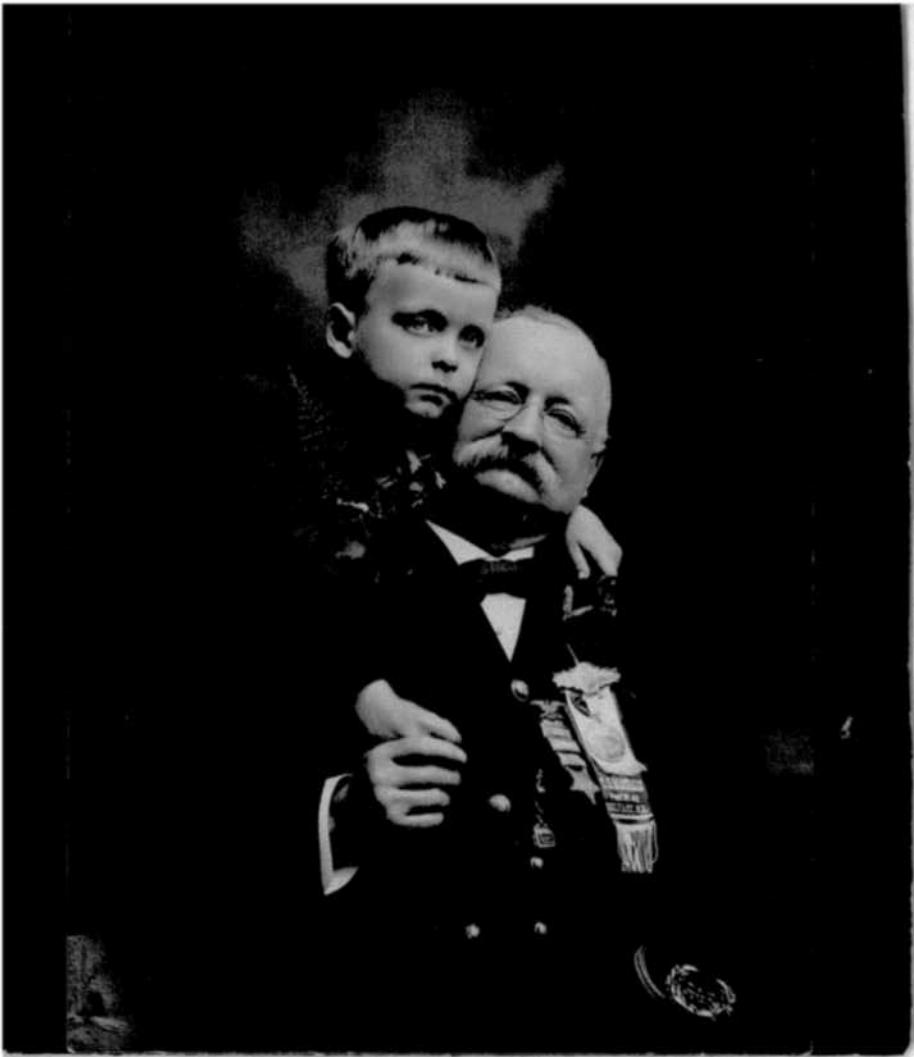


March 26, 1954

This pistol was presented to Isaac Conant of Belfast Maine by Colonel Thomas H. Marshall of Belfast Maine, who served with the Seventh Regiment of Maine Volunteers. Col. Marshall died of fever at Baltimore October 25, 1861, age 35. Isaac Conant served as his lackey. Pistol purchased from Mrs. Howse at Belfast in 1953.

"History of the City of Belfast" by Joseph Williamson Vol.L , 1770 to 1875 has interesting data of Col. Marshall.



TWENTY-SIXTH REGIMENT INFANTRY

This Regiment was organized at Bangor, Me., October 11th, 1862, to serve nine months, and left on the 23d of the same month for Washington, D.C., where they arrived and encamped on the 27th. On the 9th of November they embarked for Fortress Monroe, Va., arrived at Hampton Roads on the 11th, and the next day were ordered to Newport News, where they remained encamped until December 1st, on which day they embarked on board steamers for New Orleans, arriving in that city on the 16th, and immediately proceeded to Baton Rouge, where they were assigned to the 3d Brigade of Grover's Division. They remained at Baton Rouge until the 12th of March 1863, when they joined in the reconnoissance to Fort Hudson, returning on the 16th and on the 28th embarked for Donaldsonville, La. Early on the morning of the 14th of April they were engaged with the enemy at Irish Bend, near Franklin, La., and met with severe loss. They arrived at Port Hudson on the 30th of May, and were engaged in supporting a battery until June 12th, when they participated in the assault on that day, and then returned to their former position. After the surrender of Port Hudson, they remained on duty inside the fortifications at that place until the 26th of July, on which day they embarked for Maine, and reached Bangor on the 9th of August. On the 17th of the same month the regiment was mustered out of the U.S. service at that place, by Lieut. F.E. Crossman, 17th U.S. Infantry, and the men were paid and finally discharged on the same day.

WALDO COUNTY
REGISTRY OF DEEDS
BELFAST, MAINE

Nov. 21, 1958.

Dear Mrs. McCully:

I am sorry to delay my answer to your letter of September 8th, so long, but this and that seemed to come between, so here I am.

Isaac Adelbert Conant was born in Appleton, Maine, Jan. 9, 1842, the son of Ansel and Maria (Bartlett) Conant. He married Damaetta Havilla Orcutt in Belfast on Oct. 20, 1862, and was the father of Isabella Maria, who married Ralph Henry Howes of Belfast. After the death of Isabella, I married Mr. Howes. As far as I can learn, Isabella was the only child of Isaac and his wife.

Mr. Conant, as my husband has told me went as a "boy" or attendant to Col. Thomas H. Marshall, therefore the gift of the pistol.

Mr. Conant volunteered at the age of 20, on Oct. 11, 1862, in Co. I, 25th Regiment, served his term and was mustered out on Aug. 17, 1863. He was a Marine Engineer, and a Past Commander of the Thomas H. Marshall, Post, G.A.R. in Belfast. He died in Belfast Jan. 17, 1923, and is buried in Belfast.

It was nice to hear from you, and I hope some day you can come in to see me, and I also trust the information given in regard to Mr. Conant.

With best regards, I am

Yours very truly,



H.



State of Maine
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

Augusta, 30 October 1958

It is Hereby Certified, That it appears from the records of this office, that
Isaac A. Conant

a Private in Company I, 26th Regiment of Infantry
Maine VOLUNTEERS, was enlisted on the 10th day of September
one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two and was mustered into the United States
service as a Private at Bangor, Maine on the 11th
day of October one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two for Nine
months
~~years~~ unless sooner discharged. Mustered-out and honorably DISCHARGED from the service of the United
States, as a Private the 17th day of August
1863, at Bangor, Maine by reason of Muster-out & Honorably Discharged.

Said Isaac A. Conant was born in Camden
State of Maine and when enlisted was a resident of Belfast
Maine, age 19, height 5 feet 4 inches, complexion
light, eyes gray, hair brown and by occupation a Clerk } ~~Married~~
Single

Re-enlisted as a VETERAN VOLUNTEER, in Company
Regiment of Maine VOLUNTEERS, on the day of
186, and Mustered into the United States Service as a
at on the day of 186
for years unless sooner discharged. Mustered-out and honorably DISCHARGED from the
service of the United States, as a the day of
186 at by reason of

Remarks:

Clarence D. Read Jr. E. W. HEYWOOD
Major Inf, MeNG Col., Arty, MeARNG
Staff Assistant Actg ~~Adjutant General~~