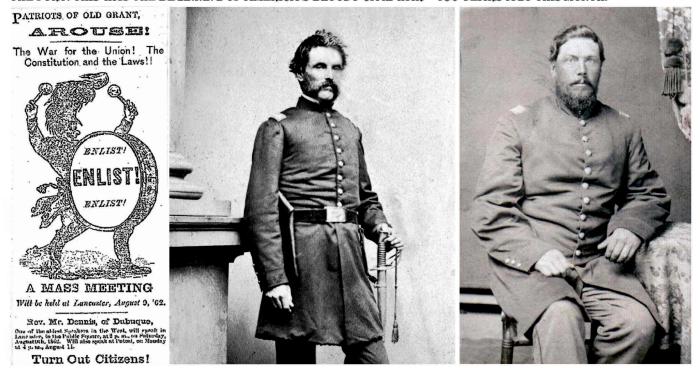
WAR! FORT SUMTER BOMBARDED APRIL 12, 1861

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 1861, AT 4:30 A.M., CONFEDERATE BATTERIES OPENED FIRE, FIRING FOR 34 STRAIGHT HOURS, ON THE FORT. THIS WAS THE BEGINNING OF AMERICA'S BLOODY CIVIL WAR – 150 YEARS AGO THIS MONTH.



JOHN BENTON CALLIS HELPED FORM THE LANCASTER UNIT THAT BECAME CO. K OF THE SEVENTH REGIMENT, WISCONSIN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY. HE WAS SHOT IN THE CHEST ON THE FIRST DAY AT GETTYSBURG AND LAY ON THE BATTLEFIELD UNTIL THE CONFEDERATE WITHDRAWAL THREE DAYS LATER. LIEUT. SAMUEL J. NASMITH FROM PLATTEVILLE WOULD DIE AUGUST 17, 1863 FROM DISEASE CONTRACTED AFTER THE SIEGE OF VICKSBURG. IN ALL, 204,000 AMERICANS WOULD DIE IN THIS WAR IN BATTLE, AND ANOTHER 414,000 OF DISEASE.