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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the First World War, we are pleased to present the work of one of our very own ACHS members, Valerie J. Young. *The World War One Gold Star Soldiers From Adams County* focuses on the 53 men listed on the Adams County Courthouse tablet who perished during the Great War. In her article, Young presents biographical and genealogical information on each of the fallen soldiers, with exhaustive research on the families they left behind. Supplementing the article are photographs of many of the soldiers, several of which have never appeared in print before.

One Adams County veteran of the Great War remembered, "At times when one gazed on the scenes of desolation and carnage, and realized that on the other side of the line there was similar destruction, questions like these would arise: 'Is war ever justified? Can a principle of right or wrong be decided by the killing of men?'" In many cases, the Adams Countians who went off to war were no more than boys, some as young as 18 or 19. Those who survived grappled with questions like these for the rest of their lives, and many did not live to tell their stories.

We hope you enjoy this year's journal, and we look forward to future submissions for our upcoming 2019 and 2020 publications.

Timothy H. Smith and Andrew I. Dalton, Editors.

Cover photograph: The grave of Joseph A. Williams at the Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery and Memorial in France (Valerie J. Young, May 2007).

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