

## Philip Triem and the Sons of Union Veterans Camp #43

The Philip Triem Camp Sons of Union Veterans was named for Philip Triem, who served in Co B, 104<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was born in Stark County, probably just west of New Baltimore, to Johan Peter and Maria Margaretha (Chollage) Triem, circa 17 February 1839. On May 11, 1858 he married Harriet C. Hartong and was living in Marlboro Township near New Baltimore when he enrolled in the 104<sup>th</sup> on July 26, 1862. He mustered-in at Camp Massillon a month later on August 30. He was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant on August 8, 1864. He saw action at the Surrender of Cumberland Gap; Knoxville, Tenn; Resaca; Old Town Creek; Atlanta, Ga; Franklin, Columbia, and Nashville, Tenn and Fort Anderson, Wilmington, NC. He was mustered-out at Greensboro, NC on June 17, 1865.

Sometime after returning to Ohio, he, his wife and two sons decided to move to Salem where he worked in a hardware store. By 1870 there was a partnership of Baird & Triem and at the time of his death, Triem, Kirk & Company.

He became ill at the end of June 1873 and four weeks later on July 25, died, leaving his widow with four sons and a daughter, the youngest son being just a little older than one year. This must have been a very difficult time for the family because Philip had borrowed money using his home as collateral and his estate didn't cover the loans. The home was sold less than a month after he died.

Philip's obituary and a biographical sketch in the History of Columbiana County, Ohio, mentions that he was a man of excellent character and many friends. And his children must have had some of these same qualities, as they all became hard-working adults. Dennis, the eldest, was in partnership in a men's clothing store, Triem & Murphy, located at 124 E. Main Street. Daniel worked for the railroad as a trainmaster and Charles was a foreman in a factory, while Anna worked as a cashier for her brother. William worked in the US Postal Office in Washington DC.

With the organization, the Grand Army of the Republic [(GAR), being so popular, but limited to the men who served in the Civil War, the Trescott GAR Post formed the 'Sons of Veterans of the United States of America' in 1881. This encouraged men to honor their fathers' patriotism. In Salem, a camp was organized on January 6, 1885 and honor was given to Philip Triem by naming Camp #43 for him,

The first captain was William Thomas. This organization faded away after a few years but in 1901 the second camp of the same name was organized and is still active. Dennis Triem was one of the charter members of the first Camp and Charles Triem was one of the charter members of the second Camp.

The records for the Trescott GAR Post and the Philip Triem Camp are kept at the Salem Historical Society. More information about the present Camp can be learned by contacting Bill Smith at [wjsmith@zoominternet.net](mailto:wjsmith@zoominternet.net).