# **Abolitionists Today!**

We're all right in the heat of the Civil War, folks! Keep updated!



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## **Clara Barton, By: Benjamin Tohanczyn** pg. 2

#### Who was she? What did she do? Tohancyzn will tell us through his article!

Clara Barton was born on December 25, 1821 in North Oxford, Massachusetts. Her father was a Captain in the local Militia. She went to school when she was three. It was her first time. She was a good student and was good and writing and reading. When she was 10 years old, she took on the task of nursing her brother to health. That was her first nursing exploit.

In 1838, she became a teacher for 12 years. In 1852, she started her own school in Bordertown, New Jersey. Her school ended up being very good and she ended up earning 250 dollars a year. In 1855, she moved to Washington D.C. There, she became a clerk for the gov. She was the first woman ever to do so.

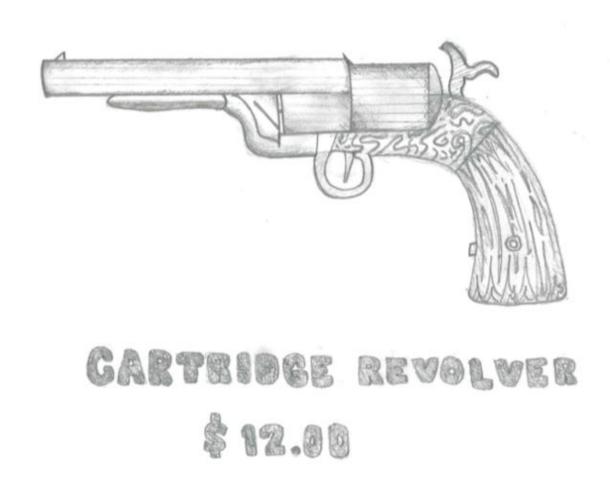
While she was in Washington D.C, she saw wounded Union soldiers being brought into a hospital. She decided she wanted to serve her country in some sort of way. She went to the railroad station where the soldiers came in and nursed 40 men.

Barton started to run into battles to help soldiers. She helps the critically wounded and tries to heal the ones that aren't as hurt, too. She even carries supplies to soldiers. Wounded Unions soldiers have referred to her as the Angel of the Battlefield. We should all respect her bravery and her loyalty towards the North.

## Things for Sale, By: Westen DeWaard Dg.

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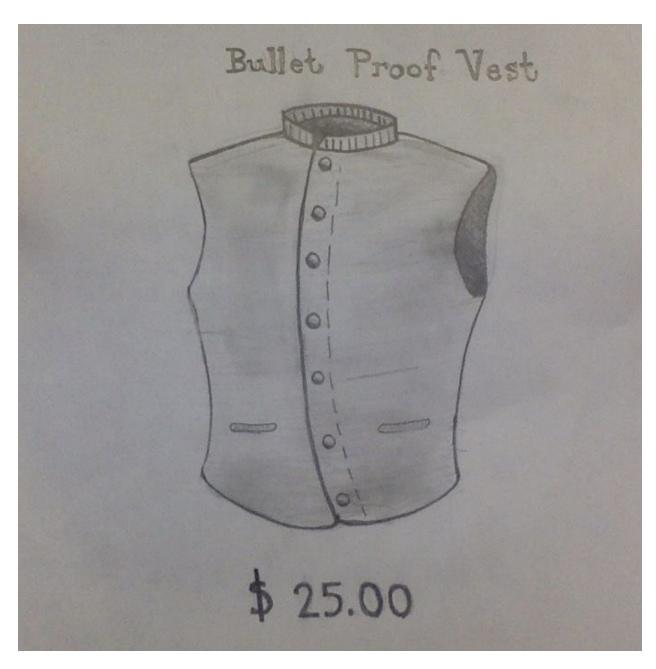
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# Battle of Gettysburg, By: Maxwell Welt and Adam Eaton **pg. 6**What happened? What is it? Read on - to find out!

The Gettysburg battle was a turning point for the Union. It happened in the summer of 1863. General Lee was willing to risk invading the North one more time. The Union was led by General George C. Mead and he had about 90,000 soldiers. It was the most important part of the Civil War for both sides.

The Gettysburg address happened and that was very important. It was a very famous speech by Abraham Lincoln at the site of the Gettysburg battle. He spoke at the new cemetery or the burial ground. He spoke there to honor the thousands of men who had died there that day at the Gettysburg Battle. He echoed the constitution and said "The Great Civil War."

At first he said that the whole reason of the war was to free slaves but after awhile Abraham Lincoln changed his mind about it and he issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1st 1863.

