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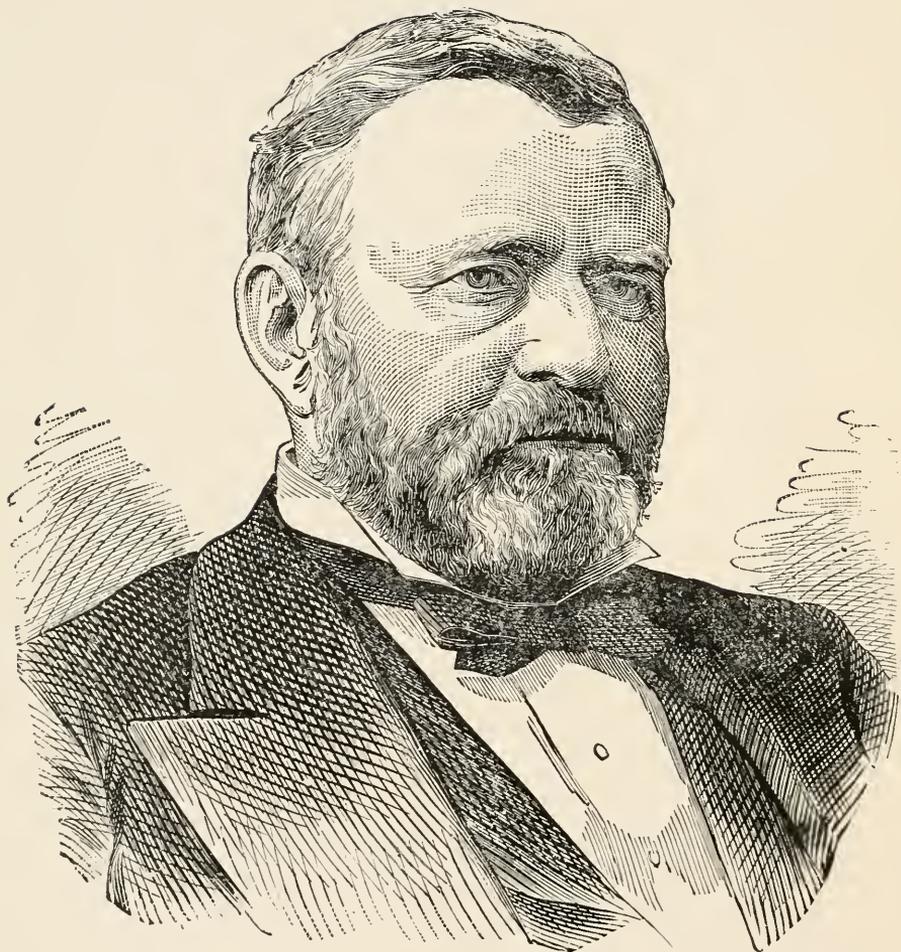
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## Ohio in the Civil War

1. The State of Ohio gave to the United States the Hero of the American Republic,— General U. S. Grant.

2. Ohio enlisted 301,000 good soldiers and sailors for the U. S. Army and Navy in 4 years, 1861-1865.

3. Ohio is the birthplace of five great American soldier-Presidents, 1868-1900, — Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Harrison, and McKinley.

4. Ohio gave birth to 12 out of 36 Brigadier-Generals and Major-Generals who won distinction in the Civil War in America.

5. Ohio gave to the world the greatest of all modern orators, Thomas Corwin, and the greatest wizard of modern inventors, Thomas A. Edison.

6. Ohio gave to the world of Letters the greatest American Diplomat, John Hay, and the Dean of American Novelists, William Dean Howells.

7. Ohio contributed to the Civil War History 5 of the wide-awake newspaper correspondents who were at the front and "on the firing-line" — 1861-1865 — Whitelaw Reid, J. B. McCullough, Capt. David A. Murphy, William S. Furay, and William H. Chamberlain. Mr. Reid and Capt. Murphy are still living.



