

**Orr Reunion of Mount Vernon
Military Service of Orr Family Members
DRAFT 2020**

While members of the Orr family did not come to the United States to fight in wars, each generation has had members who have defended their country. Of the families who stayed in Ireland, some fought with the Allies during World War II.

Civil War

Only the families of William and James (both of whom came in the 1830s) participated. (George's family came at the start of the war, and Isabelle Orr Campbell and children arrived in 1863.) All Orrs fought with the Union, though some had married into families that had roots in the South.

George Alexander Orr (son of William Orr and Jennie) He first enlisted with Union troops in 1862, joining the Missouri State Militia. He was promoted to captain. He reenlisted later, and the 1890 Special Census says he was in Company B, 76th Regiment, EMM Cavalry, and dates of service were 28 May 1863-March 1864. Discharged after being wounded in the spine.

Huston Jackson Beck (son of Daniel Beck and Elmina Fogelman) He married Isabella (Belle) Orr, daughter of William and Jennie Adams. Houston served three years in the Union Army and is said to have served with the 15th MO Volunteer Cavalry, Capt Stott's Company, 173. His father (Dr. Daniel Beck) and a younger brother were killed by Confederate Bushwhackers at the family home, during the war.

Recently found records in Andersonville (Confederate) Prison show Paul Orr, son of George Orr and Elizabeth Brown. The family arrived in the U.S. in 1860. His imprisonment may have contributed to some severe mental health problems he had later in life.

Spanish American War Period

John Valentine Campbell served in the U.S. Army in the Philippines and Cuba in the Spanish-American War. He was discharged as a private while at sea, Dec. 13, 1901. His grave marker says he was in the 2nd U.S. Infantry, Company K. (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of Isabella Shirley and Robert Campbell)

John Shirley Blawn joined the U.S. Army when he was 21 and went to China at the time of the Boxer Rebellion (late 1890s). He also fought in the Philippines (1898) and was called back into the service and served as a captain at Fort Slocum during World War I (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via Elizabeth Shirley and John Blawn)

William Paul served in the U.S. Army in Cuba and the Philippines. He later joined the service as a captain in World War I, and served in France. He was promoted to major.(Son of Margaret Shirley and John Paul)

World War I

Captain John Shirley Blawn (see above)

Scott Grover Davis of SD, U.S. Army in World War I (James Orr descendant via Jane Orr and Samuel Davis)

Sgt. Ross Davis of Wisconsin, U.S. Army in World War I (James Orr descendant, son of James Howard Davis and Mary Geller)

Marion Glen Howard served as a Coxswain in the U.S. Navy during World War I.

David Valentine Paul, U.S. Army in France, in World War I. (Son of Margaret Shirley and David Paul)

Major William Paul (see above)

Isabel Rosenfeldt entered the service as a yeogirl at the time of World War I and served as a stenographer at the Philadelphia Navy Yard. (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via Margaret Orr Campbell)

George Valentin Shirley drafted and in September 1918, went to France with the Headquarters Company, 335th Field Artillery, 87th Division. He became a Battalion Sergeant Major and was stationed near Chateau Rue, south of Tours. Ann Orr Shirley descendant via George Orr Shirley and Mary Moodie)

World War II

Nearly every family was involved in some way. Some had children (usually sons) in the military, others assisted the Red Cross, and everyone collected scrap metal or shared ration coupons. Former reunion secretary Grace Shepherd prepared an Honor Roll. Some embellishment has been added. The names are listed in the order Grace originally transcribed.

