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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings:

This year is the one hundredth anniversary of the end of World War I. We will be doing a two-part series for the newsletters. This newsletter focuses on the Soldiers. Our next newsletter will focus on the home front. I am sure after reading it you will have a much better understanding of what Monson's participation in the War was all about. In line with this series, the Historical Society will be having a display of World War I Monson memorabilia at an open house to be held at the Jacob Thompson House on September 23rd from 1pm to 4 pm. We have been gleaning

through our archives for any information pertaining to Monson's activities both in the War and at home and have already discovered some very interesting items.

Along these same lines, the town of Monson, Evan Brassard, the Town Administrator, the Historical Society and Historical Commission have been collaborating to restore the WWI German Minenwerfer Mortar which was located in front of the north tower lawn of Memorial Hall. The wooden wheels are being restored and the gun itself has been sand blasted and will soon be receiving its coat of original colored paint. The Mortar was

placed as a monument somewhere around 1925.

While talking about Memorial Hall, we should mention that the same group is having the lantern, which once stood at the top of the Cushman fountain, restored and reinstalled. The lantern will also be illuminated at the same time. As an anecdote, this month's "Where Was This?" will ask about the original location of this fountain.

As you can see, we have been very busy at the Historical Society with lots going on behind the scenes.

Dennis



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MONSON IN THE GREAT WAR 1917-1918, PART ONE



By Dennis & Mary Swierad

On this, the occasion of the approaching 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, which occurred on November 11, 1918, we thought it would be appropriate to remember Monson's record both abroad and on the home front.

In this edition of the newsletter, we will be covering the histories of some of the men from Monson who fought in the War.

On April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson, through an Act of Congress, declared war on Germany. Immediately, the call went out for 500,000 new troops. By the end of hostilities, Monson had supplied a total of 184 to the war effort—182 men and 2 women. Among this number, six lost their lives in defense of our country.

The majority of the men from Monson who volunteered or were drafted were part of the 9th Division out of Ware, Mass. Most went through Camp Devens in Ayer, Mass., which was a huge military base on 10,000 acres with a capacity for officers and men of 43,000 in 1,600 buildings.

The following Monson men gave the ultimate sacrifice for their country:



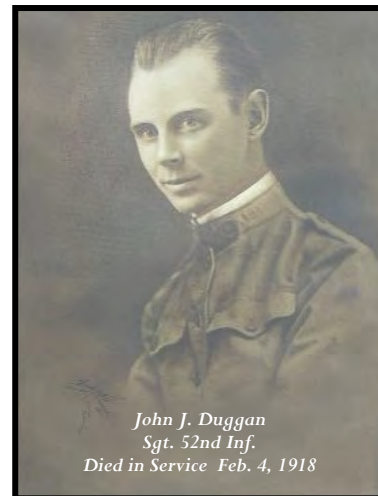
*Daniel J. Purcell
Pvt. Co. M. 325th Inf.
Killed in Action Oct. 11, 1918*

Daniel Joseph Purcell, 23, was born in Monson, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Purcell of High Street. He was educated in the public schools and Monson Academy, and was employed by Heimann and Lichten.

He was well known locally as a ball player and was a member of the town team for two years. He was among the first Monson boys to be drafted and left home September 22, 1917.

He was first sent to Camp Devens, where he was a member of the depot brigade. From there he went to Camp Gordon and sailed for France May 6, 1918, landing at an English port. He was in the battles of St. Mihiel and the Argonne, and was killed in action at Sedan, October 11, 1918.

Private Purcell was the first life long Monson native to be killed in action.



*John J. Duggan
Sgt. 52nd Inf.
Died in Service Feb. 4, 1918*

Sergeant John Joseph Duggan was the second Monson man to die during the war. He enlisted in the Army as a Private at the age of 28 years. He was assigned to Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga. He transferred to 3rd Officers' Training Camp. He was in the 52nd Infantry and was promoted to Sergeant. He Died February 4, 1918, of pneumonia at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.



