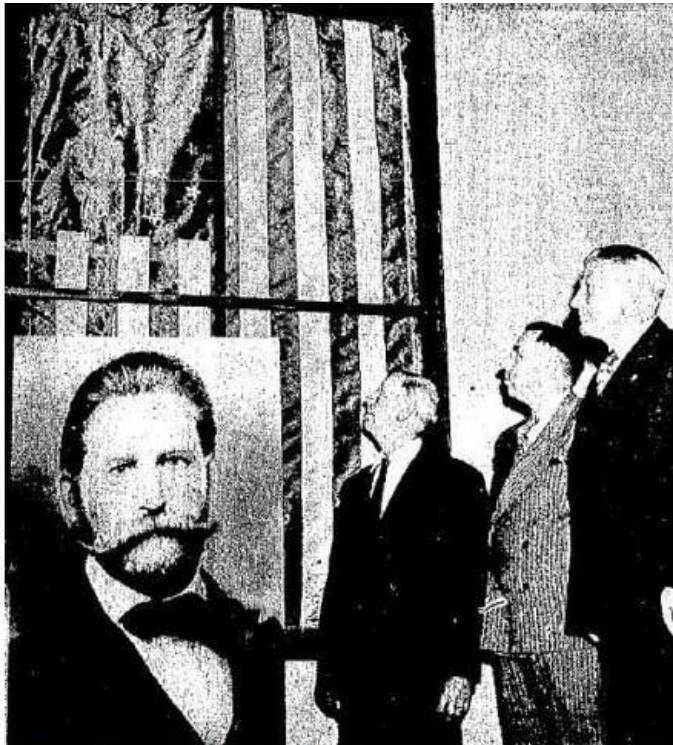


# **ALVARADO'S CIVIL WAR BATTLE FLAG**

**LEFT CLICK ON MOUSE TO ADVANCE SLIDES  
RIGHT CLICK ON MOUSE TO VIEW PREVIOUS SLIDE  
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The "Alvarado Hundred" battle flag on display at the I.O.O.F. Sycamore Lodge in Hayward. The inset is a picture of Captain Charles S. Eigenbrodt of Alvarado who died in a Civil War battle.

#### **THE ALVARADO CIVIL WAR BATTLE FLAG**

Last unfurled and honored in Alvarado during a Memorial Day parade in 1925, the silk battle flag of the "Alvarado Hundred" is the last remaining relic of Alvarado's early history.

The flag was made by the pioneer women of Alvarado in 1861 for the "Alvarado Hundred" as the first call of President Lincoln for volunteers for the Civil War was answered by the young men of Alameda County. While their husbands and brothers drilled, wives and sweethearts met and mingled their prayers and tears as they made the battle flag.

The flag was carried into battle by Charles S. Eigenbrodt, an early Alvarado pioneer who founded and was a charter member of the I.O.O.F. Crusade Lodge in Alvarado. Captain Eigenbrodt died on September 2, 1864 while leading a charge in a battle in the Shenandoah Valley.

Farley B. Granger, Jr. and Judge Lincoln Church (son of A. M. Church, first county clerk from Alvarado) were youngsters when the flag was made. They recalled how they watched the women work nights and how they stood on the curbing and watched the men drilling.

The history of the "Alvarado Hundred" is written into the action of the 54 major battles they participated in. Alvarado men went with Sherman, they fought under Grant, and several of them were sent to Libby Prison, some also were imprisoned in Andersonville. But few of them ever returned.

The battle flag remained in the custody of the Alvarado Lodge after the war. In 1947 the Alvarado Crusade Lodge was consolidated with the Hayward Sycamore Lodge where the flag should remain today.



## ALVARADO MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES



MAY 31, 1925 - A sixty-four year-old flag, made by the women of '61 for the "Alvarado Hundred" when Abe Lincoln's call for volunteers was answered by the little Alameda County community, was the center of the year's Memorial Day service and departed heroes of three wars. Alvarado Hall (IOOF), was used as an armory during the Civil War; Lt. N.W. Armstrong, San Leandro, who addressed Alvarado school children on "Need for Patriotism," as part of the Memorial exercises, Andy Anderson, Alvarado Grammar School custodian carried the flag, also pictured is the new Alvarado Grammar School.



ALVARADO'S FIRST TEACHER—C. P. Johnson, who was the first teacher in Alvarado. He taught there in 1851. The flag here shown is believed to be the oldest one in Alameda county. It was made by Alvarado women and presented to the soldiers in 1864. —TRIBUNE photo.