1. Captain John Beaumont Middleton, US Army, received the Purple Heart, Oak Leaf Cluster, and Silver Star.
2. Sgt. Edgar Bishop, Jr. served in England, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany
3. Corporal James E. Paul, Coast Auxiliary
4. Herbert M. Hood, MM 3/C, U.S. Ship Repair Unity, Navy.
5. John Paul Beaumont, HA 1/C, Naval Hospital
6. Paul Byron Robinson, Air Corps, served at the Army Air Base in Pratt, KS
7. George Crockett Shirley, K 1/C, Disbursing Office, Columbia University, NY
8. George Wesley Smith, Brother to Robert, Marines in different divisions. Met on Iwa Jima. (Shirley Descendant, grandson of Eliza Forsythe and Robert Smith)
9. Robert R. Smith, brother to George (Shirley Descendant, grandson of Eliza Forsythe and Robert Smith)
10. Sgt. Linley F. Quigg, Marines(Ann Orr Shirley descendant)
11. Sgt Elmer E. Quigg, U.S. Army Air Corps (Ann Orr Shirley descendant)
12. T/Sgt. Paul W. Dicks, Bomb Sqdn (Ann Orr Shirley descendant)
13. William D. Brown, Seaman 1/C in Pacific
14. Robert Campbell (Ann Orr Shirley descendant)
15. George S. Campbell (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant)
16. Alma Campbell
17. John Robert Campbell (Ann Orr Shirley descendant)
18. PFC Boyd H. Wilkes, Engineer Corps, France (George Orr descendant)
19. Alfred H. Shepherd, Jr., A/6 V-5 U.S. Naval Reserve (George Orr descendant via Grace Hickman and Alfred Holmes Shepherd, Sr.)
20. ? Fleming (this family did not come to the U.S.)
21. ? Fleming
22. ? Fleming
23. David Alexander, possibly Canadian Army
24. Ernest Alexander, Canadian Army (Martha Orr and John Mitchell descendant)
25. Capt. William Likins. (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant) Reconnaissance long range Photo pilot, flight commander. Served two years overseas Iran, Africa, Egypt, England
26. Sgt. Leland Coffield, Army Air Corps, Guam (with an air-sea rescue squadron). He reentered the service on January 1, 1951 and retired September 28, 1968 from the U.S. Army Force Security Service.
27. L. Dale Crouch (Spouse of Doris Ann Campbell, an Isabella Orr Campbell descendant, via George Byron Campbell and Ruth Wilson)
28. Ralph L. Campbell (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant via Harold Rivers Campbell and Mabel Briggie)
29. Ray Wilson Campbell. (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant) Served on the USS Santa Fe for 43 months. As a religious and musical man, he became the ship's organ player for the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish services every week.
30. Emil J. Bovich (spouse of Elsie Jane Campbell, Isabella Orr Campbell descendant via George Byron Campbell and Ruth Wilson)
31. Walter Scott Campbell (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant via Walter Campbell and Mary Bowman) served in California and Georgia, where he trained mechanics
32. St. William Baker, Navy Air Force (husband of Wilma Coffield, Isabella Orr Campbell descendant)

33. Lt. Ralph E. Hunt, served in 7th Army Europe, “now in rehab.” (Husband of Genevieve Likins, an Isabella Orr Campbell descendant.)
34. George O. Likins, Navy Reserves, (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant)
35. Lt. Allen Martin Stemmons, Black Hawk Division, Army, (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant)
36. Capt. Kenneth Stemmons. Sicily, France, Italy, Germany. Army, (Isabella Orr Campbell descendant)
37. Samuel John Savage. SF 1/c D.S. U.S.S. Safeguard. ARS25 Presidential Unit Citation for sinking submarines in Atlantic. Then a deep sea diver in Pacific. 4 years in service.
38. Kenneth Savage, M.M.R. 2/c, Ship Repair Unit, 3 yrs service. (Martha Orr Mitchell descendant, via son John, and Charles Savage)
39. Charles Lynn Savage, a/s U.S. N.T.C. Sampson, NY (spouse of Elizabeth Morrison, a Martha Orr and John Mitchell descendant). He served in the Canadian Army in WW II.
40. Lloyd Alexander Gilmore, U.S. Navy, MM 2/c. Died in Oakland Hospital, April 19, 1943. (Killed by a drunk). Descendant of Martha Orr Mitchell via Alexander Mitchell and Nancy Torrens.
41. Howard McQuigg was born about 1922 and died 13 Aug 1941. He was an RAF pilot and his plane was lost over Macdeburgh, Germany. (Martha Orr Mitchell descendant via Annie Torrens Mitchell and William McQuigg)
42. Raymond McQuigg, R.A.F. (Martha Orr Mitchell descendant via Annie Torrens Mitchell and William McQuigg)
43. Charles Philip Orr, Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Silver Star, Purple Heart (Wm Orr descendant via Charles Houston Orr and Virginia Biedler)
44. John Orr, Navy (Believe this is John Adams Biedler Orr, son of Charles Houston and Virginia Biedler)
45. Sgt. James Harold Orr, Pacific (Wm Orr descendant via James Paul Orr and Jessie Cochran)
46. Master Sgt. Miles Orr, Northern Africa, Italy (1942-44), and flight engineer for Allied European Commander (1945). Four years of service. (Wm Orr descendant via James Paul Orr and Jessie Cochran)
47. S/Sgt. Wm. Tom Orr, Germany. Silver Star for bravery at Normandy, on D-Day, for directing traffic on the beach. (Wm Orr descendant via James Paul Orr and Jessie Cochran)
48. Curtis Jackson, MM 3/c at sea (husband of Katherine Orr, (Wm Orr descendant daughter via James Paul Orr and Jessie Cochran)
49. Otis F. Goodwin, Navy, New Jersey (husband of Florence Orr, Wm Orr descendant daughter via James Paul Orr and Jessie Cochran)
50. Sgt. Ross L. Baker, Texas (husband of Louvina Watterson, a Wm Orr descendant via son Louvina Orr and Arlie Watterson)
51. Henry M. Phillips, phm 2/c, Pacific (Wm Orr descendant via Bess Orr and Ol Phillips)
52. Morris H. Pennington, 31 months in Pacific, Ft. Wood
53. James Ray Pierce, Shepherd Field, Texas (Wm Orr descendant via Frances Comstock and Ray Pierce)
54. John Porter Griggs, China (William Orr descendant via Jane Orr Cherry)
55. James Clyde Estep, California (William Orr descendant via Jane Orr Cherry)
56. Raymond Estep, Pacific (William Orr descendant via Jane Orr Cherry)
57. Frank A. Hannah, U.S. Navy (husband of Virginia Marie Stine, a William Orr descendant)
58. Maxwell Keith Adams joined the U.S. Army on 31 Mar 1944 and was assigned to the Jefferson Barracks. His rank was PFC. In 1944 he said he was married and was a skilled mechanic and repairman.
59. Ben Matteson (husband of Mary Isabel Hill, a Campbell descendant) entered the Army Air Corps sometime before World War II. By the time war broke out, the Douglas company deemed him essential to their war efforts, and his attempts to get back into the service were blocked. He worked in logistics, and it was his responsibility to see the proper spare parts went along with the purchased planes.
60. Wayne Emmett Davis, entered military service in September 1944 and retired from U.S. Army as a major. (James Orr descendant, son of Scott Grover Davis)
61. Herbert Norman Wood, enlisted in Media, PA, served Mar 1944 – Jan 1946 (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of Mae Harris and J. Morgan Wood)

