

Civil War in Lowell

The Civil War impacted Lowell just as it did the country as a whole. The artifacts held by the Lowell Area Historical Museum help to tell the story of the Civil War on Lowell and its citizens.



1996.13.01

This is a copper token that is about the size of a penny. It has a Greek bust surrounded by 13 stars and date, 1863. On the reverse side it has "W.P. Blaisdell Tin and Hardware, Lowell, Michigan." Information provided by Gordon Hubenet indicates that this was a Civil War era token worth one cent, redeemable at this store. This was distributed by the store owner to try to get return patronage. The donor, Alfred Gaulzetti found this token among his mother-in-law's possession (Sally H. Rose) and donated it to LAHA requesting she be acknowledged. Letter on file.



2001.01.73

Black and white photo of Civil War veterans taken by Verne Ashley on May 29, 1931 and published in the Lowell Ledger June 11, 1931 and in the Lowell 100 Years of History 1831-1931. Left to right: Merritt Sayles, Robert Cheyne, A.W. Knee, Edwin Fallas, R.B. Boylan, Fred Rogers, Lee Edson.



2007.054.0001

Black and white photograph of Bob Boylan, who was a surviving Civil War veteran. The photograph shows him sitting on a pony named Toney.



2009.002.0001

Civil War military cap, Peter Fenning, grandfather of Lester, Civil War Officer's cap, Union, blue with gold braid, blue inner lining.



2009.011.0001

Book "The Great Rebellion vol. I by J. T. Headley" story of the Civil War. Table of contents listing missing first 20 pages but the book itself appears to be complete.



2009.017.0001

Certificate, Grand Army of the Republic certifying Peter Fenning is in good standing to any other post. Civil War veteran, born in Germany, grandfather of donor. Gives details of his enlistment



2009.025.0005a-b

Buttons from Civil War Uniform of Daniel Pletcher, in estate of his granddaughter Janet Pletcher Faulkner. Family story is that his wife burned the moth eaten woolen uniform and the buttons were retrieved by the children and passed to grandchildren.

a) 7/8" made by Michigan Puhl & Morris in Detroit.

b) 5/8" made by Horstmann in Philadelphia.



2010.019.0001

Civil war letter from Erastus J. Fox, stationed at Franklin, Tennessee to his brother Levi Fox. Talks about abolition of slavery vs. keeping the union together "we have a gov't and constitution that is worth preserving. It won't do to give up the game now." Tells about soldier friend dying, war goes on. Dated March 26, 1863. Excellent letter



2011.003.0006

Framed black and white photograph of Benjamin Morse, a Lowell citizen who was the only (Lowell?) recipient of the Medal of Honor during the Civil War