



# NEWS

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*First Minnesota Monument at Gettysburg*

### TCCWRT'S FIRST SUMMER PICNIC

#### **You're Invited to a TCCWRT Picnic!**

The TCCWRT will be having its first summer picnic on Tuesday July 20, 2021, starting at 4:00 PM. The TCCWRT will provide the main dishes, water/lemonade/iced tea, plates and utensils.

Please bring a Side Dish or Dessert to share.

Optional: Bring a comfortable lawn chair, a preferred beverage (No alcohol is allowed, however 3.2 beer in cans is okay). We are under a shelter, so rain or shine we'll be gathering. Only severe weather conditions would cancel us. There are restrooms, a playground, and free parking nearby. We may play games too! Courtesy of our president, Bob.

For reservations, contact Lana Blumhoefer at [lanarae27@yahoo.com](mailto:lanarae27@yahoo.com). Provide her with your name and names of guests and what side dish or dessert you wish to bring. RSVPs are preferred but walk-ins are okay. **RSVP by July 12<sup>th</sup>!!**

**When:** Tuesday, July 20th at 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Wabun B at the Minnehaha Park  
4655 46th Ave So., Mpls.

**Who:** You and your family

### JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you on Facebook? If so, please consider joining our Civil War Round Table - Twin Cities Group. On our Group page you will find posts shared from some of the best Civil War history organizations in the county including the American Battlefield Trust, Civil War Chronicles and Emerging Civil War. As a group member you can post and share any Civil War related

items (photos, stories, questions) you wish. If you are already on Facebook, make sure you the search for our group and ask to be a member.

### **STEVEN SCHIER'S CIVIL WAR TRIVIA QUESTION OF THE MONTH:**

What far west battle ended Confederate efforts to invade and conquer Arizona and California?

**(See the last page for the answer)**

### **THIS MONTH IN CIVIL WAR HISTORY – JULY**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 1862 – Battle of Malvern Hill, Virginia
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1862 – Morrill Land Grant Act signed into law by President Lincoln
- 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 1863 – Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- 4<sup>th</sup> 1863 – After a long siege, Union forces under U.S. Grant capture Vicksburg MS.
- 13<sup>th</sup> 1863 – New York draft riots.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 1862 – Confederate diplomats meet with Napoleon III of France seeking aid.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864 – Battle of Atlanta, Georgia
- 27<sup>th</sup> 1861 – Major General George B. McClellan takes command of the Army of the Potomac.
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1862 – Confederate spy Belle Boyd captured.
- 30<sup>th</sup> 1864 – Battle of the Crater at Petersburg, Virginia
- 31<sup>st</sup> 1861 – Ulysses S. Grant promoted to Brigadier General

### **CIVIL WAR BIRTHDAYS – JULY**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 1810 - Robert Toombs, Secretary of State and Brig. General, C.S.A.
- 4<sup>th</sup> 1828 – Brig. General James Johnston Pettigrew, C.S.A.
- 5<sup>th</sup> 1801 – Admiral David G. Farragut, U.S.A.
- 12<sup>th</sup> 1821 – Lt. General Daniel Harvey Hill, C.S.A.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 1822 – Brig. Gen. Hamilton Bee, C.S.A

## Patriotic 1862 Baby Booties: A Research Quest

These little artifacts have been framed on our dining room wall since shortly after we purchased them in 1990. But not until today and this article did we tease out the research to identify their original owner. The estate sale at St. Paul's 666 Fairmount Avenue was memorable; the large old house had numerous fine antiques and interesting small items. The staff told us some things came from the Hercules Dousman family of Wisconsin and Missouri fur trade fame. Wendy was inspecting the jewelry case as I waited and hoped she wouldn't find something too expensive.



I glanced at a pair of crocheted baby booties but then noticed that the price tag also said "See Note Inside." Still waiting to leave, I asked about the note .... and soon became the new owner of the little artifacts.

