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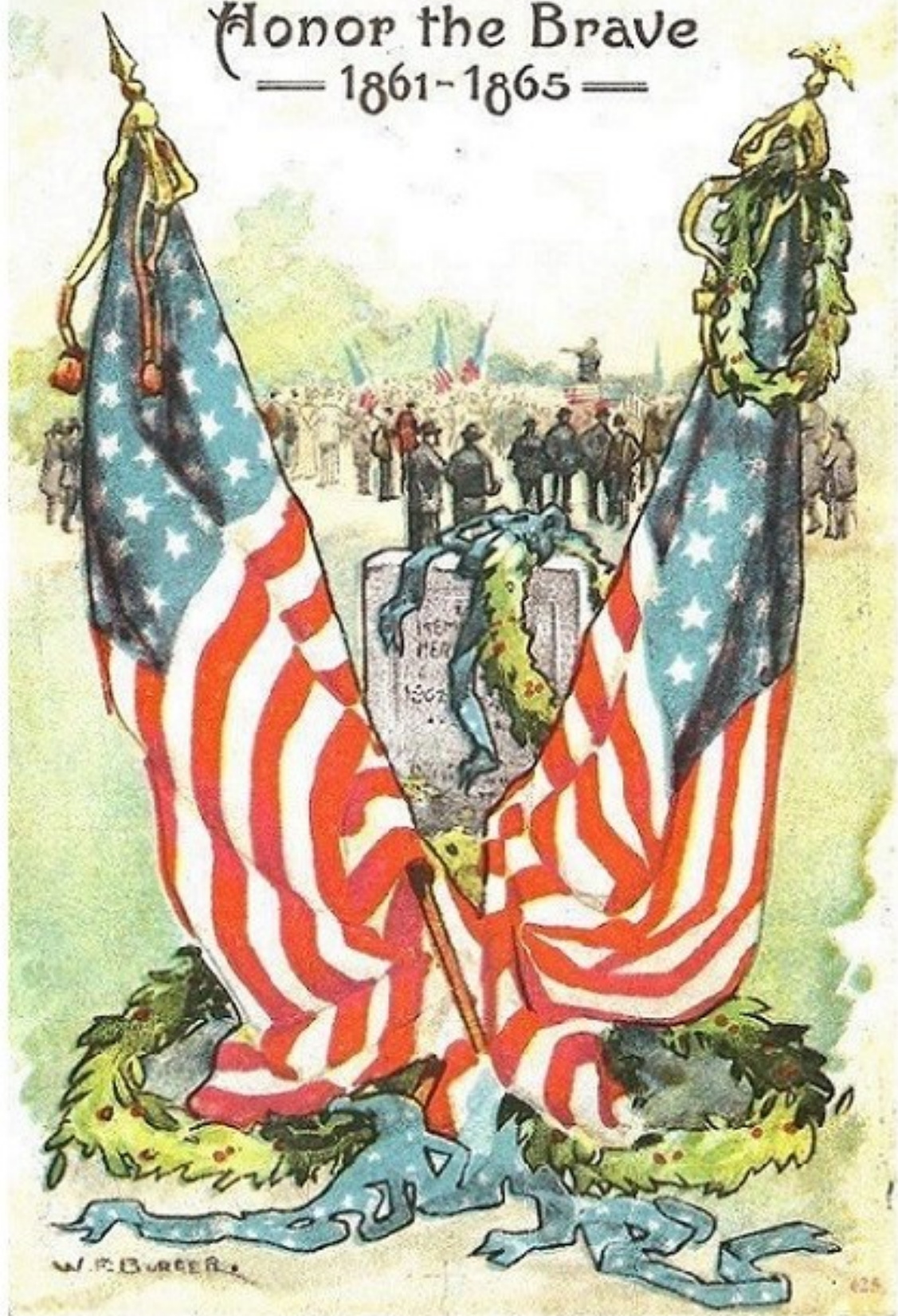
JOSEPH CONDIT BALDWIN

Spotsylvania, Virginia

3/6/2025

Honor the Brave

— 1861-1865 —





Joseph Condit BALDWIN

11/22/1836 - 5/15/1864 (27)

NJ 2nd regiment company K.
But mostly in the
NJ 11th Company K, F and E.

Also fought at 1863 Gettysburg PA

Grew up in NJ towns of Fairfield/Caldwell, Somerville, Hackensack, Jersey City and Little Falls.

On Sunday 5/15/1864, 10 am, they charged and captured a breastworks. Joe told the Lt. Colonel Schoonover that after all the fighting so far Joe should be killed.

Joe leaned against the log wall for a chew of tobacco. At 11:15 am, the Confederates fired their cannons into the breastworks about 1/2 mile away. A soldier friend wrote:

"At precisely noon, a shell passed over me and struck Joe in the back of the head, without exploding. He never knew what hit him".

He was killed at Spotsylvania, Virginia.

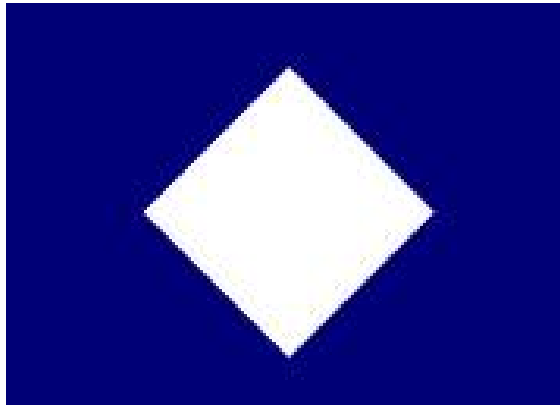
The Newark Advertiser newspaper wrote:
"Joe Baldwin was highly esteemed by large numbers of friends throughout NJ. Nobly fighting for his country, he has fallen in its cause."

Joe rests at the Fairfield Dutch Reformed Church, Fairfield, Essex County, NJ.

Pearce branch 5, generation 5 thru wife Mary Speer.



Joe Baldwin



Original 3rd Corps, 2nd division diamond white badge



Glen photo 2005. Confederate cannon pointing towards far away woods where Joe Baldwin fell.



5/15/1864 near noon at Spotsylvania Virginia. A Confederate cannon shot at this spot that tore into a thick log wall at the far woods. It penetrated and struck our Joseph Baldwin behind his head. The fuse went out but Joseph died from the blunt trauma.

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