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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

February 7, 1992

West Point Museum

Mr. Laercio Gazinhato
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Av. da Invernada, 12 - Santo Amaro
CEP 04612 - SAO PAULO (SP)
BRAZIL - SOUTH AMERICA

Dear Mr. Gazinhato:

In reply to your inquiry of January 14 I am enclosing photocopies from the regimental history book of the 50th Pennsylvania regiment. You will find Blasdell listed in Company D and as one of the men captured by Confederate soldiers in May 1864.

Although there is no documentation it is highly probable that Blasdell lost this pistol when he was captured and it became a trophy to a Confederate soldier. Speculating further it could have been brought to Brazil by a founder of Americana.

It is certainly an interesting pistol and you are most fortunate to have found it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert W. Fisch".

Robert W. Fisch
Curator of Arms

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Dear Mr. Gazinhato,

George Blaisdell, President of our Blaisdell Family National Association, received your letter and brought it to us since we have all the genealogical information for the Association.

Please accept our apologies for taking so long to answer your interesting and informative letter. Jim has had knee surgery and has to go to therapy three days a week and we have been trying to get the December issue of our Blaisdell Papers ready for the printer.

We pulled out the family sheets from our files and copied them for you. One sheet has as a reference Blaisdell Papers Volume 6, pages 78, 112, and 113. We also had those articles copied for you.

We note that there is a discrepancy between the story told by Robert Oscar Blasdell about his grandfather and grandmother dying young and the death dates we have in the files. Robert Oscar says that his father and siblings were placed in an orphanage because of their parents early deaths, yet we have Levi's death as 1910 and his wife's as 1928. The letter quoted in the article seems to confirm our dates. We are also enclosing Levi's lineage back to Richard in England in 1423 thinking that you might be interested.

We do not find that any of Levi's descendants are subscribers to our Blaisdell Papers so do not have addresses for them. We also have gone through a box of old photographs that we have and did not find one of Levi. Our records do not indicate that the "S" stands for in his name.

We certainly appreciate the photos that you sent, and would be most appreciative of receiving a copy of your article. With your permission we would like to reprint it along with the photographs in our Blaisdell Papers.

Any information that you received from the Historical Society that could be added to our files would be greatly appreciated.

Another person you could contact would be Mrs. Phyllis Butler, 331 E 3325 N, Ogden, UT 84414 who is a past-genealogist for the Association and was instrumental in getting all our records on microfilm at the Latter Day Saints Church in Utah. She might possibly be able to get some further information for you. If you do contact her, please tell her that we gave you her name and address. She is also descended from the same line as Levi, but not a direct descendant of his.

Also John Myron Blaisdell, 12032 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, Maryland 20759 is also descended from the same line as Levi although not Levi's descendant.

Your theory about Levi's gun being taken by a Confederate soldier and taken to Americana certainly is plausible. We recently saw a very interesting TV show about Americana and how these Confederate descendants are so proud of both their heritages.

We hope we have been of some help to you in your search and look forward to hearing from you again.

George has asked us to tell you that he would appreciate your keeping his name in your files in the event that in the future you decide to sell Levi's gun as he would be interested in purchasing it for the Association.

Sincerely,

*Jim + Ellie
Blaisdell*

São Paulo, 25 July, 1992

To
The Municipality of Susquehanna
SUSQUEHANNA - PENNSYLVANNIA 18847
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - ESTADOS UNIDOS DA AMERICA DO NORTE

Att. Public Relations Dept.

Dear Sirs:

I'm a Brazilian gun collector specialized in Old West weapons . In my collection there are several American single action revolvers, like Colt, Smith & Wesson, Remington, etc. and some carbines like Spencer , Winchester, etc.

Professionaly, I'm the Technical Director of Magnum Corporation, a small group of enterprises in which the main one is Magnum Editora, that publishes the Magnum magazine, a nationally well-know gun publication and the largest of its kind in South America.

After this introduction, I ask your attention for the following facts:

Recently came to my hands an original and very well preserved Colt Army Model 1860 revolver, serial number 23.620, acquired from a citizen of Americana, a small city in the state of São Paulo. Americana is a city founded by the descendants of US Civil War rebels in the past century.

