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***MAJOR & ADC JULIUS PITZMAN, FIRST DIVISION MSM, U.S. VOLUNTEERS
CAPTAIN 6TH MISSOURI INFANTRY, U.S. VOLUNTEERS***

**Insignia Number 6552, Original Companion of of the Missouri Commandery
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States
(1837 Hallerstadt, Germany - 1923 St. Louis, Missouri)**

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Julius Pitzman was born March 9, 1837 in Hallerstadt, Germany the son of Frederick G. and Amalia (Ebers) Pitzman. His father was born on May 5, 1795 and had fought in the campaigns of 1812 - 1815 against Napoleon and died in 1852. Julius was educated in the Real Gymnasium in Hallerstadt, Germany. He came to the United States in 1854 with his widowed mother and brother to join his sisters who's husbands had participated in the revolution of 1848, one of them being Chas. E. Salomon who had been an Engineer in the Prussian Army and would later be Colonel of the 5th Missouri Infantry U.S. Volunteers (3 months) in 1861.

Julius first lived in Waukesha, Wisconsin and then moved to St. Louis in 1856 where he worked under his brother-in-law, St. Louis City Engineer Chas. E. Salomon and was educated as a Topographical and Civil Engineer. He entered the office of the St. Louis City Engineer, 1856; Chief of County Surveyor's Office, 1857-1858; started a private surveyor's office, 1859; and was the acting St. Louis County Engineer, 1861.

When the Civil War came he offered his services and was appointed Lieutenant of Topographical Engineers on the staff of the General commanding the Department of Missouri in the fall of 1861. He was transferred to 1st Lieutenant of Company D, Missouri Infantry U.S. Volunteers on November 19, 1862, and promoted to Captain of that company April 15, 1863.

He served with distinction as Captain of Engineers on the staff of General McClelland in the assault and capture of Arkansas Post and on the staff to General Sherman in all the campaign that led up to investment of Vicksburg, Mississippi, until he was severely wounded while he was in the performance

of duty and sent to hospital May 24, 1863. After remaining in hospital for nearly five months and being discharged for active duty, he resigned December 26, 1863. When the Confederate General Serling Price invaded Missouri with a large army in October and November 1864, Julius rendered his services to Governor Hall and was appointed Major and ADC to General Edward Pike serving with the First Division Missouri State Militia until the danger from the invasion was past when he was relieved from active service and was discharged November 3, 1864.

After the war, he served as St. Louis County Surveyor, Chief Engineer of Forest Park from 1874 until completion, St. Louis City Surveyor from 1877, and President of Pitzman's Company of Surveyors and Engineers. He was responsible for designing many areas in St. Louis and had PITZMAN AVENUE named in his honor in the subdivision of the John J. O'Fallon estate. The civil life and activities of Julius were no less honorable and commendable than his military service. He took great interest and pride in all movements that made for the upbuilding and beauty of his home city, St. Louis. Many of the parks and boulevards planned and laid out by him are permanent monuments of his artistic taste, civic pride, and progressive foresight.

He was married twice. His first marriage took place in St. Louis on October 1, 1867 to Emma R. Tittmann and resulted in the following children: Florence H. (married Edward A. Hermann); Edwin Sherman; and Otto Hilgard (died in infancy). Julius married a second time in St. Louis on March 31, 1879 to Caroline Marsh Wislizenus and had the following children: Julius (died in infancy), G. Marsh; Harold W., Frederick, and Louise Natalia. Julius died August 31, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri, and is buried in Bellefontaine Cemetery, St Louis, Missouri.

Captain Julius Pitzman, 6th Missouri Infantry U.S. Volunteers was elected a Companion the Missouri Commandery December 31, 1888, Insignia #6552 and was held in high esteem by all his Companions. He was also a member of the Ransom Grand Army of the Republic Post #131 in St. Louis, Missouri. He lived though four score and six wonderful years, his mind and faculties undimmed and left a record of achievements for the public good.

Descendants of Major Julius Pitzman are eligible for hereditary membership in the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States (MOLLUS - founded by Civil War officers on April 15, 1865) and the Dames of the Loyal Legion of the United States (founded in 1899 as the auxiliary to the MOLLUS). For more information on either or both organizations, please visit each organization's national website:

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