62. Private First Class Stanley Paul was wounded in August 1944 in action in France and received the Purple Heart. He was wounded twice more. (Ann Orr Shirley Descendant, son of John Paul and Anna Williams of Northampton, PA)
63. Watson A. Smotherman as a as a TEC 5 in the U.S. Army. (Husband of James Orr descendant, Betty Ann Blake)
64. Emery Luke Harris enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, serving in the 378th infantry as a combat scout. He was active in the European theater in 1944 and 1945. (William Orr descendant, via son Paul)
65. Lester Omer Windsor enlisted in the Army 10 Mar 1944 (James Orr descendant via Belle McLaughlin)
66. William Harold (Hal W.) Estep arrived back in the U.S. from the Philippines in January 1947 in San Francisco and on 27 Mar 1947 in Seattle. His ship was the David C Shanks; he was the junior third asst engineer. (William Orr descendant via Jane Orr Cherry)
67. Addison R. Clark, Jr. enlisted in the Army as a private on 30 Mar 1945 in Fort Logan, Colorado (George Orr descendant via Annie Orr and John Williams)
68. George J. Apgar, U.S. Army Air Corps (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via Elizabeth Shirley and John Blawn)
69. Jack L. Quigg enlisted in the Army 9 Oct 1946.(Ann Orr Shirley descendant via John Orr Quigg and Stella Coleman)
70. Lawrence Wendell Adams, West Point grad, he was a commanding officer for an antiaircraft artillery battalion in the European Theater, in combat. After World War II, he was in the Civil Affairs Division for Germany and later in Trieste. From 1951-1957 he was on the General Staff, Research and Development of Army Training Devices. (Campbell descendant via Isabella Campbell and John Adams)
71. Glenn Robert Rush was a sergeant in the US Army in WWII. (Campbell descendant via George Byron Campbell and Anabelle Ernst)
72. Robert Campbell Likins (Campbell descendant via Mary E. Campbell and Charles "Wash" Likins)
73. Charles M. McBride, U.S. Navy (James Orr descendant via Elizabeth Orr and Homer Howard)
74. Philip James Feisal, U.S. Navy (husband of Irma Irene Orr, a William Orr descendant)
75. Alma Grace Campbell, U.S. Marines in World War II, Philadelphia Navy Yard. (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via John Campbell and Margaret Devine)
76. George Shirley Campbell, U.S. Navy (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via John Campbell and Margaret Devine)
77. Joseph F. Ruhf, U.S. Navy (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via Valentine Blawn and Elizabeth Buckhard)
78. Charles Fritz, Jr. (Son of Ann Orr Shirley descendant Dorothy McLaughlin and Charles Fritz, Sr.),landed in Normandy, D-Day
79. Herbert Norman Wood (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of James M. Wood and Mabel Harris via Annie Orr Barr), US Navy
80. George Orr Wood (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of Geo H. Wood and Annie Orr Barr). LCDR in the AV of the Navy and Marine Officers, June 13, 1938

KOREAN WAR ERA

William Moret Adams was a 1st Sgt. in the U.S. Army.