William G. Mathieson
Pvt. Co. D. 7th Machine Gun Bat.
Died in Service Jan. 30, 1918

Private William G. Mathieson enlisted on September 17, 1917 at the age of 19 years. He was assigned to Syracuse, N. Y. He transferred to Camp Greens, N.C., October 15, 1917. Co. D, 7th Machine Gun Battalion. He died of pneumonia after an illness of about twelve days on January 30, 1918. A short narrative written by his father states "A short funeral service was held at Charlotte N.C. at which the company was present and in remembrance of their lost comrade, sent home with the casket, and American Flag." His captain writes "Pvt. Mathieson was an excellent soldier and well liked by his comrades as well as officers; and his unfortunate death was a source of genuine sorrow to us all."



George L. Giffin
Seaman 2nd Class
Died in Service Sept. 16, 1918

Navy Seaman 2nd Class, George Lester Giffin entered service at Boston, Mass., July 29, 1918 at age 21 years. He was assigned to Bumpkin Island July 29, 1918.

He transferred to Wakefield Rifle Range, Mass., September 3, 1918. He died September 14, 1918, at the U.S. Naval Hospital in Chelsea, Mass., of Influenza.

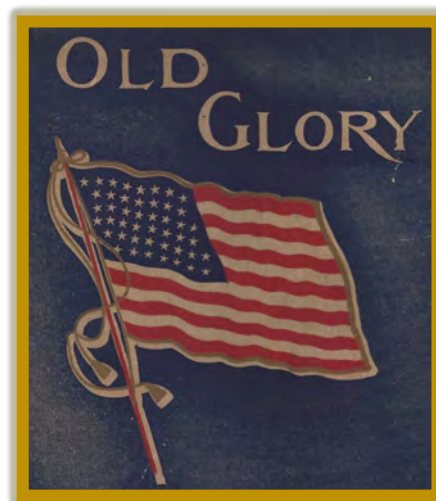
In an article it reads, "George Lester Giffin of the naval reserves died last Saturday in the hospital in Chelsea of pneumonia, following an attack of grip.

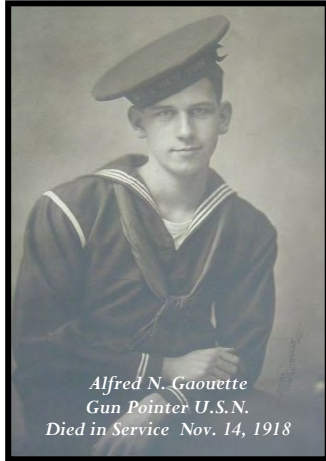
George Lester was known locally as "Mit" and was thoroughly liked by all those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance and that means nearly everybody in town as he was easy to get acquainted with.

Mit was the most carefree, happy-go-lucky individual you could meet in a day's journey. Nothing worried him and he met everything and everybody with a smile. He knew all the songs and he sang them. He took jokes cheerfully and he handed them out indiscriminately. If he had money he was happy. If he was broke he was happy just the same.

He was life incarnate and to think of him in connection with death was out of the question. You cannot think of him as gone now and yet that is the fact. Anyway he lived every minute while he stayed and while he was called too early there is this to be thought of - he followed his three brothers into the service with the same cheerfulness that he took up every other duty and the town is the poorer for the loss of a gallant, optimistic one hundred per cent, young American.

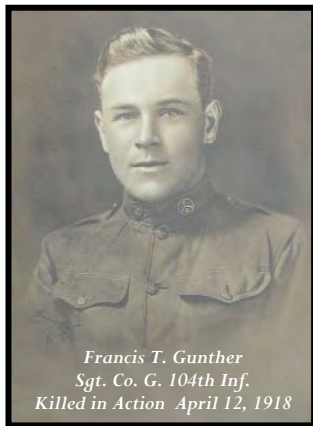
Seaman Giffin was born in Gilbertville, August 16, 1896 and was the youngest of five children. When he was two years old the family moved to Monson. Lester attended the public schools and then entered the employ of Edwin C. Bradway, news dealer. He remained there for years after which he worked for a time at the Woodmont garage in Palmer and at Heimann & Lichten's straw works in Monson."





