Civilian Report-

In 2020, the Covid pandemic caused most of our events to be cancelled. However, with the events that did take place in 2020 there were always civilians present. Things improved in 2021 and we were able to have more scheduled events. The civilian reenactors were present at all of them.

In 2020 the civilian living history organization, “Be What Remains” joined the New England Brigade as part of the New England Civilian League, restoring the Brigade's civilian community. Approximately 15 new adult members for the civilian camp came aboard as well as children.

Additionally, we had approximately 10 new members added to the NE Civilian League Facebook page. We also have another Facebook page for the Be What Remains group that is educational in nature offering historical information related to the civilian experience during the Civil War but includes military subjects as well.

The civilian unit has a full town named Unity. Unity has a post office, a church, a doctor/nurse, soldiers aid societies, a school, homesteads, cooks, a blacksmith and tinsmith. Our members are very knowledgeable in each area portrayed. As we continue to grow we are exploring new ways to add to our town and to our living history presentations.

Our focus is on education and authenticity. During the off season we continue to remain active and offer classes and Sewing Days. The town of Unity is looking forward to interacting with the military this season in whatever capacity is deemed suitable.

Respectfully Submitted,

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