Lincoln suffers many problems during the war and one of them is the opposition in the war. He also used his constitutional power to suspend the right to habeas corpus.

# Two Stories of Slavery, By: Lilly Curtis and Hunter Field **pg.7** What happened during those times? These 2 articles will show you.

Life on slaves is hard. There are many cruel owners, and a lot of work. That is why Thomas Barns escaped from a long life in slavery to find his family and live a good life. Here is his story:

Thomas Barns was a slave worker in Georgia. He had been beaten and barely had any food along with horrible sleeping quarters. He hated not having a voice, not having any family, and getting beaten and punished for doing small things wrong. He had a family of four with three sons and a daughter. He smuggled a lot of stuff from the owner's home. But one day all of that would end. He took some food and some weapons and jumped over the barbed wire fence surrounding his owner's plantation and left for the underground railroad. Once he had gotten to the first house he had to make a plan to find his family in the free states. So he went off to find them. He went from house to house trying not to get caught. Finally, he made it to the state where his family would be. Once he met them, he even went back to where he originally was working and helped more people get to freedom. Now he lives with his family in a small apartment. By: Hunter Fields

Slavery started in as early as 1619. From then on, white men and most plantation owners used slaves to help them with the chores. But slaves didn't always work until they died. Some were promised freedom after a certain period of time. But were these promises always kept?

One man had gone through betrayal mentioned above, his name was Olaudah Equiano. He was captured in 1755 at only age 10. From there, he was transported to Virginia and sold to a plantation owner. He was then sold again to the Caribbean. Slaves like him didn't always stay in one place. They were treated as things! They were traded and sold and tossed around from one place to another. They knew know home, and owned no thoughts. They were all told that everything they had, even their souls and minds, belonged to their owners. Finally, after more than 3 owners, he was promised freedom by one.

But he instead had to buy his freedom. Not only was he considered to be a thing but the freedom that was promised him had to be bought too! With these feelings at heart, in 1789, he published a book against slavery to help the Union during the Civil War.

Another girl, only a child of 13, was promised freedom after her former owner died. But the will of her owner was lost and she instead had to go live with her owner's uncle. From then on, she was sold and separated from her younger sister. The uncle, though knowing what the will had said, paid no mind to it, only interested in the girls owner's money. After 4 years, she finally escaped to the North during the Civil War but not with her sister.

They were considered to other white men respectful and well brought up, during the Civil War they were talked about as if they had high moral standards and integrity despite what happened to them. But just because their "slaves" were a different color, they thought that it wouldn't matter what they said about a promise for freedom. To them, freedom wasn't a word. There was no way slaves could earn it. Most slaves had to buy their way out of slavery.

Slaves, unlike their proud plantation owners, did not receive pay for their work. Because of that, they could barely earn enough money to buy freedom. If they did earn money, it was very low-pay.

Most of slaves lives ended this way. Remembering that they were promised freedom, when justice was blown away from them, never to return. This was the betrayal and lies of the plantation owners. By: Lilly Curtis

# Fun things, By: Sophia Ryan and Guinevere Haskins pg. 9 Time to get your political spirit up? Do this fun word find!



(Advice Today) We hand picked two people's problems that the whole country could be going through. Problem 1: There is a poor African American Noman with 4 Kids that lives next to me. Her husband is in the war. She is very sad, and I do. - Empatheticin Eric, PA. Solution: I think you should help her out by giving some food and help her out with doing some of her charge for her and help her kids out too! If You have Kids invite her Kids o ver to play with them. Good luck!

- Advice to day

THAT'S GOOD ADVICE, BETTER READ TO KNOW WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ENCOUNTER SITUATIONS LIKE THAT!!!

# Songs for the Soular Very patriotic songs for the glorious north!

## We are the Union

We are the union

BEAT THE CONFEDERATES

WE are the union

TRY TO END SLAVERY

WE are the Union

WE WILL NOT FAIL

WE are the Union

50, GO LINCOLN

NE ARE THE UNION...

AND WE WILL WIN!

## The Battle Hym of the

Mine eyes have seen the story of the coming of the lord the is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored the hath bosid the fatefull lightning of his terrible, swift sword

this truth is marching on. Clory, Glory halla luguh!x3 His truth is marching on

ON.

Sing these Songs

THE MARCH OF PEACE

Down the streets of Firethyville! (PA)

Sing these songs for the spirit of the north!

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Advice Today

We hand picked two people's problems the
the whole country could be going through.

Problem? I have ten children and were
Starting to lose supplies and money.
My husband is in the war and I
need to get money. What Should I Do?