# A Grant Souvenir

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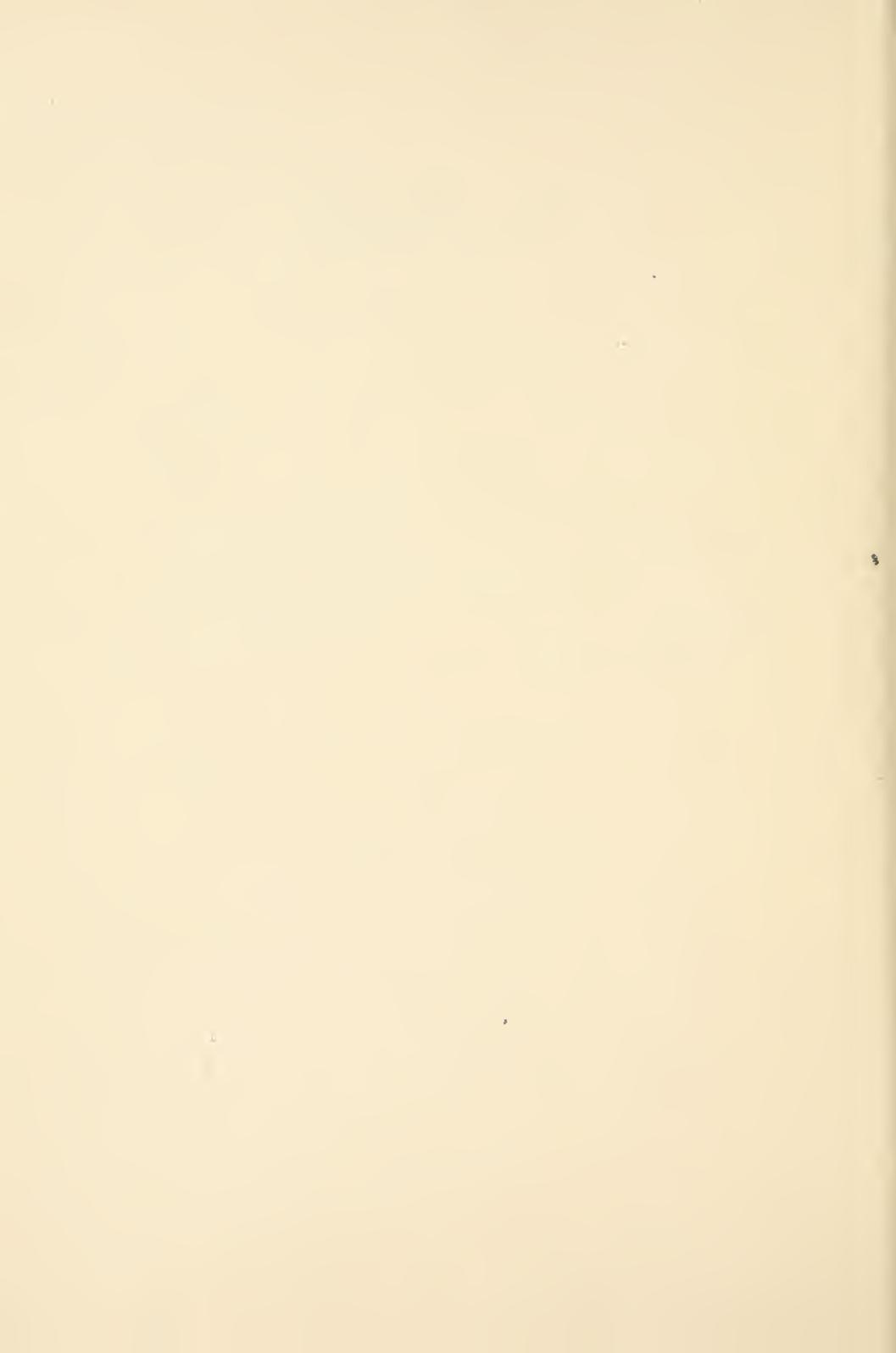
All the Soldiers and Sailors

WHO FOUGHT, BLED, AND DIED FOR THE PRESERVATION  
OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC.

*Oxford, Ohio,*

*September 15, 1912.*

THE AUTHOR.



## General Ulysses Simpson Grant

### I.

O silent Commander, whose gift was  
achievement,  
On Mount McGregor his soul found  
release;  
His passing, though, foretold a Nation's  
bereavement,  
War's greatest Captain said, "Let us  
have peace."  
Ohio his birth State, Point Pleasant his  
home town,  
In Army and Nation won the highest  
renown.

## II.

O struggling Citizen, whose youth was  
    prosaic,  
His hardships out West show mettle  
    and worth;  
His vicissitudes limn a striking mosaic,  
    War's greatest Captain a marshal from  
    birth.  
Heroic in battle and resistless as fate,  
His coolness and vigor gave prowess  
    double weight.

### III.

O sturdy Warrior, whose soul was re-  
liant,  
The sphinx and victor on every battle-  
field;  
He conquered Southern hosts and armies  
defiant,  
War's greatest Captain made his foe-  
man yield.  
From Vicksburg to Richmond all critics  
fain agree,  
He routed Buckner and Pemberton,  
Bragg and Lee!

#### IV.

O splendid Peace-maker, the Nation  
his debtor,  
Like Lincoln pluck'd weeds and planted  
a rose;  
The Union grown larger, the Union lov'd  
better,  
War's greatest Captain made friends  
of his foes.  
One country, one banner, all section-  
alism blocks,  
Americans and freemen — since Appo-  
mattox!

V.

O stricken Patriot whose name is im-  
mortal,  
No nation on earth has produced his  
peer;  
His thrilling Memoirs were written at  
death's portal,  
War's greatest Captain compiled his  
career.  
His trials all ended and his triumphs  
complete,  
Bravely died as he lived and sounded  
no retreat!

