

"R. C. Wood." I sent his final statements & military history to the Adjt Gen at Washington D.C. Sept 23—

It is with feelings of sorrow that I look around me to see so many of Iowa's noble sons fall by the hand of disease, and in battle I assure you I was shocked when the painful intelligence reached me for I knew him to be generally hardy & in good health but alas! in the midst of life we are in death The Company & officers feel deeply his loss for he has ever reflected credit upon himself & the service by his moral conduct, loyalty, & bravery in action

I am very Resptly your Obt Servant

[First Lieutenant] Theo. Schaeffer

[P. S.] Any further information you may wish will be cheerfully given if I have it in my power to give it

#### **Arbor Day, April 25, 1975**

The Iowa State Horticulture Society observed Arbor Day this year by planting a Ginkgo tree on the south lawn in front of the Historical Building (East Twelfth and Grand, Des Moines). Jack Musgrove, Director of the Division of Historical Museum and Archives, Iowa State Historical Department, accepted the tree in the name of the children of Iowa from Corwyn Hicks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Horticulture Society.

The Ginkgo is a species of tree that connects the age of dinosaurs with our time—it is related to the tree ferns that formed our coal deposits millions of years ago. The botanical structure of the Ginkgo relates to the conifers on one side and the ferns on the other. It owes its modern existence to the Chinese, who cultivated it on their temple grounds. The Ginkgo's bright green leaves become brilliant yellow in fall, and usually drop to the ground within one day's time.

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