

FRIENDS of MIDLAND



ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE

May 23, 2015

1:00 PM

ing, February 14th.

Died at the Soldiers' Home.

Six months ago Jeremiah Jackson, a gallant member of the colored troops during the rebellion and one of the first to enter Richmond after it surrendered, went to the Soldiers' Home, at Erie, and on Thursday last he died. On Sunday his remains arrived and after services in the A. M. E. Church, were interred in the Midland cemetery, Ave. Brooks officiating. Deceased was 64 years old and was a highly respected citizen. Many went to view the remains.



HISTORY begins with MIDLAND CEMETERY

And the road leading to the Celebration of the Civil War's 150th Grand Review

Dear Friends of Midland,

Every year I like to come up with a theme or bit of Midland Cemetery history that may be of interest to you. This year with the conclusion of the 150th celebration highlighting the Grand Review, I thought it only fitting that I share with you a special person who is buried in our historic Midland Cemetery.

On the front cover is the obituary of Jeremiah Jackson, who was a United States Colored Troops soldier during the Civil War. He as describe was a gallant soldier, who was one of the first to enter Richmond Virginia after the Confederates had surrendered. He more than likely had the opportunity to see the face and perhaps stand near President Abe Lincoln. The following is an excerpt from the April 3, 1865 extra edition of The National Republican, a Washington, DC newspaper:

On April 3, 1865, Richmond, Virginia – the capital of the Confederate States of America – was captured by the Union army. Soldiers in the United States Colored Troops (or USCT – Union regiments primarily composed of African American soldiers) were the first to enter the city. Meanwhile, other USCT and Union regiments continued to pursue Confederate forces in the area led by General Robert E. Lee. General Lee would finally surrender to Union General Ulysses S. Grant on April 9th, 1865, at Appomattox, Virginia. By the end of June 1865, almost all of the Confederate forces had surrendered and the Civil War, for all practical purposes, was over.

One member of the US Colored Troops that entered Richmond was a chaplain named Garland White, of the 28th US Colored Infantry. Chaplain White wrote for the Christian Recorder, a newspaper of the African Methodist Episcopalian (AME) church. In the North, the AME was the most important church organization for free blacks. Garland White was a runaway slave from the Richmond/Petersburg area who fled to Canada, returned to the US, and joined the Union army after policy changes by the federal government allowed black enlistment. In a Christian Recorder article (1), he wrote about the fall/liberation of Richmond; the joyous reactions of the city's black residents; the presence of Abraham Lincoln; and an unexpected family reunion:

I have just returned from the city of Richmond; my regiment was among the first that entered that city. I marched at the head of the column, and soon I found myself called upon by the officers and men of my regiment to make a speech, with which, of course, I readily complied. A vast multitude assembled on Broad Street, and I was aroused amid the shouts of ten thousand voices, and proclaimed for the first time in that city freedom to all mankind. After which the doors of all the slave pens were thrown open, and thousands came out shouting and praising God, and Father, or Master Abe, as they termed him.

In this mighty consternation I became so overcome with tears that I could not stand up under the pressure of such fullness of joy in my own heart. I retired to gain strength, so I lost many important topics worthy of note.

Among the densely crowded concourse there were parents looking for children who had been sold south of this state in tribes, and husbands came for the same purpose; here and there one was singled out in the ranks, and an effort was made to approach the gallant and marching soldiers, who were too obedient to orders to break ranks.

As you travel through the story of Chaplain White, you can feel the people's joy from slavery to freedom. His paper goes on to say: *Late in the afternoon, we were honored with his Excellency, the President of the United States, Lieutenant-General Grant, and other gentlemen of distinction. We made a grand parade through most of the principal streets of the city, beginning at Jeff Davis's mansion, and it appeared to me that all the colored people in the world had collected in that city for that purpose. I never saw so many colored people in all my life, women and children of all sizes running after Father, or Master Abraham, as they called him.*

On May 23 and 24th a grand review parade was held in Washington DC, but those in charge did not invite or allow the USCT to participate as the other Union Soldiers marched pass the White House in celebration. On November 14th, 1865 here in the great city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, another final Grand Review took place to honor the remaining United States Colored Troops that could make it here to parade down the streets concluding at the historic house of Senator Simon Cameron's on Front Street. We plan on reenacting this great moment in history again in Harrisburg, November 2015.

The Friends of Midland gather today to honor all of our veterans, those who are gone and those who are still in the fight of freedom. Let us remember from where we came to pave the way for our future in unity of American history.

Let me not be remiss in saying thank you for your continued support and prayers in the on-going restoration, preservation and using Midland Cemetery as a tool to educate everyone on the history of these hallowed grounds.

