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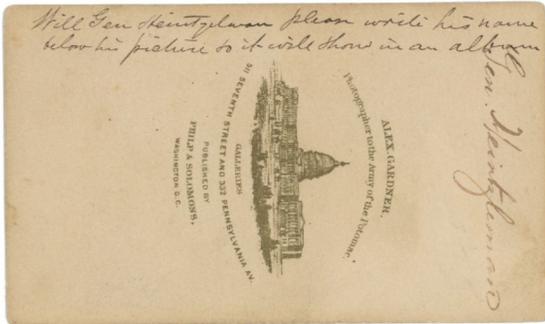
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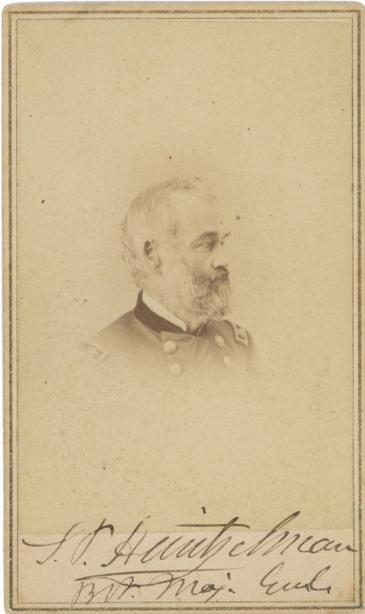
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An Accommodating General



Will Gen. Heintzelman please write his name below his picture so it will show in an album.



The back of the CDV indicates that the picture was taken by Alex Gardner, Photographer to the Army of the Potomac, Galleries at 511 Seventh Street and 332 Pennsylvania Av.

The signed CDV of General Heintzelman recently appeared for sale and it was acquired by a Lancaster County collector, hence our being able to show the picture in this July newsletter.

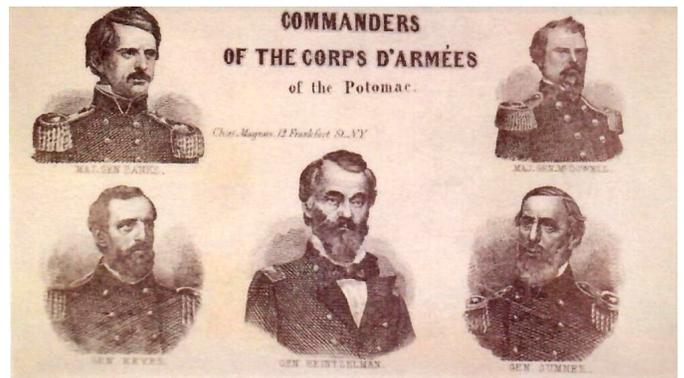
Protecting the Stars and Stripes



The Civil War patriotic envelope pictured above depicts our American flag being protected and saved by the American Eagle. The envelope, and many others similar to it, were issued during very troubled times in the nation, and most expressed pride and respect for our nation and our flag. Where is the respect today?

Borrowing from Rear Admiral David Farragut's expression during the Battle of Mobile Bay, 1864, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead", perhaps we should say, Damn the obstructionists, full speed ahead with protecting this nation and its people.

Jim Hasler



At the bottom of the second column on page one of this issue is a picture of a Civil War patriotic envelope with five commanders who served with the Army of the Potomac. Clockwise: Maj. Gen. McDowell; Gen. Sumner; Gen. Heintzelman; Gen. Keyes and Maj. Gen. Banks. It's always nice to see how Gen. Heintzelman has been respected and honored. A small town youth who achieved so much in life and for our country. Manheim really should have a bronze statue honoring General Samuel Peter Heintzelman. HMPF is checking on the possibility of acquiring one for the town. It's long overdue.

Civil War letter to Ben Hershey, Manheim

Camp Morehead, 1862
Columbia, Tennessee. April 20th
Friend Ben.

I received your letter yesterday. I was glad to hear from you all. You must not think that I did forget you. I often think about you and your good Parents. I am now at the heart of Secession. We are guarding three peaks & one railroad. I have to be on guard every other day & night. It is very hurt for us but still I sooner do it than Marching. It is a nice place. It has about the same population as our Columbia. I tell you here are rich People. Around here they have splendid Houses & nice yards with trees & flowers. Everything looks green & promising but they are behind this year with the corn. Last year by this time they had corn over a foot in height. Last Saturday we drilled in the Town. They said they have no regiment in there army which can drill with us. They were astounded when they seen us drill. This was the first time they saw Union Troupes go through the bayonet exercise. We drill Zouave & heavy Infantry. If we live to come home we show Lancaster County how Hembright Boys can dill. Everywhere they say we have the onset Regiment they seen yet. So much for that. It is for no use for me to give you war news. You know & find more out then me. But I hope this rebellion will soon have ended I would like to be with you all and talk with you. We can get everything here to eat. Pies at 20cts a pie, milk 5cts a pint. Ginger cakes 10cts a piece. A yeast candy 5cts, one cigar 5cts. Everything is very dear. Butter 30cts per lb., eggs 20cts per Doz. Everything is dear in the south. I wish this

rebellion would come to end, but I don't believe it is soon over. They know they can't succeed, but they will keep it up as long as they can. But I think they must give up before long. We had good luck so far, as not getting in a battle yet, but three times not far off. What the end will be I can't tell, but it might be we will not see much fighting and it might be we will see more than we like to see. I for my part am satisfy without going in a fight. But when we get in one I will do for my Country as much as is in my Power. I wish I could talk with you all. I often think on your Father, but I hope the day is not far off when this will be so. I am well at present time and was since in service. Harrison is also well. We haven't our camps together. Harrison belongs to Co. A. & I to Co. B. Company A guarding the town. Their Camps are a mile from ours & the Regiment lays about a mile from our camps, another direction. I sent my best respect to all the Family and wish you all well. I will come to a close by saying you shall not forget to write. I always like to hear from a good friend. Direct your letter to Camp Morehead, Columbia Tennessee.

So much from your Friend & well wishes,

Charles Gible
to
Benjamin Hershey

The letter is on loan to HMPF from Helen Wornke. John Kendig acquired the letter from Benjamin Hershey's grandson, Ben Hershey, the Ben that some of us were fortunate enough to know.



God Bless America