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LEFT SIDE, above the military inspector's cartouche, an ensign-bearer with the US federal troops' flag during the Civil War (the one with the stars still in a circle), dressed like those typical boys ahead of the columns, with a characteristic military cap and coat. The fine and nice engraving was done after the pins that hold the silver portion were installed;

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These features intrigued me much and I decide to write letters to the Colt factory and to the West Point Museum, for in the numerous books about guns, US Civil War and the Old West that I have didn't find any mention about this particular soldier.

The following are extracts of the letters received from the mentioned organizations:

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As you certainly know, the battle of Spottsylvania was a wild and decisive one in the last offensive of the Civil War, facts that characterise Mr. Blasdell as a valorous soldier.

* The same book still declares that all the Company D of 50th Regiment of Pennsylvania was formed by men from the Susquehanna city and for this reason I need your help, for I'm trying to write for my magazine an extense article whose title is going to be "In the Search of L.S. Blasdell", showing the gun, the battle of Spottsylvania, the soldier and the man.

As you can see, I have historical data about the gun and the military records of Mr. Blasdell but nothing about the man, his figure as a citizen, birthday, job, death and other facts of interest.

Therefore, your help to me will be highly appreciate trying to get in your archives more about this soldier as a citizen of Susquehanna. I presume that the men of Company D of the 50th Regiment are mentioned (and honored) in the historical archives of this city and perhaps left descendents in the comunity.

For my article, it is of basic importance a photo of Mr. L.S. Blasdell and if you have some possibility of sending me one, please bill me the expenses involved, if any. Of great importance will be a letter of one of ^{his} ~~the~~ descendants, stating something more about the civilian life of Mr. Blasdell.

* The gun once owned by Mr. Blasdell now repouses in a special place in my collection and if I could make the mentioned article you have my compromise of sending to you (or ^{to} the descendants) a copy of the issue in which the article will appear.

In case you cannot help me, I ask you the special favor to forward this letter to a historical society of your city or state, or to the descendants.

I would really appreciate if you answered me in a detailed ~~and~~ fast way for your association represents to me ~~the~~ last and ~~most~~ ^{ing} serious source to my work.

In advance, Thank you for all the efforts in this subject, and ~~I'm at your disposition.~~

Best Regards



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In the reply letter, Ms. Betty Smith, the curator of the Society, sent me records about the birth, profession, properties, etc. of Levi S. Blasdell, all these data obtained through the US Census of 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880, stating that the ex-soldier left the city between 1875 and 1876. Ms. Smith was unable to send me any photo of Levi S. Blasdell and also to explain what the letter "S" stands for in his middle name, but anyhow it gave me a new and important light in this research: your association.

I'm trying to write for my magazine an extense article whose title is going to be "In the Search of L. S. Blasdell", showing the gun, the battle of Spottsylvania, the soldier and the man, but my research was stopped in what refers to the time in which he leaves Susquehanna city on.

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LEVI S. BLASDELL

From John Blasdell, (6.168).

He enlisted as a private on September 6, 1861 in Company D of the Fiftieth Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers. This company was formed by a group of men from the Montrose area of Susquehanna County who wanted to be together. They requested Dr. G. Z. Dimock to act as Captain. They were mustered in Monday, September 26, 1861 and sent to Washington, October 2, remaining until the 9th, and thence to Annapolis. From Annapolis they were sent on board the transport *Winfield Scott*, to Hilton Head. They encountered a fearful storm which almost cost them their lives. Two transports, the *Governor* and the *Union* sank within sight of them during the raging storm. Upon reaching Hilton Head they took the Fort. The battle of Coosaw was the first engagement in force in which the Company was engaged. They participated in the battle at Fredericksburg, moved to Newport News, and thence to Kentucky. During the siege of Vicksburg, the Fiftieth was posted on Haines Bluff, and after the fall of that place was attached to General Sherman's Command. The regiment next moved from Mississippi to Kentucky, then across the mountains over Cumberland Gap to Knoxville. They were then engaged with Longstreets' corps near Chattanooga, and were compelled to retire. They were in the battle of the Wilderness and at Ny River, near Spottsylvania Court House, and later engaged in the series of battles preceding the fall of Petersburg.

Upon the laying of the cornerstone of the National Monument at Gettysburg on the 4th of July, 1865, by order of the Secretary of War and upon recommendation of General Grant, the Fiftieth Regiment was honored by being selected to represent the infantry of the army in the ceremonies of that occasion. Returning from Gettysburg it went into camp near Georgetown, and on the 30th of July was mustered out of service, the members of Company D reaching Montrose early in August, after nearly four years of service.