*Alfred N. Gaouette
Gun Pointer U.S.N.
Died in Service Nov. 14, 1918*

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Alfred Naon Gaouette entered service at Springfield, Mass., April 2, 1917 at the age of 16 years. He was assigned to Newport, R. I. and was transferred to Norfolk, Va. On November 22, 1917 he went overseas on the U.S.S. New York assigned to Patrol Duty in the North Sea. He was promoted to Gun pointer. He died of pneumonia on November 14, 1918 at Leith, Scotland, U.S.N. Hospital No. 3.



*Francis T. Gunther
Sgt. Co. G. 104th Inf.
Killed in Action April 12, 1918*

Sergeant Francis T. Gunther of G. Co., 104th Infantry, was killed in action on April 12, 1918. He was a native of Monson and son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Gunther. He attended the schools of Monson and Hampden and later came to Springfield, making his home during his stay in that city with his sister. He enlisted several years ago in the old Second Massachusetts Infantry in G. Co., went to the Mexican border war and through soldierly qualities and excellence was advanced to the grade of sergeant.

We will now go onto some other Monson war veterans who were lucky enough to come home and of whom we were able to resurrect a photograph of and some interesting information about their time in the war.



*Francis Earl Bradway
Sgt. 53rd U. S. Infantry
Camp Devens, Mass.*

Francis Earl Bradway entered service as an Army Private at Ft. Slocum, N.Y., April 12, 1917 at the age of 20 years. He was assigned to Chickamauga Park, Ga., July 7, 1917, 53rd Infantry. He was sent overseas July 17, 1918 to Scotland. Co. L, 53rd Infantry, was transferred to France July 24, 1918. Saw action at battles and offensives at Vosges Sec. August 30 thru September 22, 1918; Vosges Sec. Raid (Defensive) September 16 through 18, 1918. Was promoted Pvt. 1st Class July 23, 1917; Corp. September 20, 1917; Sgt. February 18, 1918. Landed in U. S. June 12, 1919, at Hoboken, N.J. Discharged June 19, 1919, at Camp Devens, Mass.



*Co. L. 53rd U. S. Infantry
Chickamauga Park, Ga.
July 1917*



Rufus P. Cushman, Jr.
2nd Lieut. Camp Grant, Ill.

Rufus P. Cushman, Jr. entered service at the Officers' Training Camp in Plattsburg, N.Y., June 3, 1918 at the age of 20 years. He received commission to 2nd Lieut., September 16, 1918. He was assigned to Camp Grant, Ill. Infantry Replacement Unit. He was discharged December 3, 1918, at Camp Grant, Ill.



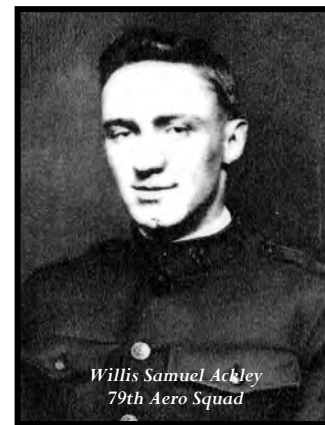
Edward A. Hanley
Pvt. 1st Class 103rd Aero Squad
Overseas Service

Edward A. Hanley, Monson native and son of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Hanley entered service as an Army Private at Springfield, Mass., August 13, 1917 at the age of 28 years. He was assigned to Kelly Field, Texas, 103rd Aero Squad. Transferred to Mineola, N.Y. Went overseas on October 28, 1917, England to France. 103rd Aero Squad, Lafayette Escadrille with French Armies in Chemin des Dames, Flanders Sec.,

February 18 through June 30, 1918; First American Army in Toul and Flanders Sec., St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne July 4 through November 11, 1918. Decoration: Fourragere awarded Lafayette Escadrille in June, 1918, by French Army for three Group citations. Promoted to Private 1st Class. Landed in U.S. April 3, 1919, at New York City. Discharged April 17, 1919, at Camp Devens, Mass.

During his time in France, he wrote home, from which an excerpt follows: *"Now as to our branch of service, the highest in the army, that is in the air. You cannot imagine the feeling the first time you go up in a machine and sail skyward, then dive down and loop the loop as you pay your good money to see at a country fair. How you sail when you can open up and go even faster than Bradway's Ford, gliding over the country and dropping fake bombs as if on Berlin, wouldn't you like a chance like that to help win the war? You cannot imagine it because it is only a little camouflage, the kind that Jim Foley might spread if in my place, but between pals there isn't any more chance to go up than a snowball has in Hades.*

Towns here are dark and everything in this country is about a hundred years behind the time, but lots of pretty girls."



