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Wisconsin. Governor

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Miss E. Hurn,  
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Miss Hurn; -

Your letter rec'd some  
time ago. Excuse my slowness in  
answering.

1. "The Home" was exceedingly well  
managed always kept in a  
clean and healthy condition as  
will be shown by the fact - that  
during its continuance of about  
nine years only eight deaths  
occurred and part of the time  
there were as high as three  
hundred children present.  
The children were well clothed  
and fed.

2. D. How much good did it do?  
This can hardly be estimated.  
I think it fitted and prepared  
a grist of good citizens I have

kept track of quite a number  
and so far as I know they  
are good and prosperous and  
law-abiding.

"The Home" furnished good schools  
of all grades and besides this  
as the children grew older they  
were given work to do fitting  
them for usefulness.

D. 3. The children could remain  
there until they were sixteen years  
of age after which they went  
to their mothers or to places  
of employment - I have in mind  
some who began to teach as  
soon as they left - others went  
on to higher schools for further  
study.

D. 4 Mrs. Harvey's part in making  
the "home" a success was very  
great she used all her time  
and influence to that end.

Question 5. The money for running the "Home" was appropriated each year by the State Legislature and not stintingly either and the board of directors saw that it was used for the benefit of the children. Particular pains was taken by Mrs. Harvey and the State authorities to instill into the minds of the children that "The Home" was no charitable institution but was given them as a debt of gratitude by the State for the loss of their fathers.

I would be glad to add more if I could.

Yours Truly

Mary E. Skinner.

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To the Sup. of  
Wisconsin Historical Society

Dear Sir:-

Your two letters were received here forwarded from Clinton Wisconsin. I am sorry that I cannot give you some kind of answer before this. I hope it will not be too late. I am sure that I can give you any further information than what I have already given. I am sure whether I mentioned in regard to the fraudulent token which you gave

by one Wisconsin regiment. Then  
at the time she was working  
among the hospitals in the South.  
They gave her a beautiful blue  
enamel watch inscribed with six-  
words attached to a gold chain  
which hung charming tiny gold  
charms & gems etc. The inscrip-  
tion on the inside of the watch reads  
Presented to Mrs Louise P. Harny  
of Wisconsin, with the love, gratitude  
and admiration of the 2nd

Wisconsin, Veteran, Volunteer  
Cavalry Company. I am the  
watch and prize it highly. It  
was given to me at Mrs Harny's  
death. I am sure I have any  
thing <sup>else</sup> that you could use in

in appreciation of her.

Your publication, although you  
might be able to get something  
from two cousins of mine in  
Racine Wisconsin. Mrs. Harry  
has no sisters, living now. ~~There~~  
are the only relations who might  
be able to give you something.

Mrs. Arthur Kuzmin, 1738  
Wisconsin St. Racine Wis.  
is the address of one of Mrs. Harry's  
nieces, a cousin of mine. You  
might correspond with her, and  
there is another niece living near  
Mrs. Kuzmin who might assist  
you.

Very sincerely,

Mrs. James Selkirk



Clinton, Wis.

March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1910.

My dear Miss Hurn:-

I received your letter of March 8<sup>th</sup>. I should be glad to give you any information I could about my Aunt, Mrs. Harney. Of course I was too young to remember anything of her work, but I have a paper which she wrote and had given as a lecture at one time. It is on Her Hospital work and contains an account of her interviews with Mr. Lincoln, of which <sup>the</sup> latter I believe was published a while ago in a Madison

paper. I will send the whole  
paper. The person who she speaks  
of in her paper is herself, of course.

The soldiers were much attached  
to her here in Wisconsin. After her  
husband's death she felt as if she  
must go on with the work he had  
begun (that of looking after the  
Wisconsin soldiers). I have a

beautiful <sup>blue enamel</sup> watch in lead with a small  
diamond which was presented to her  
by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin veteran, volunteer  
cavalry co. I prize it very highly  
at this time. I hope you can gather  
something from the paper I send.

I would be glad to have you return  
it at your earliest convenience.  
as I had promised to loan  
to some teachers who wished to read  
it. Very truly, Mrs. Jas. Selkirk