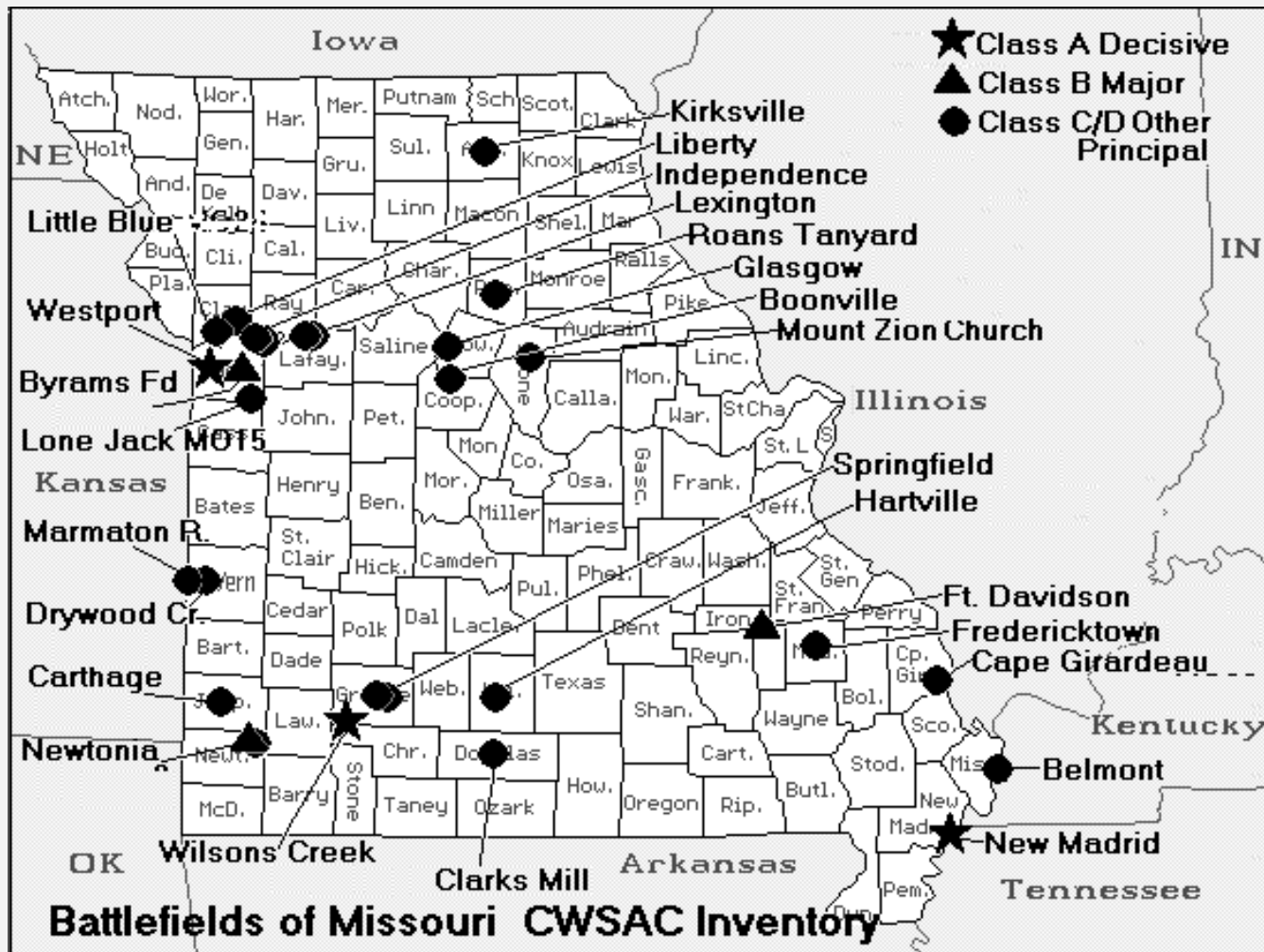
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| BULKLEY | | | | Dvt. | |
| SURNAME | | GIVEN NAME | | RANK | |
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History of Saline Co., Mo. Page--328.