**"Edith  
Ho ho! Little stranger,  
Put a foot in each shoe,  
And kick for the Union  
The red, white and blue  
1862"**

Now suddenly the blue ribbon on the red and white booties made sense. But who was Edith? My search in the 1990s centered on the well documented Dousman family and the previous owner of the house had indeed been from that line. Mrs. Mary Blake Janes, widow of prominent Judge J. Clifford Janes, was daughter of Violet Dousman Young, daughter of Hercules Dousman of St. Louis. But no Ediths born in 1862 showed up in that line. So the framed booties remained a frustrating mystery for the next 30 years.

Reopening the search today I looked for references on the Fairmount Avenue address and found only one historical mention, but it provided the needed clue. Walking tours of Crocus Hill included detailed histories of some of the properties - including the one I needed. The two-page history noted the most prominent residents as being Judge and Mrs. Janes. She passed immediately prior to the estate sale. The history described several important paintings and artifacts she had donated to local institutions and gave me a sense of why she had long treasured the little artifacts I found.

US Census records are available online from several sources. Some like Ancestry.com require a subscription or in person use at a public library. Other sources are free, including Familysearch.org which requires only registration. It is my at-home first resource and allows users to see actual scans of the original census tally sheets and double check sometimes incorrect transcriptions. Some census years recorded the birth state or country of parents, language spoken in the home, occupation, and net worth. All provide clues to work back decade by decade. But unfortunately most of the 1890 census was burned and that gap was a problem in this particular search. Still, I was able to eliminate Judge Janes' family and concentrate on Mrs. Janes.

Mary Blake Young Janes was the daughter of Violet Dousman Young and Edward B. Young. I knew she was born around 1910 and that her middle name was Blake, so fortunately was able to locate her in the 1920 census along with her parents' names and birth states of Massachusetts and Missouri. Still hoping for a Dousman connection I explored that line back to 1860, filtering by "Edith" and "born 1861-63". Nothing found, so I moved to the Young name with little to expect. Young is a relatively common name and Massachusetts a heavily populated state; there were quite a few Edward Youngs listed in the 1880 census. But when I included the "B" middle initial I found the right family!

Young Edward B.	12	M	51		1	Dousman				Massachusetts	Mass.	Mass.
— Mary C.	19	F	49	Wife	1	Residing home				Massachusetts	Mass.	Mass.
— Edward B.	17	M	16	Son	1	Scholar			1	Massachusetts	Mass.	Mass.
— Edith	14	F	18	Daughter	1	At home			1	Massachusetts	Mass.	Mass.
— Herbert E.	14	M	8	Son	1	Scholar			1	Massachusetts	Mass.	Mass.
— Charles F.	17	M	6	Son	1					Massachusetts	Mass.	Mass.

Edward B. Young (Mary Blake Young Janes' father) was a 16-year-old scholar and son of 51-year-old Harvard Professor Reverend Edward J. Young. The Young family's first born, Edith, brightened the household in 1862 as the Civil War entered its second year. Here was the original owner of the little pair of baby booties. At that time the family lived in Newton where Edward



was pastor of Channing Church. Her brother Edward took the booties and poem with him to Minnesota and they were treasured by his daughter and amateur historian Mary through her long life. The extensive papers of both Reverend Young and his wife are in separate public collections.

And today those handmade baby booties have their origin story restored thanks to this little series of articles for the Round Table newsletter!

And what about little Edith? She was still single and living at home in 1880, but with no 1890 census and a presumed marriage it took a long shot to document her short life.

The Find A Grave website shows a rather low quality image of Reverend Edward Young's monument in the Mount Auburn Cemetery of Cambridge Massachusetts. And there apparently buried with her parents is Edith Blake Young Loring: born October 26, 1862 and died July 6, 1894. That last name is problematic and difficult to read. And so far I've not been able to find any marriage record which might add to the story.

But Edith's mother's archives do list family photos, so there may well be a photo of the baby available someday to add to the framed booties!

### **STEVEN SCHIER'S TRIVIA QUESTION ANSWER:**

Battle of Glorietta, New Mexico

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