-Penny Pincher in PA

Sur Friends and discuss some sood lobs that you could do. This might help. Also, a lot of the Men are some fighting, so their should be some open jobs! Good luck'

- Advice Today

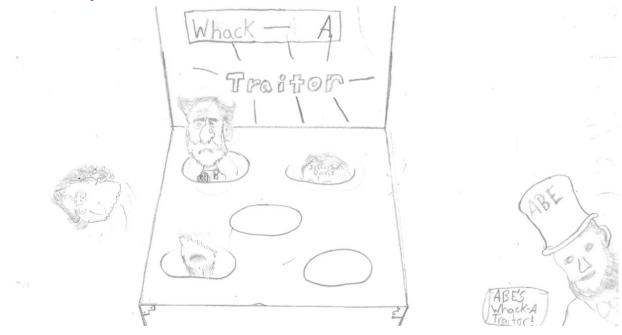
## POLITICAL CARTOON, BY: ASA BURGESS Pg. 13

Here is a Political Funnie that is sure to make you laugh!!!



## Political Cartoon, By: Aaron Stone pg. 14

That funny is HILARious!!!



## Why we need slaves, By: Kailin Fuller pg.14

#### Some people think we should still have slaves! Read this article to find out why ...

We need slavery. How are my crops supposed to get watered? When a slave is beaten down and tired, I feel kinda bad, but they'll get used to it. We need slaves for workers, and they don't need to be paid. They work for me, and if I pay them I won't have any more money to buy slaves! I also need to pay taxes. I give them a place to sleep, even if it isn't comfortable.

Think about how life would be without slavery. Without slaves, plantation owners wouldn't be able to tend to the crops themselves! We would grow old and out of energy. Some of our crops are so big, we can't tend them ourselves. I don't want to work all day, and sometimes through the night. I provide the slaves with a shelter, and I give them some food.

I live in the South, and there are many free blacks and whites that used to be slaves, or are free. I went to the Barber Shop, and all of the men that were trimming hair were almost all blacks.

When my sons get older, they will inherit my slaves, or trade slaves with other people around town. Many people in our town give slaves away to settle a bet. I don't do that because I need my slaves, and we can't afford to lose slaves on some bet. I hope my sons will use their slaves wisely and not end up as slaves.

# Why slavery should be abolished, By: Nathaniel Martin **Dg. 15**Should slavery be abolished? This article will tell you!

Have you ever wondered why slavery is so bad? Then I will scream these words in you ear to make you HATE slavery! Warning! You will be shocked when I send this article to slaveholders! Here are the words of hating slavery:

If you own a slave, how about YOU switch with them and YOU get whipped and YOU have to work till late at night and YOU do all the work! How would you like that?!

Slavery is soooooo bad and should be abolished.
Pssht! Life without slavery is better trust me. I'd bet you didn't know that God created us equally, if you are a slaveholder reading this. I can use hypnosis to make you hate slavery (just kidding).

You need another method to make your economy! YOU DON'T NEED SLAVES! Find a different way because factories are faster at making things.

## Letter to the Editor, By: Madison Nosta Pg. 16

#### Read this letter, you will love it!

Dear Editor,

My name is Susana Freeman, and I am a free black woman in the North. I am against the war that is going on right now. This is because I think that it is unconstitutional! People shouldn't have to be dealing with this pain!

I was in my home in Gettysburg when it all started. I heard loud guns fire towards me, my children were terrified! We tried to evacuate our home. While we were doing that my oldest child was shot by a southern bullet and she was very injured and could not walk. My husband and I had to carry her to safety. She was okay but if anything like that happened again it would probably be worse.

At first I was a Northern supporter but after I saw how many peoples lives were getting taken and ruined I felt like the war wasn't worth the pain.

Now we moved from Gettysburg to a smaller town outside of the city. We thankfully don't get caught in so much violence. I witnessed many Northern and Southern soldiers getting killed, and I don't want my children to see that violence again. So I am writing to you because I want other people to realize that the war might hurt them or their family.

Sincerely, Susana Freeman

### 4 Obituaries, By: Cabot Adams pg. 17

#### Do you know these people? If not, this was their life:

#### **Clementine Dukes**

Clementine Dukes was a firm supporter of slavery. She owned 200 slaves. She died being murdered.

She survived by her slaves and her husband who died in the war.

#### George Tomas

George Tomas was a fine young Union soldier. He was killed by a Confederate shell. A shard of the shell blasted into his neck and he died painlessly.

He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his children. He was a determined abolitionist he thought it was his job in life to free all slaves. When the army came across the plantation, he burned it to the ground and freed all the slaves.

