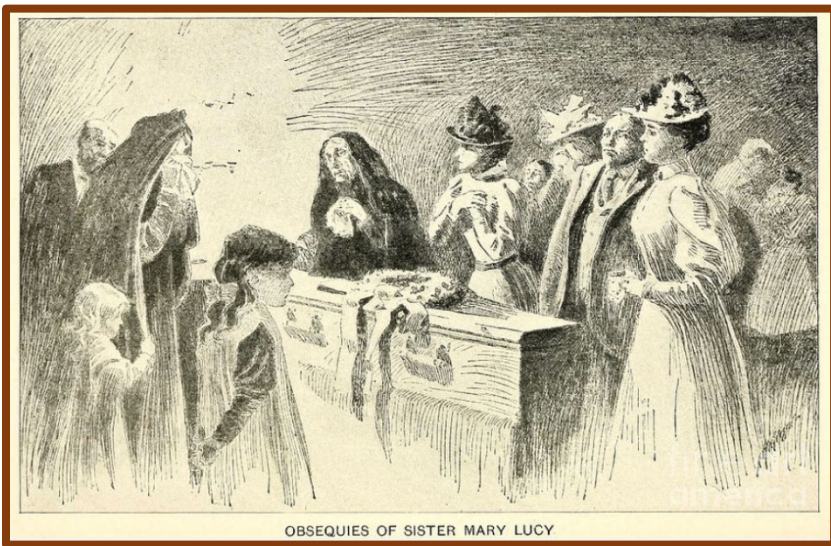


Sister Mary Lucy Dosh, (USA) 1839-1861, Martyr of Charity
Orphan, Sister of Charity of Nazareth
Nurse at the Baptist Church Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky
during the United States Civil War (1861-1865)
Cared for Union and Confederate Soldiers and Sailors
with equal compassion, free of charge
Contracted typhoid and died
A truce was called while 6 service members from each side
conveyed her body to her final resting place



Source: *Angels of the Battlefield: A History of the Labors of the Catholic Sisterhoods in the Late Civil War.*

Barbara Dosh was born on September 15, 1839 in Hazleton, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania. Barbara was orphaned at the age of eleven. The record of her parents' names is lost to history. In 1850 she and her sister went to live with the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth in Louisville, Kentucky then under the leadership of Mother Catherine Spaulding (1793-1858). Some records state that she was adopted by Mother Catherine Spaulding.

A type written paper in the Archives of the Sister of Charity of Nazareth records:

Sister Lauretta Maher (still living) was in school with Barbara Dosh in St. Vincent's Academy, Union County, and Sister Ursula Henderson was a music teacher there at the time.

Barbara and her sister were among the orphans adopted by Mother Catherine Spaulding in Louisville; the sisters noted Barbara's talent for music and sent her to St. Vincent's Academy, in Union County, Kentucky midway between Waverly and Morganfield. This education, they thought should be cultivated in order to make her a fine governess. Barbara became Sister Ursula's "star pupil" possessing a very fine voice and "just tingling with music."

In Shawneetown, Illinois, there lived a Mr. and Mrs. Stout, who were very wealthy, and childless, and an adopted daughter had died. Mrs. Stout visited St. Vincent's and became very fond of Barbara Dosh, offered to pay all her expenses, provide graduation clothes, and arranged to come at Commencement to claim her publicly; this she did and quite a sensation was created. Barbara was taken to Stout mansion and everything lavished upon her and she was very happy until time came for her schoolmates of the neighborhood began their preparation to return to St. Vincent's; then she became desperately homesick for her Alma Mater and the Sisters. About this time Sister Ursula's health became temporarily much impaired and Barbara begged to go back for a time to assist her beloved teacher with the music class. She was permitted to do so but instead

of returning after a few months, as she has promised to her adopted parents, she told them she could no longer resist the attraction she felt for the religious life and that she must go to Nazareth, ---and to the Nazareth Novitiate she came. She was a charming personality and beloved by all who came in contact with her.

In school she had seemed ambitious and desirous of having “a good time” and being admired in society. Sister Lauretta had sometimes said to her “Bab, you will go to Nazareth some day” and she answered very emphatically, “Never! I want to have money and pleasure, and enjoy myself in the world.” She then said to her companion, “Of course I know you are going to Nazareth, Mary Jo.” And it was then Sister Lauretta’s time to deny any such intentions. “Mary Joseph Maher” (Sister Lauretta), was in Louisville when Barbara preceded her to the Novitiate and when Sister started to quote Barbara’s former words, she placed her hand over Sister’s lips and said, “Ah, that was just a foolish girl’s talk!”



*Sister Mary Lucy Dosh Tombstone,
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Sister Mary Lucy entered the Novitiate November 29, 1859; pronounced her Vows July 2, 1861. She went to Paducah in August and died Dec. 29, 1861. Her tombstone at St. Vincent bears the inscription:

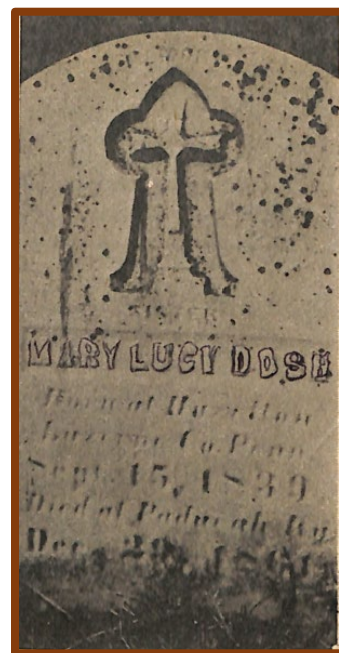
Sister Mary Lucy Dosh
Born – Sept. 15, 1839
Hazellon, Luzerne County, Penn.
Died – Dec. 29, 1861,
Paducah, Ky.¹