Captain Dimock claims for the Fiftieth that it sailed more miles on steamboats, traveled more miles on foot, and fought in more battles than any other regiment. The regiment participated in 32 engagements.

Levi S. Blasdell was promoted to Corporal July 1, 1864, and mustered out with his company on July 30, 1865. He was born about 1833 in Jessup, Susquehanna County, Pa., the son of John and Patience (Dewers) Blasidell. His wife, Eliza, died August 7, 1860 leaving an infant daughter Eugenia. He left his daughter in care of relatives while he took part in the War of the Rebellion. Soon after his discharge he re-married. In 1870 he was living in Jessup with wife, Mary, daughter, Eugenia and three new children: Hattie, aged three; Gertrude, aged two and Grant aged nine months.

BLASDELL, N. Y. made the Associated Press news March 4, 1962 with the story of the wreckage of a U2 "spy" plane containing the body of its pilot being discovered on the Mojave Desert near Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. The pilot was a resident of Blasdell, N. Y.

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WHY A NATIONAL BLAISDELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION?

By PHYLLIS J. BUTLER

Someone said: "He who careth not whither he goeth, careth not whence he came." There is an abundance of caring, both the "going" and "coming" kind among the Blaisdells. Twenty-seven years ago this caring brought together Lowell S. Blaisdell, then of Elmhurst, Ill. and now of Phoenix, Arizona, the late Dr. James Arnold Blaisdell of Claremont, Calif., and the late Dr. J. Harper Blaisdell of Winchester and Boston, Mass., who formulated plans for the first Grand Reunion of the Blaisdell Family held at Amesbury, Mass., York and New Harbor (Pemaquid Point), Maine, in August 1935. As a result of their interest and effort, we, as Blaisdell Cousins, enjoy being part of one of the oldest active family organizations in America with a heritage we can be proud of.

What is the success formula for our family organization? (1) There are those of us who find it of sufficient worth to give of our time and means that we might have our official publication, "The Blaisdell Papers". (2) Others watch various local and national publications for news items about Blaisdells to send to our Editor. (3) Others care enough to send in all vital statistics data and news items on their own family group and Blaisdell line for sharing with others. (4) Many support our annual unit reunions. (5) Others pay their dues and extra funds for association expenses. (6) A special few, such as the three men who were interested enough to organize our family and who have spent untold countless hours of time and money in "digging" our records on all Blaisdells or Blaisdell descendants to give us the nucleus of our family organization, have joined this group who send all possible data on all Blaisdells. Because of their work we have over 20,000 names in our files which are the basis for establishing new connections to our Association and identifying our Cousins to one another.

The following example illustrates the value of our files and the co-operation of our family. Shortly after Christmas of 1961, Emerson E. Cain, our Editor's husband, who is in the typesetting and newspaper business, had a copy of "The Evanston Review" from Evanston, Ill. come into his office. As he paged through it the following item caught his attention: "IRIS CLARK, R. O. BLASDELL WED. A home wedding reception followed the marriage Monday of Miss Iris Lynn Clark to Robert Otto Blasdell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert O. Blasdell, 919 Foster Street. The Rev. Robert Fosse officiated at the ceremony at 4:30 p.m. in St. Matthew's Church, and the reception took place in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester E. Clark, 1042 Hinman Ave. Miss June Clark, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and the bridegroom's two brothers were members of the wedding party. William, of Syracuse, N.Y., was best man, and Grant was an usher." Etc.

Emerson took this home to Tekla who wrote our leading authority on Blaisdells, Lowell S. Blaisdell, for help in identifying these Evanston, Ill. Blasdells. Lowell wrote: "I do have in my files a Robert Oscar Blasdell, 1102 Foster Ave., Evanston, Ill. who married Ruth D. Lane. His father was William Timothy Blasdell and his grandfather, Lt. Levi S. Blasdell. From there on

