

Record of Presentation and Acceptance.

This Volume was presented to the Post on the 4th day of Oct 1899. The presentation _____ was _____ by Mrs. Mary A. Harker and the Volume was accepted on behalf of the Post by Rev. G.W. Pratt, Chaplain. Pastor of the M.E. Church.

At a meeting of the Post, held on the _____ day of _____ 18__ the following resolutions were adopted _____

On Wednesday Evening Oct 4 1899 an event occurred which will never pass from the minds of an member present. On that evening Mr. Mary Allison Harker formally presented to E.W. Baker Post. No. 80. G.A.R. a beautiful and artistic gift "Personal recollections and sketches of the Members"

The Presentation was made by Mrs. Sarah L. Rutbrock Past Department President of W.R.C. of Cedar Rapids

This personal sketch of each Member will lay the foundation for a monument perpetuating the Memory of their services and sacrifices, When the last of them have finished the battle of life, and passed over the dark river, to dwell in peace forever in the light of the "eternal morning"

Rev. G. W. Pratt, Chaplain of the Post Accepted this beautiful book, "Personal Sketches of the Member of the E.D. Baker Post no. 80. G.A.R." on behalf of the Post He expressed to Mrs. Harker the sincere thanks of the Post for the magnificent volume of records coming to them from her generous hand and warm patriotic heart, and assured her of their high appreciation of the gift.

Mrs. Harker replied that she had given it in a spirit of love for the Grand Army of the Republic, that she appreciated what they had done for their country and asked no greater reward, than that the record of their lives should be handed down to those who should follow

The culminating event of the evening was the presentation to Mrs. Harker of a beautiful water pot of the celebrated Rookery Pottery ware. It was presented to Mrs. Harker as a token of appreciation from the Post & Relief Corps, not in return for her kindness, but for their regard for the woman.

The exercises were held in the Court House where a delicious banquet was served at 6 O'Clock by the W.R.C. An excellent program of vocal and instrumental music contributed to the enjoyment of the evening.

After the exercises at the Court House a reception was held for "the boys in blue" at the hospitable home of Mrs. Harker where music and dainty refreshments whiled away the remaining hours of a memorable and never-to-be-forgotten evening.