He survived by his unit and his wife Marilyn Tomas. We are so sorry for the loss of his fine young man.

#### John Dukes

John Dukes was a Confederate sergeant and a firm supporter of slavery. He was killed by a bullet in the leg. He crawled off the battlefield of Antietam and hid in the woods hoping to escape the bullets there. He was found in a rabbit hole that he had crawled into and could not get out of. His leg got infected and he died in the hole.

#### **Abby Tomas**

Abby Tomas was a union nurse and a very passionate abolitionist. She was killed by a stray bullet while she was going to pick a wounded soldier on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Straight to the brain and killed her instantly.

She survived by her brother George Tomas and his wife Marilyn Tomas.

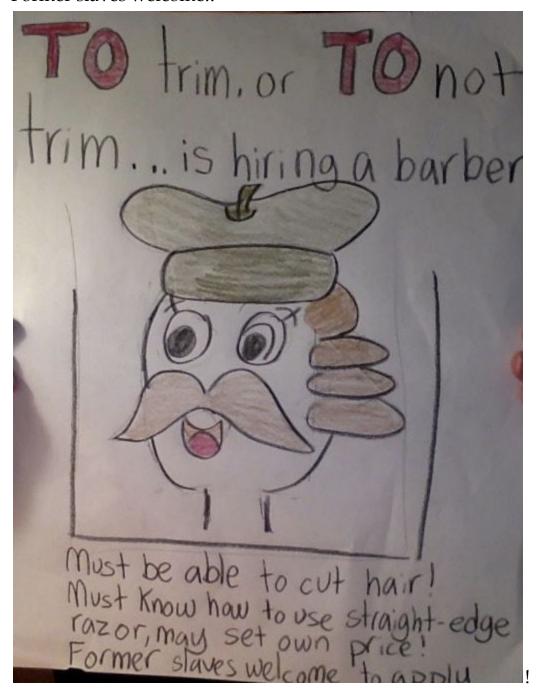
She enjoyed playing with her nephew and nieces. We will miss this fine, young, and strong woman that served on the battlefield.

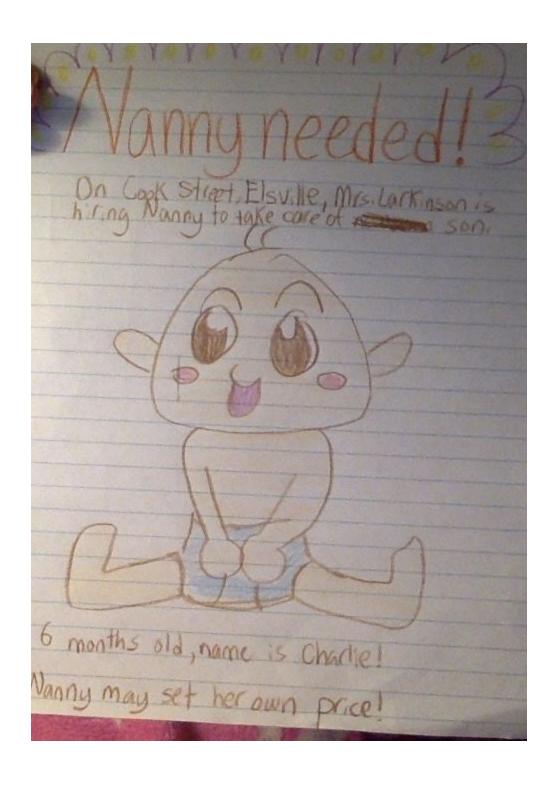
# Classified Section, By: Jayden Day and Garrett Crabtree pg. 18 Looking for a job? Here you might find one! Find GREAT sales too!



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Boy, is 6 months old, name is Charlie, sounds CUTE to me!!!

Equal Rights for Everyone, By: Dylan Grant **Dy. 21**Read this outstanding article!

As slavery continues, so does the Abolitionist movement. Many slaves are learning to read and write. We will publish their narratives outlining their lives, or lack thereof. We will help them escape to freedom. Everyone deserves to be treated equally. The only way this will be achieved is if slavery is abolished once and for all. Slavery is forcing families to be torn apart. Children one way, mothers and fathers separate ways. Under the care of slave owners, blacks are being beaten and even hung. Many of these slaves are good skilled workers who could contribute to society. Blacksmiths, barbers, seamstresses, factory worker, each is talented in their own way. Here in the North, we will continue to encourage and support slaves to seek the freedom and equal rights that everyone deserves.

Thanks for reading!!!!