Willis Samuel Ackley
79th Aero Squad

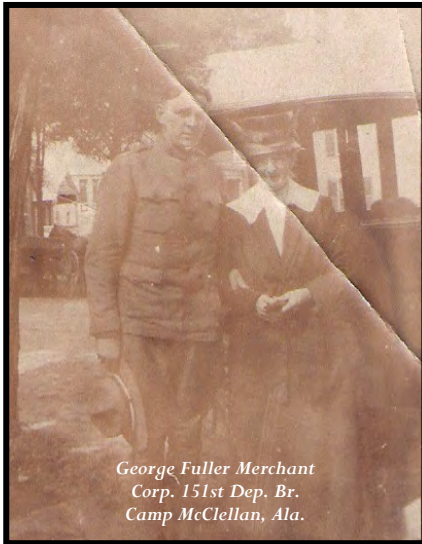
Willis S. Ackley, member of the 79th Aero Squad, born in Rochdale son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ackley. After returning from the military, he spent the last half of his life in Monson and was employed at the C. F. Church Co., was a member of the Methodist Church and the Men's Club of the Church. He was a past commander of the Daniel J. Purcell, Post 241, American Legion.



*Orman L. Grindell
Pvt. 7th Co. 2nd Bat. 152nd Dep. Br.
Camp Upton, N.Y.*

Orman Lawrence Grindell entered the service as an Army Private at Ware, Mass., August 29, 1918 at the age of 22 years. He was assigned to Camp Upton, N.Y. in the 7th Co., 2nd Bat. 152nd Dep. Br. He was discharged on December 3, 1918 at Camp Upton, N.Y.

George Fuller Merchant entered service as an Army Private at Ware, Mass., October 6, 1917 at the age



*George Fuller Merchant
Corp. 151st Dep. Br.
Camp McClellan, Ala.*

of 21 years. He was assigned to Camp Devens, Mass. Was a member of the 151st Dep. Br. Was transferred to Camp Gordon, Ga., then to Camp McClellan, Ala. He was promoted to Corporal while serving at Camp McClellan Base Hospital. He was discharged December 10, 1918, at Camp McClellan, Ala.

Earl S. Taylor was born in Monson and graduated from the Monson Academy in 1912. He went to Montre-



*Earl S. Taylor
Sergeant Canadian Army
Prisoner of War
April 21, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918, Germany*

al to work in the insurance business and enlisted into the Canadian Army as a Private at Montreal, Canada, June 11, 1915 at the age of 25 years. He went to Valcartier Camp in Canada before going overseas on September 4, 1915 as a 23rd Reserve. He arrived in England, Shorncliff and West Sandling until January 17, 1916. Went to France as part of the 14th Bat. Intelligence Section. Saw battles and offensives at Messines, February 22, 1916; Ypres, June 3, 4 and 5, 1916; Somme, September 3 through October 15, 1916 (Posziers, September 13 and Courcellette, September 26); Souchez, October through November, 1916; Moroe, January, 1917; Vimy Ridge, April 9, 1917. He received the Military Medal for service at Courcellette, September 26, 1916. He was a Prisoner of War from April 21, 1917 through November 11, 1918 in Germany. He landed in Canada on February 8, 1919, at Halifax and was discharged April 2, 1919 at Montreal.

The Historical Society is lucky enough to have in our collection the handwritten memoir of Mr. Taylor's time in the War. The following is a segment from that memoir:

“On Jan. 17, 1916 I went from England to France and was attached to the 14th Battalion which was in the trenches at Messines. About one third of our time we spent in the front line, one third in the support line and one third in the serve. Generally about six days in each line, but it used to vary according to the activity. On a quiet front we would spend eight or ten days in each position.”