Another type written document dated June 28, 1972, addressed “Dear Sister Mary

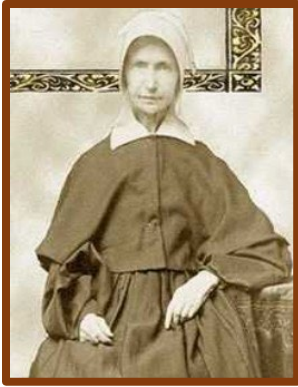
Naomi” records, “Sister’s name was Barbara Dosh in the world and she entered the novitiate November 29, 1859. She received the Habit of the Congregation and the name **Sister Mary Lucy**, June 3, 1860. She made first Vows on July 2, 1861 and was sent to Paducah to teach music in August 1861.”²

Sister Mary Lucy’s first assignment, in late summer of 1861, was to teach music at St. Mary’s Academy in Paducah, McCracken County, Kentucky. This was a dangerous time. The American Civil War (1861-1865) had begun when on April 12, 1861, Confederate forces opened fire on the Union-held Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina. General Robert Anderson, a major at the time and a Louisvillian by birth, then in command of Fort Sumter, SC, was forced to surrender the fort to Southern forces on April 14, 1861. On May 15, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln promoted him to Brigadier General in the Regular Army. On May 28, 1861, he was assigned to command the newly created Department of Kentucky.

In this capacity, Brigadier General Robert Anderson was approached in the spring of 1861 by His Excellency Martin John Spalding, Bishop of Louisville (1850-1864), who, after consulting with Mother Frances Gardiner, proactively offered the nursing services of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. Bishop Spalding was the nephew of the late Mother Catherine Spalding. Mother Frances Gardiner was her immediate successor. On agreement was finalized on September 24, 1861, establishing the conditions under which the Sisters would provider nursing services to hospitals in Louisville:



Sr. Mary Lucy Dosh Tombstone



Mother Frances Gardiner

1st: The Sisters of Charity will nurse the wounded under the direction of the army surgeons, without any intermediate authority or interference whatsoever.

2nd: Everything necessary for the lodging and nursing of the wounded and sick will be supplied to them without putting them to expense, they giving their services gratuitously.

3rd: So far as circumstances will allow they shall have every facility for attending to their religious and devotional exercises.

Signed: Robert Anderson, Brigadier General, U.S. Commanding³

A little further south, the town of Paducah, Kentucky, was coveted by both the Confederate and the Union forces. The town was filled with Southern sympathizers but on September 6, 1861, Union Troops of the 9th and 12th Illinois Regiments took it over. In the autumn of 1861, as the conflict intensified, many children were leaving the schools run by the Sister of Charity of Nazareth, called home by their parents. The Army took over the Baptist church in Paducah converting it into a hospital. The hospital facilities were filled to overflowing. Soldiers were wounded and sick with malaria, dysentery, yellow fever and typhoid. Reportedly, Doctor Hewett, who had the general supervision of all the hospitals in this area of the country, asked General Charles Ferguson (C.F.) Smith, commander of approximately 7,000 Union troops at Paducah, to request that the Sister of Charity of Nazareth staff the hospital. Sister Martha Drury, supervisor at St. Mary's Academy in Paducah, having received copies of the Louisville agreement, made the decision to close St. Mary's Academy and with six other sisters began nursing Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners of war, under those same stipulations.

An account of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth who nursed Soldiers in Paducah during the Civil War 1861-7/1863 records:^{3a}

Sisters from St. Mary Academy in Paducah, closed the Academy and nursed both Union and Confederate soldiers in the early winter of 1861. In September of that year, General Leonidas Polk of the Confederate army, moved from Tennessee and occupied Columbus, KY. Federal forces under General U.S. Grant responded immediately by occupying Paducah and building fort Anderson to protect his position. Skirmishes and the battle of Munfordsville in December caused wounded and sick soldiers to be brought to Kentucky and General C.F. Smith prompted by the request of Dr. Hewitt, a brother of the Superior of the Paulist Fathers, requested the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth to nurse the wounded. Communication with Nazareth was impossible, hence, Sister Martha Drury, the Superior of the Academy acted on her own responsibility in closing the school and accepting the offer. Sister and her six Sister companions went first to the Marine Hospital and later were given charge of the military hospital housed in the Baptist church. They had full charge of provisions, etc. of this the Central Hospital and other military hospitals established in Paducah at this time. Five or six Sisters of the Holy Cross, from Notre Dame, Indiana were nursing soldiers in another hospital.

Responding to the call, Sister Mary Lucy left her teaching position at St. Mary's Academy and was among the first group of Sisters who selflessly volunteered to care for the sick and wounded at the Baptist Church Hospital.⁴ Around the same time, on November 7, 1861, the Battle of Belmont, Missouri resulted in 200 killed and 800 wounded. Many of the wounded from both sides were brought to Paducah. Sister Mary Lucy worked all night and day, first dressing wounds, then hurrying back to the fever wards, not caring whether those she cared for were Union or Confederate Soldiers. The sick and wounded soldiers adored her.

In mid-December Sister Lucy failed to appear for duty. When the anxious soldiers inquired about her, they were told that she was critically ill. The type written letter dated June 28, 1972 to Sister Mary Naomi mentioned above further records that,

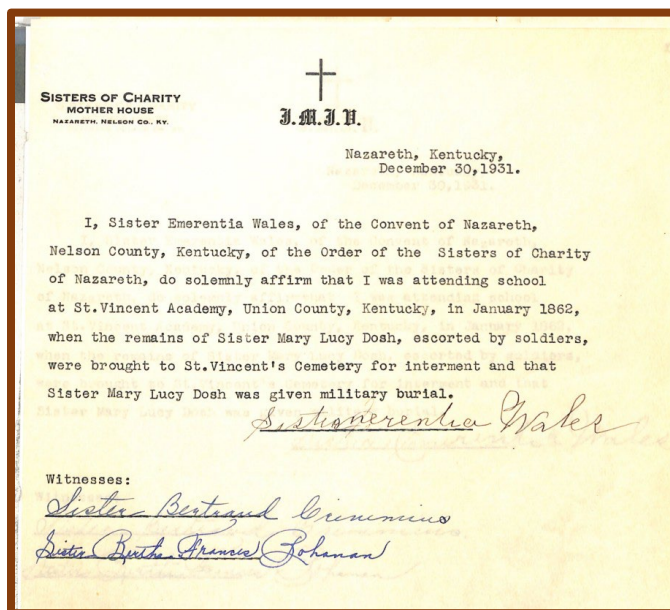
Sister did not die of yellow fever but of typhoid. When she first became ill the doctor sent her to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Menard (parents of Sister Marie Menard, SCN) but when she did not respond to treatment there, Dr. Austin asked that she be returned to the military hospital and she died there December 29, 1861.⁵