back "Deponent sayeth not" or in other words, I just don't know! Dr. Ralph E. Curry of Sycamore, Ill. called on Robert Oscar in 1935 and on 11 July, 1935 received a letter from him giving that information. I very strongly suspect this Robert Otto Blasdell is his son." With receipt of the additional information, our Editor mailed this to our Vital Statistics Editor. With the help from Lowell, our file yielded further possible help. John (Obe) Blasdell (6.168) had the following children by his first wife, Anna Smith: I. Sally who m. Joseph Sargent; II. Lattice, b. 1793, d. 1861, m. 1813, Elisha Griffis; III. James S. b. 1800, m. Hearty ----; IV. William K. b. 1804, m. (1) Irena Leonard, (2) Almira ----; (3) Caroline ----; V. John, III., b. 1807, d. 1886, m. (1) Patience C. Dewers, b. 1813, d. 1857, dap. of David and Mary Childs (Brady) Dewers; (2) Eliza Baldwin, who d. 1866, age 58 years, (3) 1874, Jane A. Shelp, b. 1825, d. 1887; VI. Timothy S., m. 1831, Patience Dewey; VII. Calvin who probably d. bef. Nov. 1848 as he is not mentioned in his father's will. John (Obe) Blasdell m. (2) 1820, Mrs. Laney Baldwin who had three children of her own, one named Eliza, became the second wife of John Blasdell, III. John and Laney had two children: VIII. Mary Ann, b. 1821 who m. (1) Mr. ---- Dewers, (2) Christopher Sherman; IX. Andrew, b. 1827, d. 1870, m. Amy Ann Sherman.

John Blasdell, III. had the following children, all by his first wife: I. Levi S. b. 1833, m. (1) Eliza ---- who d. 1860, (2) Mary "Molly" Van Dike; II. Emeline, b. 1835; III. Anna, b. abt. 1837, d. 1849; IV. Mary C., b. 1839, d. 1889, m. James E. Faurot; V. Charlotte Eliza b. 1842, d. 1872, m. 1860, Francis Little Moore; VI. Lucy Jane, b. 1844, d. 1869; unm.; VII. Ruth Adelaide, b. 1847, m. Joel Myers; VIII. Anna b. 1849, m. Oscar Keeler; IX. John D. b. 1852, d. 1857; X. Angeline, b. 1856, d. 1857.

Levi S. Blasdell was a soldier in the Civil War. His record of service appears in Vol. VI, No. 6, p.78. By his first wife he had a daughter, Eugenia, who was born the latter part of 1859. By his second wife, our records showed from the 1870 census for Jessup, Pa., Hattie age 3, Gertrude age 2, and Grant age 9/12 as children of Levi.

Due to the repetition of names in Levi S. Blasdell's family and those found in the known record of the Robert Oscar Blasdell family of Evanston, Ill. we suspected there could be a connection. In as much as we were going east in June, we took this information with us in the hopes we could visit the Evanston, Ill. Blasdells. Driving into Evanston about 8:30 in the evening, we pulled into a service station to ask directions for lodgings for the night. The attendants not being too helpful in this matter, we asked where 919 Foster Street could be located and found it was just a block away so lodgings had to wait. The Robert Oscar Blasdells were home. We told them our suspicions about their Blasdell line, but Robert said he thought his ancestors came from Scotland. (That Scotch theory again—wonder why it keeps cropping up?) He also said his grandfather, Levi Blasdell and grandmother had died young. That the children, including his father, William Timothy, who was then about eight years of age, had been placed in an orphanage. He did tell us his father had a half sister, Eugenia, who married a Mr. Robinson and had visited them. Eugenia lived into her 90's spending her last years at the Twilight Haven Rest

Home in Florence, Oregon. Robert went on to say his father had sisters, Hattie, Gertie, and brothers, Oscar and Grant. Eugenia, Hattie, Gertie and Grant all seemed to fit into places in our records. Robert's wife, Ruth, brought out some old Blasdell pictures. The first one she handed us was one of Oscar S. Keeler of Binghamton, N.Y., taken Nov. 6, 1910. He looked to be in his 60's. Why would a photo of Oscar S. Keeler be with their Blasdell pictures unless he was the Oscar Keeler who married Anna Blasdell, the sister of Levi S. Blasdell, and why would they have this unless Robert's grandfather, Levi, was the same Levi S. who appeared in our V.S. Editor's file? This seemed to be sufficient proof to establish the connection of the Robert Oscar Blasdells into our Blaisdell Family Association.

Robert Oscar also mentioned some of his family lived at Towanda, Pa. A letter belonging to Mrs. Gerrit E. (Lucy Bush) Gardner of Montrose, Pa., dated, Feb. 27, 1927, from Mrs. Chester W. Brown of Johnson City, N.Y., gave the following additional proof: " * * * she (referring to Patience C. (Dewers) Blasdell) had one boy, Levi. He married Molly Van Dike and moved to Towanda, and his family are there now." With all the newly found facts, we have sufficient proof to establish the lineage of Robert Otto Blasdell and his family into our Association. Another group of cousins found.