In March 1916 we left Messines and went to Ypres where we remained until August. We were in reserve on June 3rd when the Germans attack at that point and broke through. My battalion was rush up the night of June 3 and the following morning we counter attacked. We were successful in advancing about seven hundred yards and established a temporary line. This kept the Germans from advancing further. On June 13th we made a combined attack & recaptured our old positions. My battalion lost nearly five hundred men out of the eight hundred & four who went into the attack on June 4th. The remainder of our stay at Ypres was just ordinary trench warfare.

We then went to the Somme and on Sept. 3rd were successful in repulsing three German attacks at Moquet Farm near Poziers. On Sept. 26 we attacked at Courcellette & were successful. On Oct. 15th we marched away from the Somme with one hundred and forty three men left out of the eleven hundred we had when we arrived there.

We marched to Souchez (on the extreme left of Vimy Ridge) picking up new men just sent from England. It was fairly quiet there. We made a few bombing raids & blew up a mine but had no regular engagements.

About the middle of January 1917 we went to Moroe about three miles from Levs, where we did much the same as at Souchez.

In February we moved to Vimy Ridge again and took up a position on the right of Neuville St. Vorst. Here we prepared for the attack on Vimy Ridge which took place on April 9th (Easter Monday). The attack was a big success. My battalion was in the first part of the attack & advanced about one mile. From there other troops advance and in a few days we advanced in all about six miles.

I was in the Intelligence Section. Our work consisted of sniping, observation and scouting. We had to learn whatever we could about the German positions, lead raiding parties & in attacks, lead the battalion to the attacking positions.

On April 21st 1917 I was about six hundred yards in advance of our position getting some special information

needed for an attack that was to take place in a few days. It was during this reconnaissance I was captured."

Myrtle B. Johnson enrolled as a Red Cross Nurse in March 1918. She was assigned to Army service and



reported for duty at Camp Devens, Mass., July 17, 1918. She was transferred to New York and sailed with Replacement Unit #7 on Oxfordshire, November 11, 1918 for England. She arrived at LaHavre, France December 1, 1918. Went to Mesres Hospital Center December 3, 1918. Went to Savenay, January 1919. Sailed from Brest on Leviathan July 28, 1919. Landed in Hoboken, N.J. on August 4, 1919. She was discharged in New York, Hotel Albert, August 6, 1919.

I hope we have been able to give you a sense of what our Monson men and women went through during the Great War. Many died, were gassed or injured and saw unspeakable carnage which affected them throughout their life.

Even though we do not have a photograph of Henry Needham Flynt, we thought his written words spoke modestly for his generation:

"Twas the best war I ever fought in. Glad I helped make the world safe for democracy."