Four days after Christmas, at the age of 22, Sister Mary Lucy Dosh died from typhoid. Her casket was carried on the U.S. gunboat Peacock up the Ohio River to Uniontown, Kentucky, under an order of truce with an escort of six Union soldiers and six Confederate soldiers. A touching description follows:⁶

Sister Lucy's remains were placed aboard the US Gunboat Peacock. They were accompanied by a guard of six Union officers and six Confederate officers, the latter, prisoners of war and convalescents at the Union hospital. These twelve men stood tirelessly at attention throughout the entire journey, on each side of her coffin. In this manner, Sister Mary Lucy was given a guard of honor to Uniontown, Kentucky. When the somber cortege reached Uniontown, it disembarked from the Peacock, and then began its overland journey of seven miles. The wagon wheels creaked, while the torchlights on each corner of the modest conveyance dimly lit the way in the cold December night. The somber group finally reached St Vincent's. Sister Mary Lucy was laid to rest with the rites of her church and with military honors performed by her escorts.

After the burial services were over, the twelve officers of two different armies parted company, one contingent heading to service in the North, the other, to service in the South. Impressed as they were by the admirable conduct and gallantry shown by the Southerners on the journey, the Federal officers allowed the Southern officers their freedom, and in that act offered a tribute to the memory of Sister Mary Lucy Dosh, who had nursed all men as simple children of God, regardless of earthly loyalties.

That day, truly, the war had stopped in Kentucky.



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Sister Emerentia Wales, provided a sworn and witnessed statement on the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, Nazareth, Nelson Co., Kentucky stationary dated December 30, 1931: "I was attending school at St. Vincent Academy, Union County, Kentucky, in January 1862 when the remains of Sister Mary Lucy Dosh, escorted by soldiers, were brought to St. Vincent's Cemetery for interment and that Sister Mary Lucy Dosh was given military burial."

Sister Mary Lucy Dosh was buried in the St. Vincent Academy cemetery (Sisters of Chairty of Nazareth Cemetery) in Nazareth, Nelson County, Kentucky, USA.⁷

In his 1897 book, *Angels of the Battlefield: A History of the Labors of the Catholic Sisterhoods in the Late Civil War*, George Barton records:

Sister Mary Lucy, one of the sweetest young members of the Sister of Charity of Nazareth, richly endowed by nature, was the music teacher in St. Mary's Academy, at Paducah, Kentucky. When the exigencies of war compelled the temporary abandonment of this institution, Sister Mary Lucy volunteered as one of the hospital nurses. She was assigned to some of the severest typhoid cases, and the manner in which she nursed these patients won for her the unqualified praise of the hospital doctors and attendants.

The post of honor in this instance provided to be the post of danger. Sister Mary Lucy contracted the fever from one of her patients who was convalescent. This was in the latter part of December, during the first years of the war. Despite the best medical attention she rapidly grew worse, until December 29, when she expired as calmly and heroically as she lived. Her death cast a gloom over the entire hospital, and the soldiers of both armies were filled with admiration and awe at the martyrdom of this gentile soul. They determined that she should be honored in death as she had been in life, and that her final obsequies should be of a character befitting her great merits.

Several files of soldiers marched with muffled drums and noiseless tread from Central Hospital to the Ohio River, bearing in the midst of them the remains. There the coffin was placed in a gunboat in waiting, which had been especially designated for this service. Then the boat slowly steamed away, bearing its honored burden under a flag of truce to Uniontown, Kentucky. On landing, the remains were borne to St. Vincent's Academy, some miles distant, where the Sisters own a considerable tract of land and where they have a last resting place for their dead. Father Powers, at that time pastor of the Catholic Church at Paducah, said the Solemn Mass of Requiem and accompanied the body to the grave and recited over it the last offices of the Church, of which the deceased had been such an exemplary member. A guard of devoted soldiers watched by the coffin day and night from the time it left the Central Hospital until the earth covered it from mortal view. At night the tender-hearted warriors kept their vigil around the coffin with blazing torches made of pine knots. Sister Mary Lucy was born in the vicinity of the spot where she was buried. She received her education at St. Vincent's Academy, became a Daughter of Charity and died in the performance of her duty. This is the short but brilliant life history of one heroic woman.⁸

Sister Marie Menard (d. 1914) entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth on October 15, 1863 in the midst of the Civil War. She recorded her memories:⁹

Below are listed events and substantiated dates in the life of *Barbara Dosh* (*Sister Mary Lucy Dosh, SCN*) who gave her life in service as a nurse in the U.S. Civil War, at Paducah, Kentucky, and was later honored among "Angels of the Battlefield" in the national monument at Washington, D.C.:

<u>Born</u>	September 15, 1839, at Hazelton, Pennsylvania ⁽¹⁾
<u>Received</u>	February 9, 1843, at St. Vincent Orphanage, Louisville, Kentucky ⁽²⁾
<u>Enrolled</u>	August, 1845, at St. Vincent Academy, Union County, Kentucky ⁽³⁾
<u>Graduated</u>	June, 1857, at St. Vincent Academy ⁽³⁾
<u>Adopted</u>	June, 1857, by Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Stout, of Shawneetown, Illinois ⁽⁵⁾
<u>Returned</u>	August, 1857 (and at later dates) to St. Vincent Academy to assist in music department
<u>Entered</u>	November 29, 1859, Nazareth Novitiate ⁽⁴⁾
<u>Received Habit and Religious Name</u>	June 3, 1860 ⁽¹⁾
<u>Pronounced Vows</u>	July 2, 1861, at Nazareth, Kentucky ⁽¹⁾
<u>Missioned</u>	August 1861, to St. Mary's Academy Paducah, Kentucky to teach music; nursed Union soldiers and their Confederate prisoners in the military hospital; died there of typhoid fever contracted from recovering patients, December 29, 1861 ⁽¹⁾
<u>Buried</u>	January, 1862 at St. Vincent Cemetery, Union County, Kentucky ⁽¹⁾