From this example we learn how our organization works together to help solve the many varied problems which come to our attention. Most of them we find the answers to, but some must wait for more records. **WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?** If you haven't sent in complete data on your family and your particular line, we urge you to send us all the information you have at the present time and as you find more, keep us up-to-date with your family. Data on all Blaisdells is welcome. Over the years this increases in value and may be the means of another cousin proving their membership in our family. **BE AN ACTIVE MEMBER! SUPPORT THE BLAISDELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION** by attending your unit reunions, subscribing to *The Blaisdell Papers*, keeping us informed about your family's accomplishments, sending in your vital statistics and all data on your own Blaisdell line and any other Blaisdell information you may have or that comes to your attention. **BE A CARING COUSIN!!!**

"Previous to the year 1808 the chief landowners in this plantation were Captain Johnson—Captain Ebenezer Blaisdell, (and eight others)"—page 94, "Ebenezer Blaisdell, a native of Rhode Island, was a soldier under General Waldo at Fort Pownal and he helped in its construction. In his trips up and down the river he became acquainted with the country and later settled and built a home here. The house was built in 1785, and is still in splendid repair."—From Jones History of Winterport.

Jonathan Emerson of Hampden, Maine was killed while serving as a soldier in the Union Army during the Civil War. He had gone as a substitute for some other man of Winterport, Maine, who had been drafted, and who, according to law, was allowed to hire a substitute to go in his place. He was a descendant of (6.153).



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Dear Mr. Gazinhato,

Since publishing our December issue of our Blaisdell Papers with your request for more information on Levi S. Blasdell, we have heard from his great-niece with the enclosed information. Her name is Mrs. Phyllis Butler, 331 E. 3325 N., Ogden, Utah 84414 and she says that she would be willing to have a copy of her original photo of Levi made for you should you care to have it.

Quotes from her letter -

"Imagine my surprise when near the end of the December issue I read about my great Uncle, Levi S. Blasdell. His grandson and family have been in our home and we in theirs. The obituary states that Levi is the son of Timothy S. Blasdell & Patience Dewers. I think this is wrong. Our records show he is the son of John Blasdell & Patience Dewers. I have photos of their headstones in the Bolles Cemetery near Jessup Twp., Susquehanna Co., Pa. On Patience's it states that she is the wife of John Blasdell. I have John's will, but he doesn't mention any of his sons---apparently they already had their inheritance. He mentions the children of his daughter Charlotte (Blasdell) Moore. She died very early, in her 30's. My grandmother was the eldest child of Charlotte. Now Levi S. was the eldest child of his parents. I don't know what the S. stands for. it could be Smith, because his grandfather married Anna Smith. There isn't any proof however. This family was very talented."

Mrs. Butler was genealogist for the Association for many years and would be more than willing to help in any way she can, so please feel free to get in touch with her.

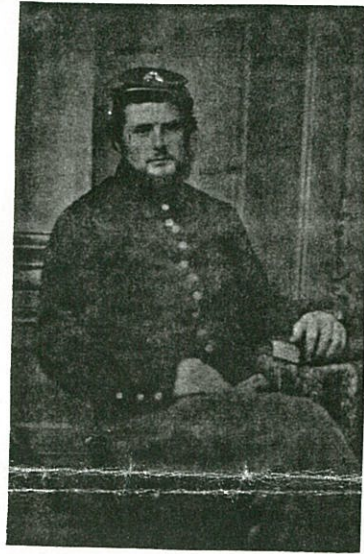
Hope all this is of some help. We'll be looking forward to receiving a copy of your article.

Sincerely,

*Jim & Ellie
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1868) LEVI S. BLASDELL.-From John, III. (6.168)

Corporal Co.D, 50th Pa.
Vol. Inf., 1st Division,
9th Army Corps.



Left to right, GERTRUDE M. (BLASDELL) MYERS, HATTIE
(BLASDELL) BROTZ, WILLIAM TIMOTHY BLASDELL,
ELIZABETH "BESSIE" (BLASDELL) MISHLER, EMILINE
"EMMA" BLASDELL, seated, GRANT COLFAX BLASDELL,
Children of LEVI S. BLASDELL, by 2d wife.

