

## Women's role in the Civil War

### Ella Waldo

Ella Waldo of Alexander was born in 1847 the daughter of Allen and Phebe Waldo. She participated in the ladies sewing circle. During the Civil War, these patriotic ladies made garments for the "BOYS IN BLUE". An agreement was made by the young ladies to put a note in the pocket of the garments they made and requested that the receiver answer it. Ella's note was received by Myron Kent of the 36<sup>th</sup> ILL Volunteers. Ella and Myron continued to correspond with each other.

Myron Kent was in Texas at the beginning of the War but enlisted with the 36<sup>th</sup> ILL. Volunteers. He was wounded three times. At the close of the war he was employed in the War Department at Washington for one year. He then went to Arkansas and assisted in reconstruction in the Red River Region. He was secretary of the Senate of Arkansas in 1870. After this Myron started practicing law.

In 1866, Myron came to Alexander and remained a few days. He returned again in May of 1871 and married Ella Waldo and left immediately for their home in Washington, Arkansas. They had a son. Ella Waldo Kent died November 12, 1875 while on her way from Arkansas to their home in Texas.