Sgt. Leland Coffield (see above)

Wayne Emmett Davis (#60 in World War II) also served in Korea. (James Orr descendant)

Francis Edward Jacobs (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of Sarah Jane Dewey and Orrieman Myrick Jacobs)

Cpl. Richard Norman Paul (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via John Paul and Annie Williams)

Arthur Allen Vincent (Ann Orr Shirley descendant via Isabella Shirley and Robert Campbell)

Joe Emmitt Wofford was with the U.S. Army in Alaska from 1952 to 1954 (George Orr descendant via Alta Hickman and Howard Johnson)

POST-KOREA AND VIETNAM ERA

Ronald Harlowe (son of Marguerite Orr and Clarence Harlow), U.S. Army

Sidney Orr (son of Harold and Mary St. Clair). Served in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and the Georgia Air National Guard for a total of 34 years of service.

Patrick Orr (son of Harold and Mary St. Clair). USAF, serving in the U.S. and overseas.

Glenn Orr (Wm Orr descendant, son of Wm Tom and Glenna Stovall) Retired in 1993 after 30 years in the US Air Force. Served as a nuclear missile launch officer; Strategic Air Command (SAC) airborne command post, director of logistics.

Patricia D. Orr (Wm Orr descendant, daughter of Patrick Orr and Mary Lou Graham) served in the U.S. Army.

William Lawrence Robinson (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of Paul B. Robinson and Linda Pyle), US Army

Eugene Rossignol (Ann Orr Shirley descendant, son of son of Eugene and Elise (Masse) Rossignol) served in the US Army from 1954-56.

Douglas Seneker (Wm Orr descendant, son of Dwight Seneker and Elizabeth Orr) US Army Military Police. Retired as Command Sergeant Major, having served in the regular US Army and Reserves.

William Scott Shirley (son of George C. Shirley and Jean VanGilder) Served in the USMC June 14, 1967 - April 2, 1970 Vietnam with Lime, 3/9 July 1968 - August 1969.

George VanGilder Shirley (son of George C. Shirley and Jean VanGilder) US Navy 1963 - 1967, USS Enterprise, Vietnam .

Dwight Glenn Wofford (George Orr descendant via Alta Hickman) was in the U.S. Army in Vietnam as a Spec. 4, then worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

POST VIETNAM ERA

Lawrence David Adams was in the U.S. Army from June 1981 - June 1984, including service in Corlu, Turkey for one year. On his return to the U.S. he was assigned to Fort Campbell, KY, 101st Airborne/Air Assault Division.

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Noah Brown (Wm Orr descendant, son of Donna Seneker Wilkerson and Barry Brown), U.S. Army.

John Rooney Fisher (Wm Orr descendant, son of Diane Orr and George Fisher), USAF, joined in 2009, stationed for a time at Lakenheath Royal AFB in England, where he performed maintenance on aircraft that flew in the Middle East. He then went to Osan in Korea, Tyndal AFB, and Joint Base Pearl in Hawaii.

Richard Orcutt (Wm Orr descendant, married to Orr descendant Rindy Orr Orcutt) retired from the US Air Force in 2013 after serving as a systems engineer and in other capacities, including service in Afghanistan.

Timothy Isaiah Orr (Wm Orr descendant, son of Sam Orr and Joan Hawkins) Two tours in Iraq, as a medic. He then joined the Missouri National Guard.

WAR VETERANS IN NATIONAL CEMETERIES

Maxwell K. Adams is in the Springfield National Cemetery in Greene County, MO.
Lawrence Wendell Adams is in Arlington Natl Cemetery, Virginia
William Moret Adams is in Massachusetts Natl Cemetery, Bourne, Barnstable County, MA.
Robert Leon Adams is in Arlington National Cemetery, Virginia
Ross Davis, Golden Gate National Cemetery in San Bruno, CA.
Marion Glen Howard, Los Angeles National Cemetery
John Adams Biedler Orr, Fort Bliss National Cemetery, El Paso, TX
Miles D. Orr is in Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium, Virginia
Watson A. Smotherman is in Leavenworth National Cemetery in Kansas

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