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| Bulkley, Channing | Company D: Shelby's Regt., 1st Reg. Lt. B.F. Gordon comdg | Battle of Springfield Jan. 8th 1863 | Killed |
| Bulkley, Wm. | Sergt. Company D: 1st Regt. Shelby's Cavalry Brigade | Hartsville, Jan 11, 1863 | thigh, seriously |



self once more among the
dear friends I have there
I like live in hope & expect
a change. Saw Capt. Dye
today who promised to
send an ambulance &
carry me to Little Rock.
This is the last of Dr.
Bull's legs. Journal -
He was brought to Little
Rock, Sept 2nd (Wednesday)
& was left at the Residence
of Dr John Kirkwood's
where he received every
attention possible for his
comfort. He died on
the 3rd Sept 4^o ^{o'clock P.M.}
and was buried on the
following day in the

103 Cemetery, on Little Rock
by his old, Comrades, with
the military honors of war.
May we all be as well
prepared to go - when
called, as was, our mutual
friend Billy - The sound
of the war Drum will
never more disturb his
peaceful slumbers, he has
given his all for his Country
& man, let us cherish his
memory & love the Cause
for which he died -
Laura A. Cox -
of Batesville
Ark -
Sept 9th 1863
Little Rock

1954 *LEXINGTON NEWS* ARTICLE
AND TEXT OF LETTER

93 Years Later the *Lexington Adventures in News* publishes
the story of the boys and Col Jo Shelby

Flag of General Shelby's Army at Anderson House

A Confederate flag made by a group of Lexington girls some 93 years ago has found its way back to a position of prominence at the Anderson House here after having been hidden in a featherbed during the Civil war to prevent its falling into the hands of the Northern army.

The flag has been made the display of the month for May and is being shown at the Anderson House in a glass case, along with a copy of "General Jo Shelby," newly-published biography of the famous Civil war figure by Daniel O'Flaherty.

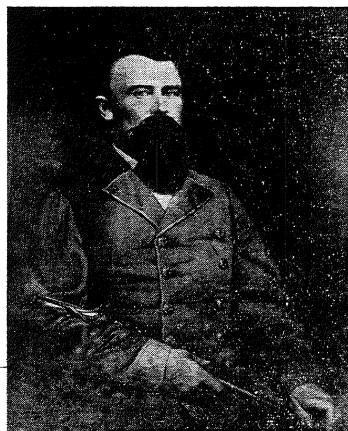
The story of the flag is closely tied to the history of General Shelby's activities during the war. The flag is the only known Confederate flag which was carried with Shelby in Missouri and which still is in existence.

The story begins in 1861 when two brothers, William and Channing Bulkley, were students at Lafayette Military institute, located then near Mayview.

The brothers were in sympathy with the views of the South and felt certain that the civil conflict eventually would rage throughout this area.

They asked the Lexington girls to make a Confederate flag for them. The girls complied with the request and made the flag of cotton material, sewing on by hand the 15 white stars on a blue field.

The brothers in September, 1861, joined Shelby's army. William Bulkley became a lieutenant, and his brother Channing was a sergeant. Lieutenant Bulkley carried



CENTRAL FIGURES IN THE STORY of the Confederate flag which now is on display at the Anderson House are Gen. Jo Shelby, left above, with whose army the flag was carried, and two brothers, Lt. William Bulkley, above center, and Sgt. Channing Bulkley, lower center, at whose request the flag was made and who later carried it into battle. At right the flag is displayed by Janice Phillips, 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Phillips, Anderson House supervisors. Behind Janice is a bust of Maj. Gen. Sterling Price, commanding general of Confederate forces in Missouri. (Photo at right by Advertiser-News.)

the flag, which was fired upon, on at least one occasion.

Fearing that the flag might fall into the hands of the enemy, the brothers sent it to a sister, a Mrs. Pelot, in Sweet Springs. Mrs. Pelot ripped open a featherbed and stuffed the flag inside the bed. Bits of feathers still cling to the

flag after all these years.

The Federals searched the Pelot house but did not find the flag.

Recently, 92 years later, the treasured memento was sent to the Anderson House by the son and daughters of Mrs. Pelot. The daughters are Miss Julia Pelot and Miss Nettie Pelot. Charles Pelot



is the son.

The presenting of the flag to the historic home here was arranged by Gilbert Knipmeyer, Al-

ma, archivist of Missouri, and Albert H. Oechsle, a Jefferson City jeweler who maintains an active interest in historic memorabilia.

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CAN YOU SPOT THE ERRORS?