Walter Henry Alberty	Abram Dunning	Charles Augustus Lewis	John William Rourke
Elmer Howard Aldrich	George A. Eddy	Daniel Patrick Looney	Frederick Archibald Royce
Americo Aliengena	Clayton Ross Entwistle	Thomas Francis Looney	Arthur Edward Salsbury
Angelo Nicola Alonzo	Ralph Taylor Entwistle	Sherwood Charles Luce	Van Buren Sandgren
Antonio Alonzo	Arthur Amel Erickson	John Joseph Manning	Harold Tillinghast Sears
Herbert Anderson	Frank V. Fahy	Stephen John Mathews	Harold Eden Shaw
Buell Leslie Ashmore	Claude J. Faulkner	William G. Mathieson*	John Henry Shelley
Joseph Eugene Avella	Raymond Fellows*	Nathaniel James McAuliffe	Luke Daniel Shields
Harry Arthur Ballou	Everett David Flood	Thomas Ward McAuliffe	Leonard Knight Squier
Herbert Alfred Battige	Henry Needham Flynt	Arthur Martin McCarthy	James John Sullivan
Ralph Alonzo Beebe	Charles Bernard Foley	Alvin McGowan	John Raymond Sullivan
Alfred William Borgeson	Frank Joseph Foley	Michael D. McMahan	Albert William Swanstrom
Charles Borgeson	Frank Raymond Foley	Frank Raymond McPherson	Gustav A. Swanstrom
Francis Earl Bradley	William Albert Foley	Francis J. L. McQuaid	Joseph S. Szelongowski
Hiram E. Bradley	Alfred Naon Gouette*	Frank Edward Meaney	Earl S. Taylor
Lindsey C. Brigham	Charles Dexter Giffin	John H. Meaney	Guiseppe Vetti
Harry Winter Bugbee	Frank Omar Giffin	George F. Merchant	Otto Harry Vight
Harold James Burdick	George Lester Giffin*	Harold Samuel Moffett	Raymond Wallace
Henry F. Cady	Harry Frank Giffin	William Van S. Moffett	Charles Francis Ward
Daniel F. Cahill	Howard Newton Giffin	Peter F. Monaghan	William Robert Warr
Dennis P. Cahill Jr.	Ransom A. Green	James T. Mooney	Harvey Middleton Watkins
Patrick Daniel Cahill	Durward Belmont Grindell	Stanley Charles Moore	Frederick James Welch
Lawrence Joseph Cantwell	Orman Lawrence Grindell	Daniel F. Moriarty	Robert T. Welch
Thomas Patrick Cantwell	John Guihan	Edward James Moriarty	Clyde Carlton Williams
Heiman Caro*	Gustave E. H. Gustafson	Carl Francis Moulton	Evans Philip Wills
James H. Carter	Walter C. E. Gustafson	Roger L. Munsell	Wilbur Wright
Laurence Joseph Chappell	Earl Thomas Hale	John Lawrence Murphy	S.A.T.C.
William James Chappell	Lucius Knowlton Hale	William Henry Murphy	Wilfred E. Rogers
Joseph Cheries	Edward A. Hanley	Ralph C. Needham	Merchant Marine
Basilio Conforti	Walter Heffernan	Henry J. Neville	James Constantino
Ernest Raymond Cooley	Charles Milton Heredeen	Alfred Nobart	Edmund Joseph Proulx
William Thomas Corish	Dominick David Higgins	Arthur D. Norcross	American Red Cross Nurse
Edward Joseph Couture	Edward James Hilliard	Edgar Charles North	Myrtle Johnson
William James Cunningham	Thomas John Hilliard	Harold Henry North	Mary A. Mathues
Rufus P. Cushman Jr.	Albert G. Hirst	William McKinley North	
William Allen Cushman	Morgan Brewster Hodskins	Francis Lee O'Brien	*Died in Service
John J. Dalton	Arthur Ward Holdridge	Raymond O'Donnell	
Walter Francis Dalton	Frank S. Holloway	Harry Lees Oldfield	
Harold F. Davis	Arthur LeRoy Johnson	Walter Eugene Pease	
Heber Alfred Davis	John E. Kearns	Eliot Hale Penniman	
Louis Leonard Deltour	Wilfred Butler Kendall	Joseph C. Plescia	
Joe Demickat*	Wilfred Kimber	John F. Prendiville Jr.	
James J. Donaghue	Harry B. Kittredge	Francis Proteau	
Clement Briggs Drake	Joseph LaBelle Jr.	Perlie K. Prouty	
Edgar Drake	Walter McKinley Larned	Daniel Joseph Purcell*	
Francis Arthur Drechsler	Edward Rafftery Leahy	John Edward Purcell	
Eugene Louis Duffy	John Henry Leahy	Thomas Purcell	
Joseph Dugay	Richard E. Lehrer	Bert William Reed	
James Francis Duggan	Roger Earl Leonard	Clarence Sydney Richardson	
John Joseph Duggan*	Royden Clapp Leonard	Charles Albert Roesener	
Mortimer Duggan	Frank Louis Leveille	Francis Walker Rogers	

The following is a copy of a letter sent to Mrs. Purcell soon after the war:

Morristown, N.J., Feb. 18, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Purcell:

While I am a stranger to you, yet I do not feel that I should long remain one, since I was your son's Chaplain in the 325th Infantry while in France. By this time the sad news of his death has come to you, and I want to add what I can that will be of some comfort. We were in the battle of the Argonne in October when Daniel laid down his life, with many other brave soldiers, for the cause to which we had all dedicated ourselves. I found him as he lay on the field with his face towards the enemy, and there where he had fallen gave him Christian burial, placing a small wooden cross at his head, and marking the spot on my map for all future reference; this map is now preserved at Division Headquarters. The exact location of Daniel's grave is just behind the town of St. Juvin. I should have written you before this, had I not been badly wounded in the same battle, and sent home in January.

