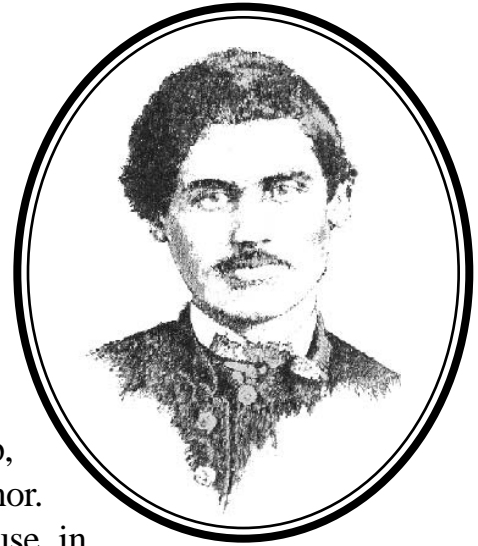




Jacob Parrott



Jacob Parrott was the youngest member of the group of Yankee spies known as Andrews Raiders. As part of this group, Jacob was the first American to ever receive The Medal of Honor.

Jacob Parrott spent the night in the Kennesaw House in Marietta during the Civil War on April 11, 1862, and the next day he was one of 22 spies who boarded a train in front of the hotel. They stole the locomotive at Big Shanty, which is now Kennesaw, and planned to burn the bridges between Atlanta and Chattanooga. This would have cut the Confederate supply lines.

The mission was not successful, and the spies were captured. Parrott was one of six who were exchanged for Confederate prisoners. Eight of the spies escaped and eight were executed. The spies who lived were awarded the first Medals of Honor by the United States government on March 25, 1863, and Parrott was the first person in this group to receive the award.

Jacob was born on July 17, 1843 in Fairfield County Ohio. During the Civil War, he enlisted in Company K, 33 of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died on December 22 1908 and was buried in Grove Cemetery in Kenton, Ohio.

Let's Review

1. During what war did Jacob Parrott receive the Medal of Honor? _____

2. What was Jacob Parrott's mission? _____

3. Was he successful? _____