Copied from Nettie Pelot's letter written to Mother Bulkley (Katherine L. Bulkley) Sept. 8, 1953:

"I don't know whether or not you know of the Confederate Flag the women of Lexington (Missouri) made for the company Gen. Joe Shelby organized and our Uncles William and Channing were in and which was sent to Grandpa when William was killed. He was Color bearer. Grandpa was afraid the ~~Federals~~ Federals would find it so it was sewed up in a feather bed for the duration of the war. They gave it to us some time ago and we have given it to the Anderson House. Charlie wrote a nice article about it and framed the boys pictures in a nice frame to go with the flag. William was 21 when he was killed at the battle of Wilson's Creek, Channing was wounded and later died in Little Rock, Arkansas. We had a very nice letter from the Phillips in appreciation."

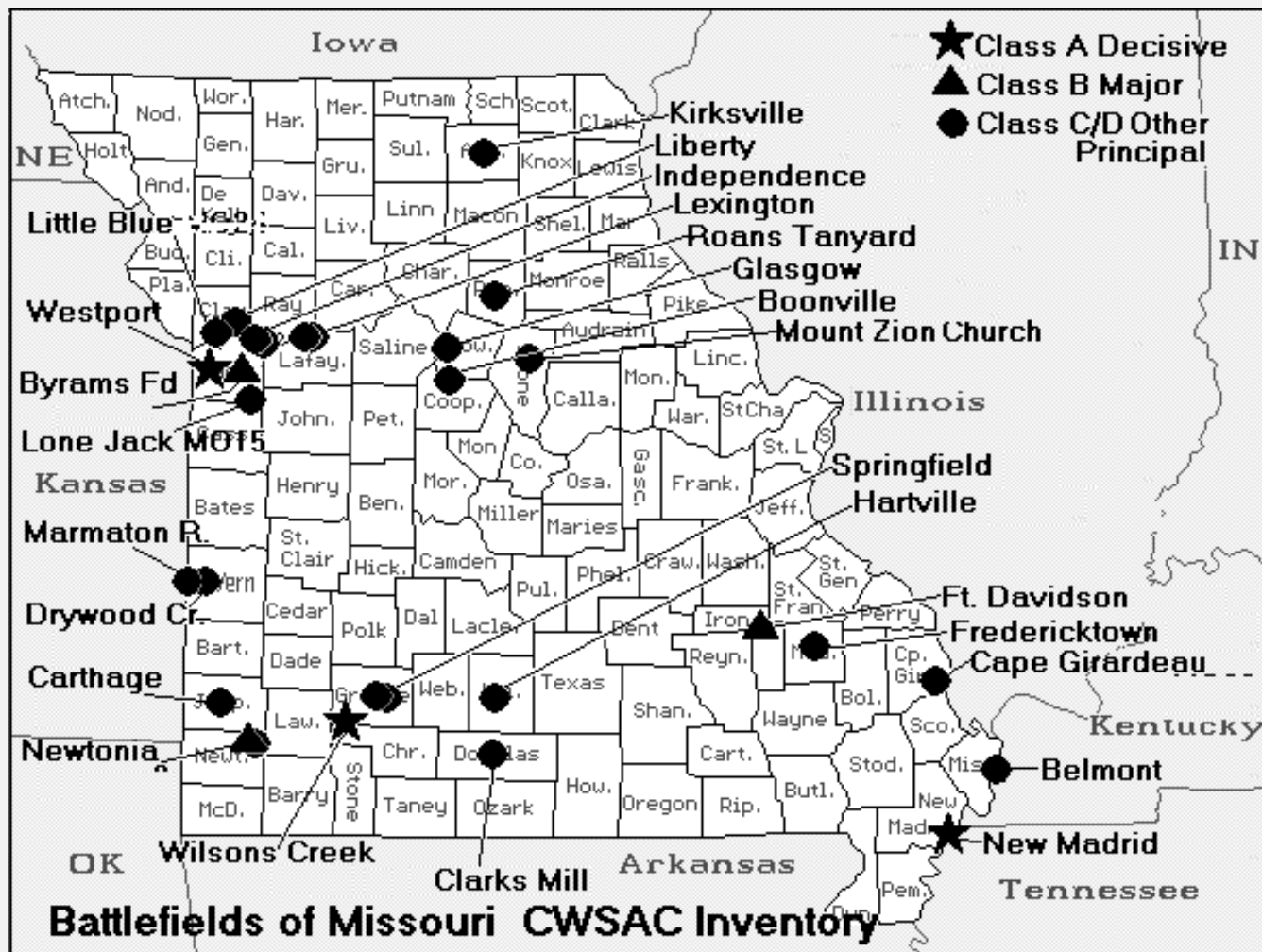
"A Mr. Knipmeyer who is in the Adj. General's office in Jefferson City comes by to see us and he wants a copy of Uncle William's Diary."