## VI.

O sterling Traveler, welcom'd by all  
    nations,  
Modest and manly midst glamour  
    that clings;  
The victor fêted by foreign legations,  
    War's greatest Captain the comrade  
    of Kings.  
Plain soldier, world Knighted, their hom-  
    age half express'd,  
The greatest of rulers greeted him as  
    their guest!

## VII.

O stalwart President, his greeting was  
    heartly,  
    His friendship regal, his word men  
    could trust;  
Good measures he approv'd as mandates  
    of party,  
    Gold standard he judged was timely  
    and just.  
The soldier and statesman, not seeking  
    praise or blame,  
Hero of our country and resplendent  
    his fame!

—CAPT. DAVID A. MURPHY.



# General Ulysses Simpson Grant

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THE GREATEST CAPTAIN OF THE CIVIL WAR

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Born April 27, 1822

Died July 23, 1885



# General Ulysses Simpson Grant

THE GREATEST ALL-AROUND COMMANDER  
OF THE WORLD'S HISTORY.

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*His Personal Description and Characteristics,  
and How the People May Honor Him.*

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## I.

General Ulysses Simpson Grant.

The hero of the American Republic.

The most sturdy fighter of modern history.

The savior, under God's blessing, of our country.

Grant ranks high with the world's greatest warriors.

Buckner, Johnston, Pemberton, Bragg, and Lee were defeated by Grant's armies.

The four great American Presidents now dead are Washington, Jackson, Lincoln, and Grant.

General James Longstreet's estimate of General U. S. Grant's military ability

in 1865: "I regard Grant as the best all-around soldier in the world."

## II.

General U. S. Grant was born at Point Pleasant, Clermont County, Ohio, April 27, 1822. If living now he would be ninety years of age.

There was nothing in Grant's boyhood or early manhood that marked him as "the coming great" general or President. But he was a good boy, with no evil habits. General U. S. Grant's "grand strategy" was to get his army as close to the enemy as possible. "And what then?" asked a friend. "Why then," said Grant, "up guards and at them!" Grant was superb in decisive battle moments, and he excelled in that coolness of judgment in action which Napoleon described as "the foremost quality in a general." Mount McGregor, where Grant died July 27, 1885, is one of the Adirondack Mountains, and is situated ten miles from Saratoga. It is reached by a narrow-gauge mountain road that branches from the Hudson River Railroad at Saratoga.

Grant was the soul of honor and

purity. He never swore and he hated deceit. On one occasion an officer of high rank rushed into Grant's presence and asked: "Are there any ladies present? I have a salty story to tell." Grant replied, "There are no ladies here, but there are gentlemen." The salty story was not told.

### III.

General U. S. Grant, as a military personage, was not as handsome as McClellan nor as impressive as Thomas. Grant was five feet eight inches in height, and was therefore taller than Napoleon, Nelson, Wellington, and Farragut. He was slightly round-shouldered, but carried himself erect when on horseback. He was a man of cleanly habits, and required clean underclothing, but he seldom buttoned his uniform coat. He had a well-formed head and wore a hat of seven and one-half inches. He had a high brow and a firm-set mouth; his eyes were expressive blue, and his hair was brown or tawny shade. He had a small wart on his right cheek just above his beard. His countenance was sometimes careworn, but his temperament

was buoyant and cheerful. He disliked music, and had small use for brass bands. He weighed at Cairo, 135 pounds; at Shiloh, 145 pounds; at Appomattox, 155 pounds. In a single campaign of less than twelve months Grant did what McClellan, Pope, Burnside, Hooker, and Meade failed to do—captured Richmond and Lee's shattered army of Northern Virginia. At Appomattox the silent soldier happily became the speaking statesman.

#### IV.

I had the honor of meeting and shaking hands with General U. S. Grant four times after the climax at Appomattox. The first time Bishop John H. Vincent placed my hand in Grant's at Lake Chautauqua, in August, 1875. President Grant was there two days. The second time was at the Palmer House, Chicago, in December, 1879, just after his return from his travels around the world. During the day I was quite close to him several times. The third time I shook hands Grant was in his office on Wall Street in New York, in December, 1881. Taking up a copy of my newspaper, the

Danville (Kentucky) *Tribune*, he remarked, "Captain, your paper was a Grant paper," and he indorsed me for an official position without my asking him to do so. The last time I shook hands with him was at the Gibson House, Cincinnati, in May, 1883. He had just buried the remains of his mother at Spring Grove. He was alone for the moment, and there were tears on both of his cheeks. I was stricken dumb in the presence of his great sorrow. I clasped his hand in sympathy—his eyes said, "I thank you." Alas! it was our final interview on earth.