Sources

(1) Permanent record card – S. Mary Lucy Dosh
 (2) Annals – St. Vincent Orphanage, Louisville, Kentucky
 (3) Permanent Record card – SCN Ursula Henderson
 (4) Registry – Nazareth, Kentucky
 (5) *Mid-America – An Historic Review*, October 1931, published by Loyola College

In the Spring of 1861, the Sisters went to take charge of the sick soldiers, at the request of General Smith, who was prompted to ask for them by Doctor Hewett. No communication being possible with the Motherhouse – Sisters Martha accepted the offer and went with her band of Sisters – Sister Beatrice, Sister Sophia, Sister Justine, Sister Jane Frances, **Sister Mary Lucy** – there were six in all, and their servant, a colored girl – Mary Eliza (Phil Butler's daughter) – who went to help to do the work. She was perfectly devoted to the Sisters, and was very free in expressing her devotion to the Southern cause- screamed hurrah for Jeff Davis, etc. and telling the soldiers that she belonged to the Sisters and they couldn't hurt her – sent to Owensboro – not heard from since.

They went first to the Marine Hospital, and thence moved in the Court House, which was called The Central Hospital.

Source: SCNs in the Civil War Binder 1 of 4, page 46

They had full charge of all the provisions and clothing, etc. – sent for that and other hospitals in Paducah – There were five or six Sisters of the Holy Cross, who took charge of another hospital.

General Smith, Doctor Hewett, Doctor Kay, Doctor Fry, Doctor Austin and many others surrounded the Sisters with every mark of respect. Doctor Courtsworth, a Scotch surgeon replaced Doctor Hewett, when he was absent during the battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donaldson, and on other occasions, for Doctor Hewett had the general supervision of all the hospitals in that section of the country. Doctor Courtsworth was an infidel, who abhorred Christianity and entertained no friendly feeling toward the Sisters; he did all in his power to have them dismissed, said the Sisters in their endeavor to prepare the soldiers for death actually frightened them to death – he spoke in unbecoming terms of the Sisters and so exasperated the soldiers that one of them threatened to break a bottle on his head. He never dared enter the ward again. One of them met him on the street and gave him a good beating. He was soon ordered off and sent to Corinth where he was on the field when a Captain told him that the men were furious against him and he had better clear of the field – scarcely were the words spoken when a bomb shell swept his head off his shoulders. **Sister Mary Lucy Dosh** died December 29th, 1861. She had charge of the typhoid cases and took the fever from them. She was taken with a severe pain in her head and Sister Martha not knowing what was the matter with her, sent her out to Mr. Menard's, thinking the rest, the change of air and kind attention she would receive there would make her all right in a few days. But she kept growing worse, and Doctor Austin seeing that she had the fever, and was well nigh a hopeless case, advised her removal to the hospital again, where she could be under the constant care of the Doctor. But all was unavailing. She was delirious from the first, yet recognized Father Powers every time he came and was able to receive the Sacraments. When she died, her remains were taken to St. Vincent's accompanied by Father Powers and a guard of soldiers, who kept watch by the coffin with lighted tapers, day and night until it was laid in the grave – the soldiers marched with muffled drums from the hospital to the boat sent under the file of troops for the purpose of conveying the body.

Nearly all the soldiers died beautiful deaths – except a Lutheran whom Lutheran soldiers surrounded – he wanted a priest and they said he could not see one – he spoke German and the Sisters did not understand him – indeed the soldiers kept him at bay.

A boy sixteen years old, a drummer boy, Johnnie, who had been raised without religion was shot through his left lung; he slowly bled to death in about two weeks – He begged for baptism almost as soon as he got to the hospital, and was miraculously instructed and taught his prayers by the Blessed Virgin herself – he described her to the Sister who was nursing the next morning – She was so beautiful he said and called me her own dear boy, and he began at once to recite the Hail Mary and other invocations which he had never heard from human lips – He had never seen a Sister in his life, but knew at once they would understand him. There was no priest there, Father Powers was absent – thereupon, a Sister baptized him, and he at once exclaimed – “Oh I don't want to live now – the Mother of God is my mother and she is calling me and I want to be with her.” – His father came for his remains and was delighted with all he saw and heard.

There was at that time baptized Joseph Maria a poor man named Simon who watched the Sister's movements closely, - he had no religion but he was edified and astonished at what he saw. Noticing the crucifix on the Sister's rosary, he asked what that was and the brief account of Christ's passion and death given in reply, so moved the man's heart that he burst into tears, never having heard of it before – Father Powers instructed and baptized him. He died a few days after, a lovely death. His wife was present at his death and the Sisters hoped that a lasting impression had been made on her, to be imparted to the six little children she had left at home.

A renegade German Catholic, poisoned from wounded hand, denied that he was Catholic and refused to see the priest. He was bound to die. The Sisters prayed. One of them looking at his poor wounded hand so fearfully swollen was moved to tears

Father Powers sent to Corinth by dispatch of Bishop Spalding.