With warm regards,

Barbara Barksdale, President of Friends of Midland

Board members: Sharon Harris, Clayton Carelock, David Harris, Herman Thomas



Biography

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BRIGADIER GENERAL WILBUR E. WOLF III



Director, Joint Staff - (PA) Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ), Pennsylvania National Guard

Brigadier General Wilbur E. Wolf III is responsible for managing programs and operations for the Pennsylvania Joint Staff and overseeing issues that impact 19,000 members of the Pennsylvania National Guard. The joint programs include Deployment Cycle Services, Civil Support Team, Homeland Response Force, State Partnership Program, Counter Drug Task Force and Military Support to Civil Authorities. He also assists The Adjutant General in coordinating the Department of Veterans Affairs, Facilities and Engineering and the Office of Administration. General Wolf is certified as a Dual Status Commander.

General Wolf was commissioned in 1985 through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate and received

a Regular Army Commission in the Aviation Branch. He served on active duty for over nine years as a Dual-Rated Army Aviator (Fixed and Rotary Wing) and Dual-Branch (Aviation and Military Intelligence) branch qualified officer. General Wolf has since served in the Rhode Island and Pennsylvania National Guard in key command and staff assignments as an Aviation, Military Intelligence, and Infantry Officer including Military Intelligence Battalion Command, Heavy Brigade Combat Team Command and as both Division G2 and G3. His most recent assignment as Assistant Division Commander - Maneuver, 28th Infantry Division, Pennsylvania National Guard.

Friends of Midland
Annual Memorial Service
Saturday, May 23, 2015 1:00 PM

PROCESSION

Master of Ceremony:	Bruce Horner, Rare Book Collector of Dauphin County History
Placing of Colors:	American Legion Post 733 and the 3 rd United States Colored Troops re-enactors
Pledge of Allegiance:	Attendees
National Anthem:	Attendees
Opening Prayer:	Pastor Willie Sawyers, Guiding Light Church, Harrisburg
Musical Selection:	Spiritual Messengers
Keynote Speaker:	Brigadier General Wilbur E. Wolf III Director of the Joint Staff, Joint Force Headquarters, PA National Guard
Proclamations presented:	Representative Susan C. Helm, District 104
Remarks:	Dauphin County Commissioner Hartwick
Musical Selection:	Spiritual Messengers
Remarks:	Swatara Township Commissioner Bob Spandler
Remarks:	Steelton Borough Councilman Jeff Wright
Special Comments:	3rd United States Colored Troops Re-enactors of Philadelphia
Celebration Moment:	Steelton Elk's Youth Dept. #21 Steppers
Special citation:	Eric Gutshall, Legislative & Policy Director Office of State Representative Patty Kim (D-103)
Pennsylvania Hallowed Grounds Project:	Lenwood Sloan, Pa Hallowed Grounds member
Closing Remarks:	Barbara Barksdale President of Friends of Midland
Salute of Volley:	3 rd United States Colored Troops re-enactors
TAPS:	3rd United States Colored Troops re-enactors
Closing Prayer:	Rev. Willie Sawyers

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY FAMILY BURIED AT MIDLAND
CEMETERY**

Charles W. Stannard, SR. (Father) Mary Brooks Stannard (Mother) Mosella
Stannard Washington (Sister) Mabel G. Stannard (Sister)
Katherine Douglas (Grandmother) Rev. Edward Bland (Uncle)
Sally Bland (Aunt)

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MY FAMILY BURIED

Charles W. Stannard, Jr., James L. Stannard (my brothers buried in Philadelphia) Ellis P.
Carter (Husband) buried at Fort Indiantown Gap

LOVE

Anna Stannard Carter

Remembering our veterans

With

Friends of Midland

Bruce Horner

**Rare Book Collector of
Dauphin County's History**

IN HONOR AND TRIBUTE TO

Those family members buried at



And

**Clarence Geary, M.D.
Marshal & Amanda Adams
Sheridan & Mary Crummy
Maude Vass
Robert Geary
And the
Proctor and Geary Families**