I wish I might do more for you than merely recite these facts, but only the Heavenly Father can comfort a mother's heart in such sorrow. I know you will always be very proud to claim Daniel as your son. His Captain, Captain Fowler, was killed at the same time, and today they lie near each other in France. They were very brave men in Company M, and there were no braver in any army. Over There we were more as members of one great family, and learned to share and think for each other, as only men can who bear common burden. It was God's cause, and every man of us knew how to look to Him for strength.

If I can help you in any way, please write me, and I shall count it a privilege to serve in memory of my dead comrade.

Believe me always your friend, and the friend and Chaplain of your brave soldier boy.

(Signed) Barrett P. Tyler,
Chaplain 325th Infantry
U. S. A.

In Flanders Fields

By John McCrae 1915

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead; short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Bibliography

Various Monson Historical Society scrapbooks of newspaper articles of the time

Monson's Record in the World War booklet and original forms that were sent to every World War I veteran or their families

The History of Monson, Massachusetts

OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, September 23rd 1 - 4 p.m.

Jacob Thompson House
7 Main Street

MONSON IN THE WORLD WAR

Come see the new display about Monson's part in World War I both on the battle lines and on the home front

NEW ACQUISITIONS



*Clockwise from upper right—stereo-view of home that stood next to the Monson Free Library; Post Office Block; South Monson Railroad Station; Bank Block; unidentified young man photographed by Gaouette
Center—press photograph of Monson High School teacher, Mr. Lucas, who was briefly terminated due to refusing to shave his beard
Purchase*



*Monson Academy dinner plate
Donation from Florida resident*



*top - Ralph Clifford trade card
bottom - Monson Academy Football Team 1915
Purchase*

ITEMS FOR SALE

1960 History of Monson Book CD

The History of Monson, written in 1960 for the Bicentennial of the formation of the town, is now available in PDF format on a CD.

If you are currently a member of the Monson Historical Society, the fee to obtain the CD is \$15.00. For non-members, the fee is \$20.00, which includes one year free membership and our quarterly newsletter *The Historian*. Shipping costs for the CD are included in the fee.



Please include whether you are a member or not and mail your request to:

Monson History CD
 Monson Historical Society, Inc.
 One Green Street, Suite 1
 Monson, MA 01057

Please include your email address to receive the newsletter. Make your checks payable to **Monson Historical Society, Inc.**



Also available is the 12-page booklet about the W.N. Flynt Granite Co. Cost is \$3.00 which includes shipping.

WHERE WAS THIS?

Answer to Last Month's "Where Was This?"

The stocks were located on Fountain Street near the rear of the current Congregational Church location.



This Month's "Where Was This?"

This fountain was erected by Solomon F. Cushman in 1886 as a gift to the Town. Where was it originally located?



***** MEMBERSHIP *****

Membership renewals occur on May 1st of each year and are good through April 30th of the following year. (For example, a “5/1/2019” membership means you are a paid member from 5/1/2018 to 4/30/2019).

For Postal Mail Recipients of Newsletter

Check the date on your mailing label. If it reads “**5/1/2019**” (or a later date), your membership is **current**. If it reads “**5/1/2018**” (or an earlier date), it is time for you to renew.

For Email Recipients of Newsletter

Check the “Subject” line in the email. If it reads “**Monson Historical Society Newsletter**”, your membership is **current**. If it reads “**Monson Historical Society Newsletter/Renewal**”, your membership has expired and you will need to update it. Please read the text in your email for renewal instructions.

NOTE

Until we get set up on the Historical Society’s email account, please be aware that the newsletters will be sent from this email address: DCDuquette@msn.com (Denis Duquette).

Check your “Junk” email folder, in case it gets sent there.

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Please take the time today to complete the membership form and mail it back to the address listed on the form, along with your check. Your membership will be updated.

Any information you provide us will be kept in strict confidence and will NEVER be given out or sold at any time.

*And as always, we **THANK YOU** for your continued support of
The Monson Historical Society, Inc.*

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