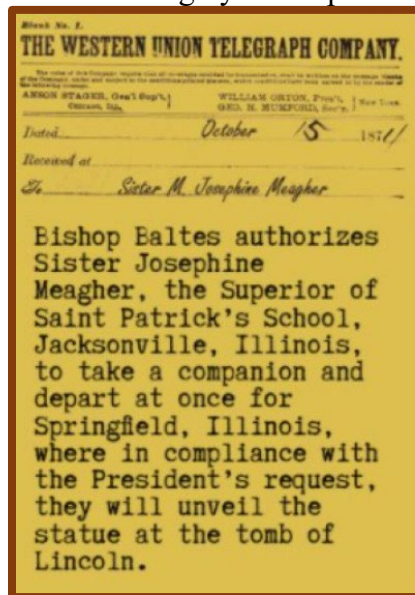
Captain Kevin, years afterwards came to St. Joseph's Infirmary paralyzed. The War was over, yet there were some soldiers left at Louisville. He had seen the Sisters in Paducah and said he

wanted to be taken to the Sisters of Charity. So he was taken to St. Joseph's Infirmary and receive into the Church before he died.

In October 1874, a Memorial to the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln in Oak Ridge Cemetery, an hours journey from Springfield, birthplace of the Great Emancipator was to be unveiled. President General Grant was honorary chairman of the Lincoln Monument Association and was therefore asked if he had any suggestions for the unveiling ceremony.

"I have one," he replied, 'I wish that two Sister war nurses, from any of the Sister who cared for the wounded soldiers, to unveil the monument.' Grant had seen them caring for the stricken under fire in the frightful heats of battle, and after Shiloh, when the poor lads, frozen into the muddy battlefield, had to be cut out of that icy morass; on all those Dantean battlefields, he had seen them, up and down the river on hospital ships, north and south of the Mason and Dixon line, Sisters from 20 communities of 12 distinct orders.

Grant arrived in Springfield on the morning of the 15th, early so that he might visit first at Sherman's mighty encampment.



"As they came in sight of the wonderful monument, draped in its exquisite new flags, the first morning sun shining upon it, Grant said, 'Gentlemen, did the Star Spangled Banner ever look lovelier to you than it does this morning.' Then turning, the President asked, 'What Sisters will unveil the monument?' Someone replied, 'We have been unable to get any. We asked the Ursuline Sisters, but they are cloistered and cannot come.'

Grant was annoyed at the failure to fulfill his expressed wish, and Sherman perceived his suppressed indignation. "If I had my Dominican Nuns near they would not disappoint me," he said. His wife had been educated by them.

"Father Macken said, 'I have some Dominican Sisters in my parish, among them some who served during the war in Kentucky, come here to start a foundation. I'm sure they could come with the Bishop's permission.'"

A special train was sent for these sisters:

Mother Josephine Meagher, Superior of St. Patrick's school in Jacksonville, Illinois (and of the family of the Carrolls of Baltimore) [left] and Sister Rachel Conway [right], both were of Irish descent and had served on caring for soldiers and sailors during the Civil War. In an hour, the special [train] got them to Springfield and seeing the crowd at the station, one Sister said to the other, "Surely the entire world has come to the unveiling.' Soldiers and sailors from every State in the Union were there, battle-scarred heroes at attention to receive and escort them to the monument."

The unveiling described:

Dramatic Unveiling

"From the Springfield station the procession slowly started to Oak Ridge cemetery, President Ulysses S. Grant in the first carriage, his staff, in resplendent uniforms, riding on either side. In the second



carriage escorted by the survivors of the men of Lincoln's own Kentucky, rode the two Dominican Nuns, followed by regiment after regiment, to the honoring of the greatest of the dead.

Governor Richard Oglesby, of Illinois, born in Kentucky, was the orator of the day ending with these words:

"In the presence of this vast assemblage, who bear testimony to the fact, and under the gracious favor of Almighty God, I dedicate this monument to the obscure boy, the honest man, the illustrious statesman, the great liberator, and the martyr President, Abraham Lincoln, and to the keeping of time."

"The two nuns stood, one on the right and one on the left of the fair draped obelisk, and at the word one silken flag fell, rippling into the arms of a soldier's Sister, and one into the arms of a sailor Sister, for they had served on hospital ships under first, as well as on the fields of battle.

"And straightway, instead of going back to their seats, these two slipped nun-like back to their convent, where we find them next morning at their respective stations, Mother Josephine managing the big boys with her usual success, and Sister Rachel in the music room giving instruction in harmony.

When Sister Rachel died in 1912, President William Howard Taft was in Springfield, Illinois for the centennial observance of the admission of the State of Illinois into the Union which was also the time of the 102nd anniversary of Lincoln's birth. He sent a committee to the Convent of the Sacred Heart to ask Mother Mary Josephine Meagher if, when Sister Rachel's funeral cortege passed the Lincoln Monument, might they pay honor to her. And so, before the procession came in sight of the monument, the bell of the old chapel of Oak Ridge Burying Grounds was heard tolling a requiem for this patriot dead. And a platoon of soldiers stood on the steps of Lincoln's tomb, at attention, as the cortege of the nun passed by on their way to Calvary Cemetery. In 1933 as the Sisters were observing the 50th anniversary of their arrival in Illinois, the sisters decided to make a pilgrimage to the monument and place a wreath there in remembrance of all the nuns of the battlefields. Father Cavanaugh caught sight of the elderly Mother Josephine Meagher and invited her to come with him into the vault and in the name of liberty, lay the wreath upon the coffin of Lincoln, lover of liberty and of mankind.¹²

Sister Laretta Maher, SCN was the "Last of the Civil War Nuns to Die." Sister Laretta Maher died October 1, 1933 at the age of 89."¹⁰ She wrote an inciteful memory of the Civil War which is here quoted:

At the time Civil War was proclaimed I was a Novice in the Convent of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Kentucky, and in that peaceful shade we heard little of the war echoes in the world without save an occasional remark about the North and the South from some pupil or visitor.

One morning, seeing a crowd of students dressed for traveling and going toward the station, I inquired of a Sister why this exodus. She told me their parents wished to get them home before communication between the North and the South was closed. This scene was frequently repeated till the number of pupils at Nazareth Academy dwindled from about three hundred to seventy. The same occurred with the boys at St. Joseph College, Bardstown, where many of the Nazareth girls had brothers and other relatives in school. The war was on in earnest and now it behooved the Sisters of Charity to enter upon their office of mercy. In preparation for this role, each day Sister Veronica Buckman took the Novices and young Sisters, forming them into classes, and taught them bandaging, etc., etc., initiating them into what, in modern parlance is called "First Aid". These lessons were soon brought into practical application. In the spring of 1861 Bishop Martin John Spalding sent a formal communication to General Robert Anderson, then in command of the Department of Kentucky, tendering the services of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, Chap. VII.