In Loving Memories

Of

Norman E. Proctor

Sunrise

Sunset

January 18, 1927

February 13, 2014

Sadly missed by his

Beloved Family

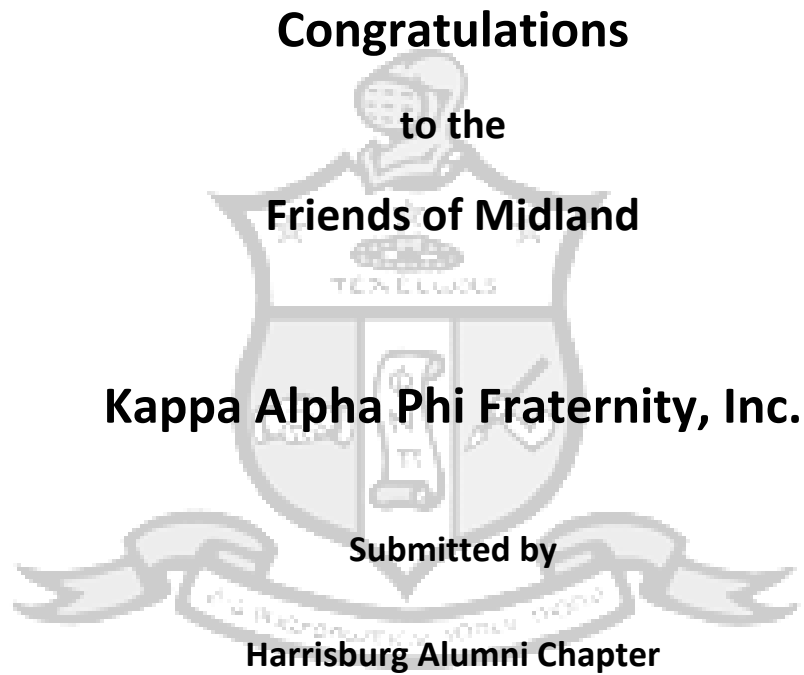


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**Friends of Midland
Thanks for all the hard work you do restoring and preserving
Midland Cemetery
Members and Officers of Post 733**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF
BARRETT AND SLADES
FAMILIES**

**Submitted by
Sylvester Slade**



The up lifting music prior to, during and after the service has been provided by the

Spiritual Messengers

The group members are Elder Moses Jackson, Dec. James McFarland, Bro. Wayne Bouleware, Bro. Daniel Stern, Bro. George Hamilton, Bro. Jim McGroarty, Bro. Mark Ward

They are a local group that has taken their message by music around the area to help the heart and uplift the spirit with their blessings of song.

Friends of Midland members and contributors for 2014-2015:

Jane Phillips, Bruce S. Horner, Audrey E. Splawn, Eleanor Keys, Sylvester Slade, Anna Stannard Carter, Phillip Clark, William Clark, John Brunner, Nancy Brunner, William Brunner, Joseph Jordan, Clementine Carelock, Catherine Finley, Ronald McKamey, Samuel L. Chivis, Nolen D. Curtis, Buzzy Reed, Ida Proctor, John and Rosetta Archie, Ray Spencer, Herman Thomas, Angela Preston, Ron and Peggy Chivis, Loraine Rhynes, Rev. Mim Roberts-Harvey, Etta Williams, Merle and Memphis Chivis, Robert and Donna Spandler, David Klinepeter, Kenneth E. Chase, Barbara Baker, Paxton Lodge #16 (Steelton), Swatara Township, Borough of Steelton, VFW Post 733. Special volunteers: Capitol Blue Cross Day of Caring, ARC Family program with Mike Elby, Director of Operations. Special thanks to Dauphin County Prison (Warden DeRose) and the inmates who are always there for us.

April 3, 1865

filled with joy, our souls with gratitude to Him who has protected us as He did our fathers—swear to each other that our country, thus regenerated and disenthralled, shall be forever the home of Liberty, Freedom, Equal Rights, to all in the Union, one and inseperable. [Applause and cheering.]

Let us thank God that we have obtained peace, not by negotiation, or compromise with treason and rebellion, but by the right arms of our soldiers, and that the terms which we shall give will be consonant with the dignity, clemency and justice of the nation. [Renewed and long-continued applause.]

Gen. BUTLER here retired, but was called out again, cheered, and made a few remarks.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Secretary WELLES sent telegrams to the California and other navy-yards of the United States, ordering a national salute to be fired immediately on the receipt of the glorious news of the downfall of Richmond.

GLORY FOR GENERAL BUTLER.
The 25th corps of the Army of the James was organized and put in the field by Major General BUTLER. This corps was the first to enter and capture Richmond. General BUTLER was called upon, at his hotel to-day, by hosts of friends who have congratulated him upon the grand success of the class of men for the elevation of whom he has done so much. His speech will be found elsewhere.

GRANT'S ANNIVERSARY.
One year ago to-day General GRANT went to Culpeper and took command of the Army of the Potomac in person! This is a glorious anniversary for General GRANT.

Congratulations of the Foreign Ministers.
Foreign ministers promptly called this morning at the Department of State, to express their congratulations on the fall of Richmond. The first who called was the Austrian Minister, Count WYDENBRUCK; then the Consul General of Switzerland; and then the Swedish minister, Baron WERTSTEDT.

PERSONAL.
T. C. WILSON, one of the New York Herald's correspondents, was wounded in the shoulder slightly, with Sheridan's cavalry, at Dinwiddie Court House.

**EXTRA.
GLORIOUS!**

**FALL OF
RICHMOND!
CAPTURED BY THE
BLACK TROOPS.**

The following startling and glorious news is just received at this office. It is official:

WAR DEPARTMENT—10.45 A. M., April 3.

Gen Dis:
It appears from a dispatch of General Wettsell, just received by this Department, that our forces under his command are in Richmond, having taken it at 8.5 this morning.

EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

**LATEST FROM RICHMOND.
LEE RETREATING.
Grant Pursuing.**

Jeff. Davis and his Cabinet
Not Captured.

**RICHMOND ON FIRE.
"SHALL IT BURN?"
The People Say "No!"**

The President will Make a Tri-
umphal Entre into Rich-
mond this Afternoon.

Front cover Jeremiah Jackson obituary from Newspapers.com, Celebration picture and White article excerpts from the National Republican newspaper.