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B. F. Davis Post No 13.

G. A. R. Records. Grand ~~Army~~^{Army} of the Republic.

Letter pertaining to 13 star flag.

now stored at Rural School Museum. More research needed. A V

I began interested in Davis family, as I believe the
13-star flag that is in the Rural School Museum
some how came with one of the Davis. The ^{old} safe
was in the Davis family for many year until the
Royalton Township Town was built in 1936. They found
the old flag just a few year ago in that old safe.

Here is some history I have in my files on Davis ^{family}

⊗ Grandpa Davis, served 4 years in Union Army.

Moved to Nebraska after the Civil War.

Married and had 2 Children (a girl + a ^x boy)

His wife died and his (Davis) sister taken the children

^{Davis} He came to Minnesota - back to Nebraska, then
back to Minnesota

Married again + had another family: George, Bert
Alice and Harry Davis.

Harry spoke of his half Brother Ned - that
must be the ^x the boy from his father's marriage.
Was ⊗ Grandpa J. P. Davis or Charles J. Davis ??

My guess? was J. P. Davis,

Hope this information will give you a lead to your
family history. Sincerely Ann Vach.

Jan 26

I

Hello Henry & Mary Ann
reading your letter I got to
thinking about that old flag, I
dont know if ~~it~~ Grandpa Davis
had it or not, but what I do know
is this: The Present Town hall was
(Royalton) built in 1936, before
that the town hall was a log
Cabin in Alfred Walbergs Pasture
by Greedy I remember that
old flag flying over that
old one room log Cabin on
Election days, when I was a kid.
There was an old junked road
Grader sitting along side
of it, I used to play around
when Dad would go over there.
Town meetings were held
in our front room. Cigar &
Cigarette smoke would be so
thick in there you could cut
it with a knife. some of
those meetings got pretty
Peppy, some one would usually

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be there with a complaint about
his neighbors or his road. ~~but~~
Dad was Town Clerk for 30 years,
but back to the flag, after the
new Town hall was built, town
board decided they should have
a new flag, after all the one
they had was made when there
was 13 Colonies, probably during
the Revolutionary war, some
time before that Axel Johnson
(the cattle hauler from West Rock)
Henry you must remember him) had
hailed this heavy old safe up
on one of his return trips from St.
Paul, that thing was a
monstrosity, it had heavy
iron wheels under it, we laid
down 2 in planks on the porch
and kitchen floor or it would
have gone right thru and into
the basement, then we would
have had some thing. Remember
Axel's wife Lily was with him
and she was ^{90 to 3} more nervous than

we were, finally we got it
over to the NW corner of the
kitchen where the foundation of
the old house was thick, we
blocked it up and there it
stood for 20 some yrs until
some one else got the Clerk job
The idea was to keep Township
Records in there, in case the
house burned down the records
would be saved as those safes
had such thick metal and
Insulation they were fire proof.
When the new Town hall was
built there was a Vault
built into it, they got a
Vault door from a bank that
went out of business I think
Almelund, and the Town records
were moved over there, but the
safe stayed in our kitchen
for a long time after that.
we used to keep what Cash
we had in there. I remember the
fun I used to have (go to 4 out

opening it, it had (4)
a complicated combination and
you had to hit the numbers
just right or it wouldnt open,
door must have weighed over 500
pounds alone, but it had such
good hinges and with a little
oil on them it would swing
open by itself, I run for a
farmer boy, Andrew Bernecker
used to like to run the combination
and open it. any way I remember
the old flag in there, but it
got more or less forgotten over
the years, and thats the
story of the flag as I know it
Grandpa Davis may have
brought it back from the Civil
War, he was in Union Army 4 yrs
Thats how he got the home
farm, he was down in Nebraska
after Civil War, Married and
had 2 children a boy and
a girl, his wife died, and
his sister took the children (go to 5)

In the meantime Uncle (5)
Sam had given him 160 acres
of timber land in Minnesota,
so he was going to go up there
cut off the timber and go
back to Nebraska, he got to
St Paul and at that time
Jim Hill was building
the Northern Pacific out of
St Paul, Grandpa loved to
hunt, and he hired out as a
hunter to put meat on the
workers table, that was the
days before deer seasons, I guess
he shot deer the way Buffalo
Bill shot buffalo when he
was a hunter for Union Pacific
I remember Andrew and I stayed
in a motel in North Platte
Nebraska when we were on a
trip to Mexico in 1950. The
Buffalo Bill Motel, there
was a big sign said, In this
general area Buffalo Bill
(go to 6)

shot 4280 buffalo to feed
the workers on the Union
Pacific R.R. he sure raised
hell with the Buffalo Population
Andrew + I wondered how he could
keep such good track of them, Well
Grandpa finally got out to his
160 acres and began cutting wood.
The girl who was to become my
Grandma Davis lived with her
folks - the Birschens, on what
was later the Dave Pranghofer
farm, they were Homesteading
there, she was 20 some years younger
than Grandpa, they were
married and Grandpa soon
had another family, George, Bert
and my Dad Harry and Aunt
Glice. My Dad used to tell about
a trip he took to Nebraska to see
his half brother Ned, how tall
the corn grew, and all the Jack
Rabbit, how good his half brother was
to him, and bought him a shot gun
Hope I didnt bore ^{you all} with this Pickard.

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L. A. R. Post No 137 members

Charles J. Davis -

J. P. Davis - member Jan. 1888 - Mar 15 - 1915
Died after 1915 - Check

Harry Davis - safe in his home, moved to
the Townhall.

Flag may have been in Davis family.

Mary Olsen - Check.

Royalton -
(Harry)

Jim + Richard

Robert

(Josiah) Davis family

Check on Monument. Date ? ?

Nancy Biehl - She work with extension Board
913 6 Ave West #7

Pine City

Information sent to her on
January 24 - 1990.

Pine County Resident have served
in all of the wars since the Civil
War. The B. F. Davis Post No. 137
was organized on May 5 - 1885.
The following names appear on the
Chester: J. Davis

Also name of Charles J. Davis
appear on the Chester. Chester
Aug 21 - 1888. - His name 1

Jan 1 - 1888 - J. P. Davis
Shows he was member till
Nov 15 - 1915.

Charles J. Davis
Aug 21 - 1888
Dues Paid. Jan 1894.
suspended