Several bands of Sisters early set out for the Hospitals in Louisville, and we who remained would say "Oh, I wonder when we will be sent to minister to the sick and wounded soldiers."

On a December morning, 1861, with a single companion, Sister Mary Joseph Hollihan, and the overseer of Nazareth arm, Mr. Knott, as our escort, I boarded the early train for Louisville. Sister and I were to replace two of our Sisters who had fallen ill at the posts of duty. Like the Apostles we left our peaceful home without scrip or staff or money in our purses. The

Government had agreed to defray all expenses. Notwithstanding Uncle Sam's big pocket-book, we had some pathetic experiences. My companion a very timid-retiring religious, left the burden of arrangements upon my poor inexperienced shoulders. Although her destination was much further from the station than mine, I saw her safely established in her new quarters with the sick and needy boys, and then, alone, with a palpitating heart, I watched each turn of the street, wondering where I would be landed, till finally I saw blue-coated soldiers with cross bayonets standing before a large building. I called to the driver, "there is the hospital to which I am going." When the soldiers saw the garb of a Sister of Charity, their faces lighted up and they exclaimed, "come, Sister, your Sister companions are here." They led me into a large ward filled with rows of beds, about fifty in number. In the distance I saw one of our Sisters bending over a sick soldier, and the sight of her gave me the assurance that I had reached the proper destination.

In the afternoon, Sister Phillippa Pollock, our Superior, assigned to me my special duties in a typhoid ward. There I ministered till stricken with erysipelas, when I was removed to St. Joseph's Infirmary, Louisville. Youth and a good constitution soon put me on the convalescent list. The first Sunday I was able to attend Mass, I went to the Cathedral where Bishop Spalding in his sermon, spoke of the death of Sister Catherine Malone which had occurred that week in one of the military hospitals of the city. He also made pathetic reference to a Sister [Sister Mary Lucy Dosh or Sister Appollonia McGill], "young and promising" who was lying critically ill of erysipelas. Of course I enjoyed hearing my panegyric...¹¹

SCNs in the Civil War Binder Part 1 of 4 contains pictures of a comic book that chronicles the role of the SCNs in the Civil War. The following are the pages that related to Sister Mary Lucy Dosh:^{9b}



In November 30, 2012 the United States Senate in the 112th Congress, 2nd Session passed *Senate Resolution 606 - Commemorating the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth, on December 1, 1812*, proposed by Mr. Carden (for himself and Mr.

McConnell).¹³ In this resolution they specifically recognized the contributions of Sister Mary Lucy Dosh:

Whereas, in 1861, at the request of a commanding officer of the Union Army, 22-year-old Sister Mary Lucy Dosh and the other Sisters at St. Mary's Academy in Paducah, Kentucky closed their school to nurse Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners of war;

Whereas, while nursing, Sister Mary Lucy Dosh consoled patients and often gave up her own food to provide nourishment for the sick and wounded;

Whereas Sister Mary Lucy Dosh contracted typhoid fever and died on December 29, 1861, resulting in doctors and soldiers from Union and Confederate forces calling a truce to mourn her death and officers from both sides accompanying her body up the Ohio River on the U.S. Gunboat Peacock, for burial at St. Vincent's Academy, in Union County, Kentucky;

And then resolve that the Senate:

- (1) commemorates the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth on December 1, 1812;
- (2) commends the dedicated service of the Sisters who provided nursing care during the Civil War, World War I, and epidemics of yellow fever, cholera, and smallpox in the South;
- (3) recognizing the service of the Sisters in providing health care on the frontier of Kentucky and elsewhere through the establishment of hospitals in Kentucky, 4 other States, the District of Columbia, and abroad;
- (4) lauds the role that the Sisters continue to play in providing education, health care, and nursing home care in response to the needs of economically and socially disadvantaged individuals, families, and communities; and
- (5) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Sisters.

The following is a quote, often tributed to President Abraham Lincoln, regarding the care provided by the Sister nurses:

Lincoln's Fine Tribute:

"Lincoln, himself, has paid this splendid tribute to them: 'Of all the forms of charity and benevolence seen in the crowded wards of the hospitals, those of some Catholic Sisters were among the most efficient. I never knew whence they came or what was the name of the order. More lovely than anything I ever seen in art, so long devoted to illustrations of love, mercy and charity, are the pictures that remain of those modest Sisters going on their errands of mercy among the suffering and the dying. Gentle and womanly, yet with the courage of soldiers leading a forlorn hope to sustain them in contact with such horrors. As they went from cot to cot, distributing the medicines prescribed, or administering the cooling, strengthening draughts as directed, they were veritable angels of mercy. Their words were suited to every sufferer. One they incited and encouraged, another they calmed and soothed. With every soldier they conversed about his home, his wife, his children, all the loved ones he was soon to see again if he was obedient and patient. How many times have I seen them exorcise pain by their presence and their words! How often has the hot forehead of the soldier grown cool as one of the Sisters bathed it! How often has he been refreshed, encourage and assisted along the road to convalescence by the home memories with which these unpaid nurses filled his heart!'"¹⁴