## V.

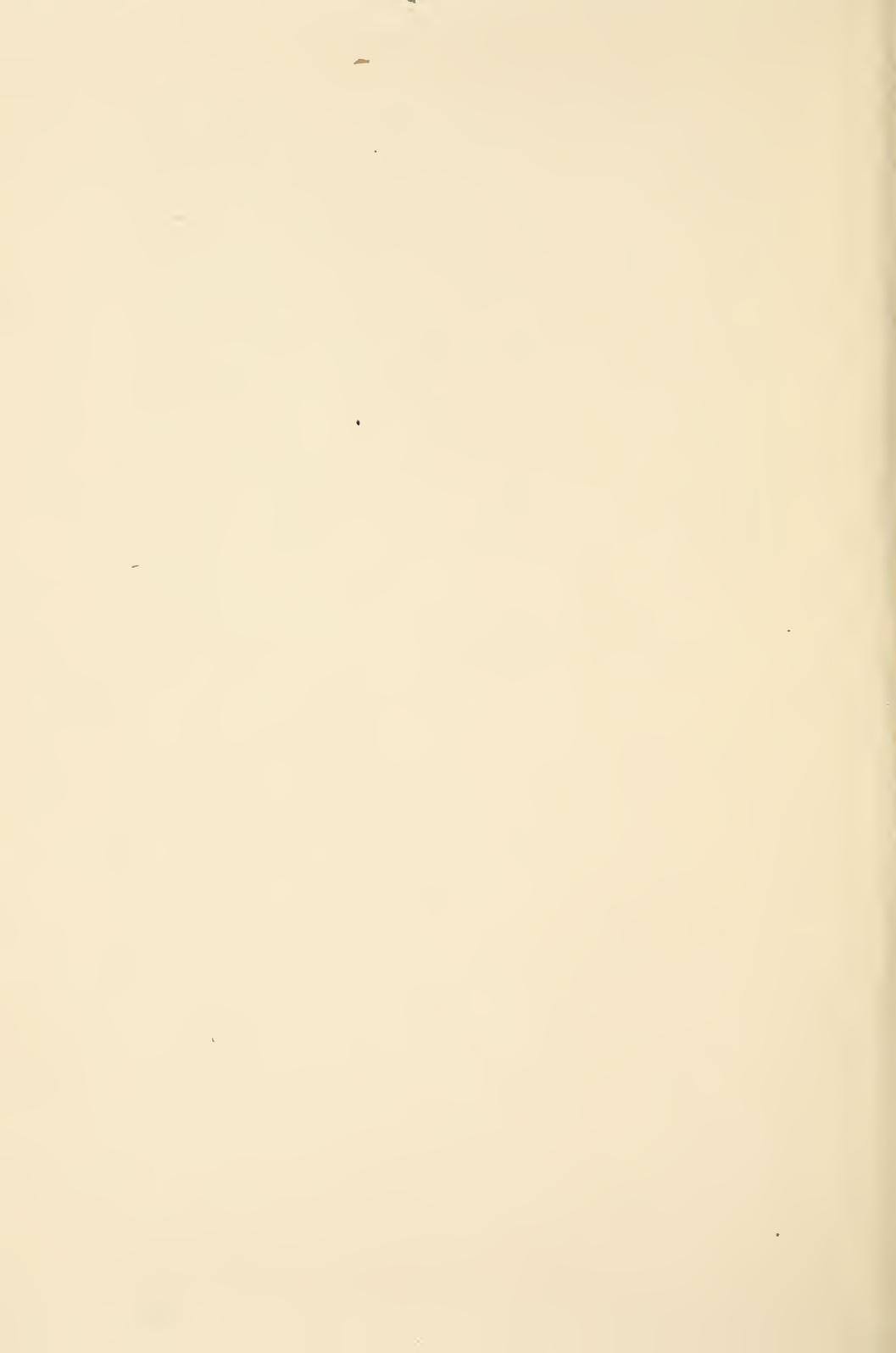
I think now that the people of the United States should purchase six hundred and forty acres of ground at Point Pleasant, Ohio, and erect there a grand memorial building, with fifty-two rooms in it, one room for each State in the Union, and four to be reserved for new States; the building and grounds to be called "Grant Park." A subscription of one dollar from each one of Grant's admirers, North and South, would provide ample funds. There should be a large hall in

the main building for war relics and trophies and curiosities, a greenhouse for growing choice flowers and plants, and an amphitheater capable of seating twenty-five thousand people; trees to be planted so as to transform the farmland into a wooded park, the park to be well stocked with deer and squirrels; the main building to be constructed so as to front east, west, north, and south. There should be twelve gates to "Grant Park," and over each gate, in letters of gold, these words: "Behold, how the United States delights to honor General Ulysses S. Grant!"

Faithfully, your fellow-citizen,

DAVID A. MURPHY.







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