A SELECTION OF DIARY ENTRIES

From Missouri to Arkansas

SEPTEMBER IN ARKANSAS – NEWTONIA (1862)

- **Sunday 14th** - Buried Col Hays all of *the men* turned out - and marched in precision with Arms raised. All seemed to be impressed with the solemnity of the occasion and many an eye was moist when the Chaplain offered up his appropriate and touching prayer to the throne of God in behalf of the illustrious dead. Our wagons and artillery got up this morning.
- **Monday 15th** - moved camp this morning to 1 mile south of Newtonia. Named the Camp, "Hays" after Col Hays killed on Saturday last.
- **Tuesday 16th** - Still in camp. Drilled Infantry drill in morning. Officer cavalry drill at noon & company drill as cavalry in evening. There is plenty of Forage near here and it is probable we will remain near here for some time.
- **Wednesday 17th** - Lay in camp all day drilling three times as heretofore.



OCTOBER IN ARKANSAS – NEWTONIA (1862)

- **Thursday 2nd** – Still in Camp N. of town- nothing of interest transpired except the arrival of a Flag of F??? from the Federals in reference to their dead and wounded. Real object supposed to be to find out our positions??? Our men have been busy today burying the Federal dead. Forage plenty.
- **Friday 3rd** – Intelligence brought in to say of the approach of a large body of Federals. Wagons ordered to be loaded & ready to leave at a moments notice.
- **Saturday 4th** – Sent out scouts last night which returned at daylight this morning & confirmed the ??? of the Federals. Orders to saddle up at 4 A.M. Feel a fight coming on but would rather it would not. The wagons were all sent to the rear and Regiments formed to move off.

JULY IN ARKANSAS – BATESVILLE (1863)

- **Thursday July 30th** - Left Batesville at 8 o'clock this morning on my way to Louisiana. I have spent many of the happiest moments of my life at B. and long will I remember it's kind, hospitable and interesting people. The ladies of B. are among the most fascinating I have ever met with and almost without an exception display an undying devotion to the Southern cause. In the time I have stayed there, I have had an excellent opportunity to form a correct idea of the state of Society and am satisfied that no place containing as many ladies can produce so many that are models of a lady as can be found there. I have formed many strong attachments to the place as well as its fair girls and will ever remember with the greatest of pleasure my sojourn there.



AUGUST IN ARKANSAS – ROAD TO LITTLE ROCK (1863)

- **Tuesday 18th** – Started at an early hour for Dis arc. Overtook my friend Lieut Beatie 15 miles on my way and passed the remainder of the day very pleasantly. It has been just 12 months today since I left home and it may be years before I see it again. Spent the night at William Healy's 10 miles from Dis arc with Lieut & Reese Markin.
- **Wednesday 19th** – Reached Dis arc this morning about 10 o'clock – found everything all right. Put up with my friend Slayback. Spend the day laying around and trying to drive away bad feeling.
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- **Friday 21st** – No better this morning but struck out again for Col ????? camp & though my leg pained me a great deal & it was with difficulty I could ride I kept on & got to camp late in the evening. Found John Smith, Bob Sheaner, W. Evans and Major Bull well. Spent the night with them suffering a great deal.
- **Saturday 22nd** – Started on the Little Rock Road to find a house to stop at as I am unable to ride any farther. After going some 7 or 8 miles came to Mr. Johnson's (12 miles from the Rock) & stopped with him. My leg is exceedingly painful and shows great disposition to draw up.

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Saturday 29th - A week today since I stopped and I am still no better. I am really low spirited and well have I cause to be. Among total strangers and those who were never used to good society in their life. I feel more sensitively the sudden change from B. and often as anything wander back & I fancy myself among the dear friends I have there. I live in hope and expect a change. Saw G???

Dye today and he promised to send an ambulance and carry me to Little Rock.

THE DIARY'S LAST ENTRY

This is the last of Lt Bulkley's journal. He was brought to Little Rock September 2nd (Wednesday) and was left at the residence of Dr. John Kirkwood where he received every attention possible for his comfort. He died on the 5th of Sept 4 o'clock pm and was buried on the following day in the Cemetery in Little Rock by his old comrades, with the Military honors of War. May we all be as prepared to go when called as our mutual friend Billy. The sounds of the war Drum will never more disturb his peaceful slumbers. He has given his all for his country & more. Let us cherish his memory & love this cause for which he died -

Laura A. Cox
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