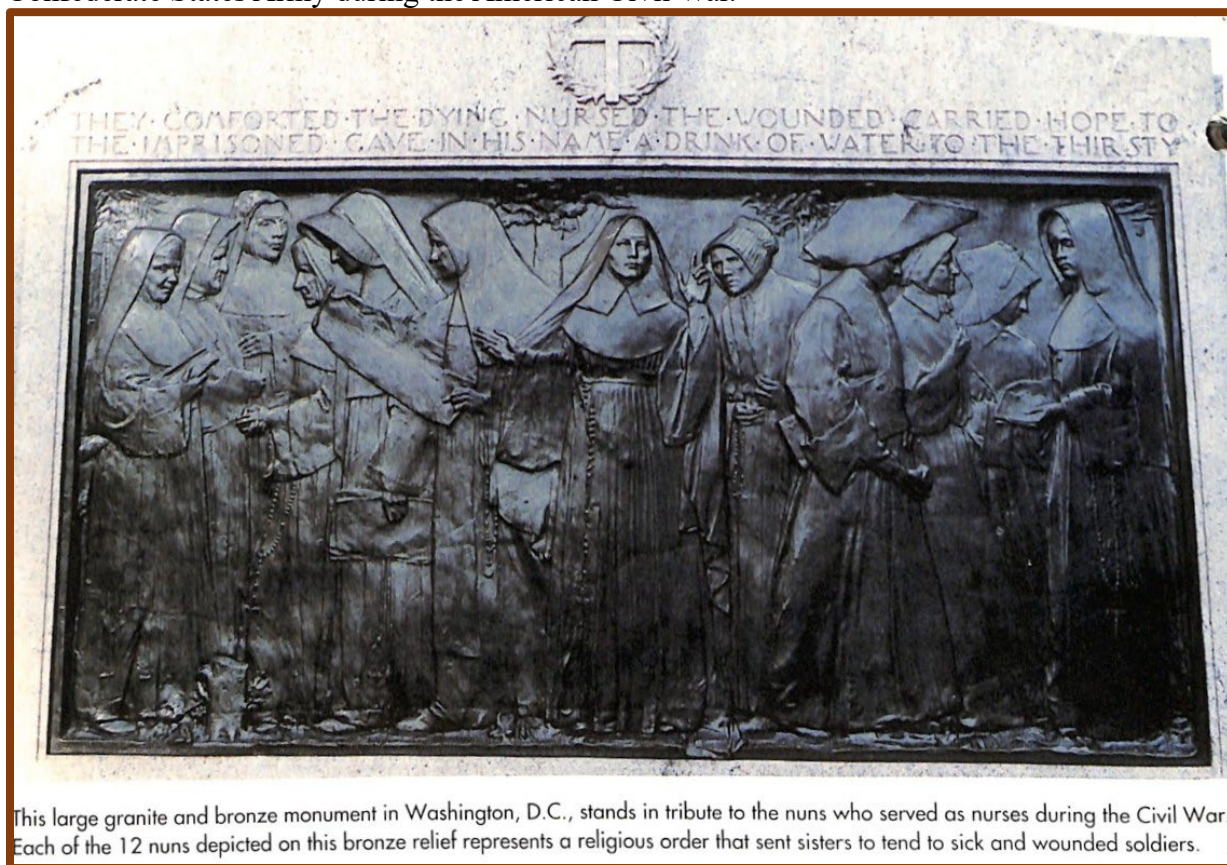


The “Nuns of the Battlefield” monument depicts and honors 12 different orders of Catholic sisters who served as nurses during the Civil War. The inscription:

“They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His Name a drink of water to the thirsty.” and

“To the Memory and in Honor of the various Orders of Sisters who gave their service as nurses on battlefields and in hospitals during the Civil War.”

The monument was made in 1924 by Irish artist Jerome Connor and is located at 1745 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. USA at the intersection of Rhode Island Avenue NW, M Street NW and Connecticut Avenue NW, across from St. Matthew’s Cathedral in Washington, D.C. It is a tribute to the more than 600 religious sisters who nursed soldiers of both the Union Army and Confederate States Army during the American Civil War.



Below is a list of the Roman Catholic Sisters who served in the United States Civil War.

Nuns of the Battlefield¹⁵

Following is a complete list of the names of the Sister Nurses of the Civil War which have been placed on file in the War Department, Washington, D. C., with a petition of the Ladies’ Auxiliary, A. O. H., requesting the placing of white marble Government Markers on the graves of our Soldier-Sister dead.

Asterisk (*) denotes applications have been verified, and with the exception of less than a score. Markers have already been erected in Convent Cemeteries, bearing the nation’s token of regard. The balance will be erected according to the government appropriation available July 1, 1927

SISTERS OF CHARITY

Nazareth, Kentucky

Name	Place of Birth
*Sister Mary Gaudentia Beatie	Ireland
*Sister Mary Peter Brady	Ireland
Sister Mary Angela Brooks	Kentucky
Sister Mary Ida Brophy	Ireland.
Sister Mary Dominica Byrne	New York
Sister Mary Mark Byrne.....	New York
Sister Mary Sophia Curton	Ireland
Sister Mary Lucy Dosh	Kentucky
Sister Mary Regina Drumm	Maryland
Sister Mary Martha Drury	Ireland
Sister Mary Humbaline Pagan	Ireland
Sister Mary Scholastica Fenwick	Kentucky
Sister Mary Patricia Grymes	Ireland
Sister Mary Clareoene Hanley	Ireland
Sister Mary Vincent Hardie	Kentucky
Sister Mary Louis Hines	Ireland
Sister Mary Joseph Hollihand	Ireland
Sister Mary Erminilda Kelly	Ireland
Sister Mary de Chantal Kenny	Ireland
Sister Mary Justine Linnehan	Ireland
Sister Mary Alexia Mackay	Ireland
Sister Mary Lauretta Maher (living)	Ireland
Sister Mary Alexia Highon	Ireland
Sister Mary Catherine Malone	Ireland
*Sister Mary Constantia Moran	Ireland
Sister Mary Appolonia McGill	Kentucky
Sister Mary Borromeo McKenny	Ireland
Sister Mary Phillippa Pollock	Ohio
Sister Mary Placida Sisness	Louisiana
Sister Mary Mildred Travers	Ireland
Sister Mary Blanche Traynor	Ireland

SISTERS OF CHARITY

Mount Saint Vincent—on-Hudson, New York City

*Sister Mary Perpetua Drumgoole	Ireland
*Sister Mary Emerentia Hanaway	Ireland
*Sister Mary Antoinette Kelly	Ireland
*Sister Mary Columba Lawrence	Ireland
*Sister Mary Assisium Madden	Ireland
*Sister Mary Teresa McCloskey	Ireland
*Sister Mary Justine McGlynn	Ireland
*Sister Mary Francesca Molitor	Germany
*Sister Mary Christine Myers	Germany
*Sister Mary Ann Cecilia Nealis	New York
*Sister Mary Ulrica O'Reilly	Ireland
*Sister Mary Scholastica Quinn	Ireland
*Sister Mary Rosina Wightman	Germany

SISTERS OF CHARITY

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*Sister Anthony O'Connell (Superior)	Ireland
*Sister Basilia Applegate	Pennsylvania
*Sister Augusta Barron	Ireland
*Sister Louise Barron	Ireland
*Sister Etienne Bonner	Ireland
*Sister DeSales Brady	Ireland
*Sister Cephas Bray	Massachusetts
*Sister Benedicta Gain	Ireland
*Sister Clotilda Cain	Ireland
*Sister Magdalen Cooper.....	Ohio
*Sister Gabriella Crowe	Ireland
*Sister Cleophas Cummins	Ireland
*Sister Winifred Cummins	Ireland
*Sister Constantia Dolan	Ireland
*Sister Laurence Donaher	Ireland
*Sister Clement Doyle	Ireland
*Sister Philomena Erwin	Ireland
*Sister Theodosia Farran	Ireland
*Sister Stanislaus Ferris.....	Kentucky
*Sister Mary Garvin	Ireland
*Sister Jane Garvin	Ireland
*Sister Sophia Gillmeyer	Ireland
*Sister Alphonsa Gordon	Ireland
*Mother Josephine Harvey	New York
*Sister Beatrice Hastings	Ireland
Sister Ann Joseph Hughes (living)	Ohio
*Sister Bernardine King	Ireland
*Sister Dominica Lavan	Ireland
*Sister Mary Ignatia Mulcahy	Ireland
*Sister Ann Cecilia McDonald	Ohio
*Sister Euphrasia McGary	Ireland
*Sister Seraphine McGrane	Ireland
*Sister Eugenia. McMullen	Ireland
*Sister Camilla O'Mara	Ireland
*Sister Agnes Phillips	Ireland
*Sister Veronica Phillips	Ireland
*Sister Ambrosia Schwartz	Ohio
*Sister Gonzaga Sheehan	Ireland

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 Sister Mary Rosalie Bouligny New Orleans, La.
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 Sister Mary Laura Carroll W illiamstown, Ireland
 Sister Mary Henrietta Casey Co. Limerick, Ireland
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 Sister Mary Juliana Chatard Baltimore, Maryland
 Sister Mary Catherine Chrismer Emmitsburg, Maryland
 Sister Mary Louise Collins Co. Killkenny, Ireland
 Sister Mary Matilda Comstock Donaldsonville, La.
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 Sister Mary Marie Cosgrove Kings County, Ireland
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 Sister Mary Agatha Devlin Co. Kilkenny, Ireland
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 Sister Mary Francis Kyte Co. Tipperary, Ireland
 Sister Mary Helena Marlow Co. Antrim, Ireland
 *Sister Mary Alphonsus Moore Co. Westmeath, Ireland
 *Sister Mary Agatha McNamara Salisbury, N. C.
 Sister Mary Ann O'Dowd Co. Cavan, Ireland
 Sister Mary Martha O'Gorman Co. Cork, Ireland
 Sister Mary Peter O'Sullivan Co. Cork, Ireland
 Sister Mary Evangelist Smith Co. Cork, Ireland

SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

New Orleans, Louisiana

Mother Saint Patrick Heffernan Queens Co., Ireland
 Sister du Carmel Giroir France
 Sister Saint Bernard Guerin France
 Sister Saint John Baptist Ligier France
 Sister Mary Albertine Passon France
 Sister Mary Louise Pelen France
 Sister Mary Bridget Phelan Co. Waterford, Ireland
 Sister Mary Magdalen Seely Louisiana
 Sister Mary Veronica Louisiana

SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE

St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Indiana

*Sister Mary Rose O'Donoghue Indiana
 Sister Mary Felix Buchanan Somerset, Ohio
 *Sister Mary Sophie Glenn Bellefontaine, Pa.
 *Sister Mary Athanasius Fogarty Co. Roscommon, Ireland
 *Sister Mary Eugenia Gorman Indiana Co., Pa.
 *Sister Mary Francis Guthneck Strasburg, Germany
 *Sister Mary Mathilda Swimley Wertenberg, Germany
 *Sister Mary Frances Ann Carney Ireland
 *Sister Mary Henrietta McKenzie Indiana
 *Sister Mary Louise Maloney Ireland
 *Sister Mary Helena Burns Ireland

SISTERS OF SAINT URSULA

Galveston, Texas

Mother Saint Pierre HarringtonMontreal, Canada

Sister Saint Anne Stohl Germany

Sister Mary Anastasia Goux Montpelier, France

Sister Mary Ambrose Bennett Boston, Mass.

Sister Saint Mary Nolte Hanover, Germany

Sister Saint Ursula Prenard Lyons, France

SURVIVING WAR VETERANS

Following are the surviving war veterans whose average age is ninety—two years:

Sister Mary Paula. Casey,

Sister of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind.

Sister Mary Ignatius Farley,

Sister of St. Joseph, Wheeling, W. Va.

Sister Mary Ann Joseph Hughes,

Sister of Charity, Cincinnati, Ohio

Sister Mary Anselm Jennings,

Sister of St. Joseph, Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia, Pa.

Sister Mary Laurette. Maher, Sister of Charity, Nazareth, Ky.

Sister Mary Ambrosia McDevitt,

Daughter of Charity, Emmitsburg, Md.

Sister Mary Madeline O'Donnell,

Sister of Mercy, Mount Mercy, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sister Mary Bernard O'Kane,

Sister of Mercy, Mount Mercy, Baltimore, Md.

Sister Mary de Sales O'Neill,

Sister of the Holy Cross, Notre Dame, Ind.

Sister Mary David Salamon,

Daughter of Charity, Emmitsburg, Md.

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