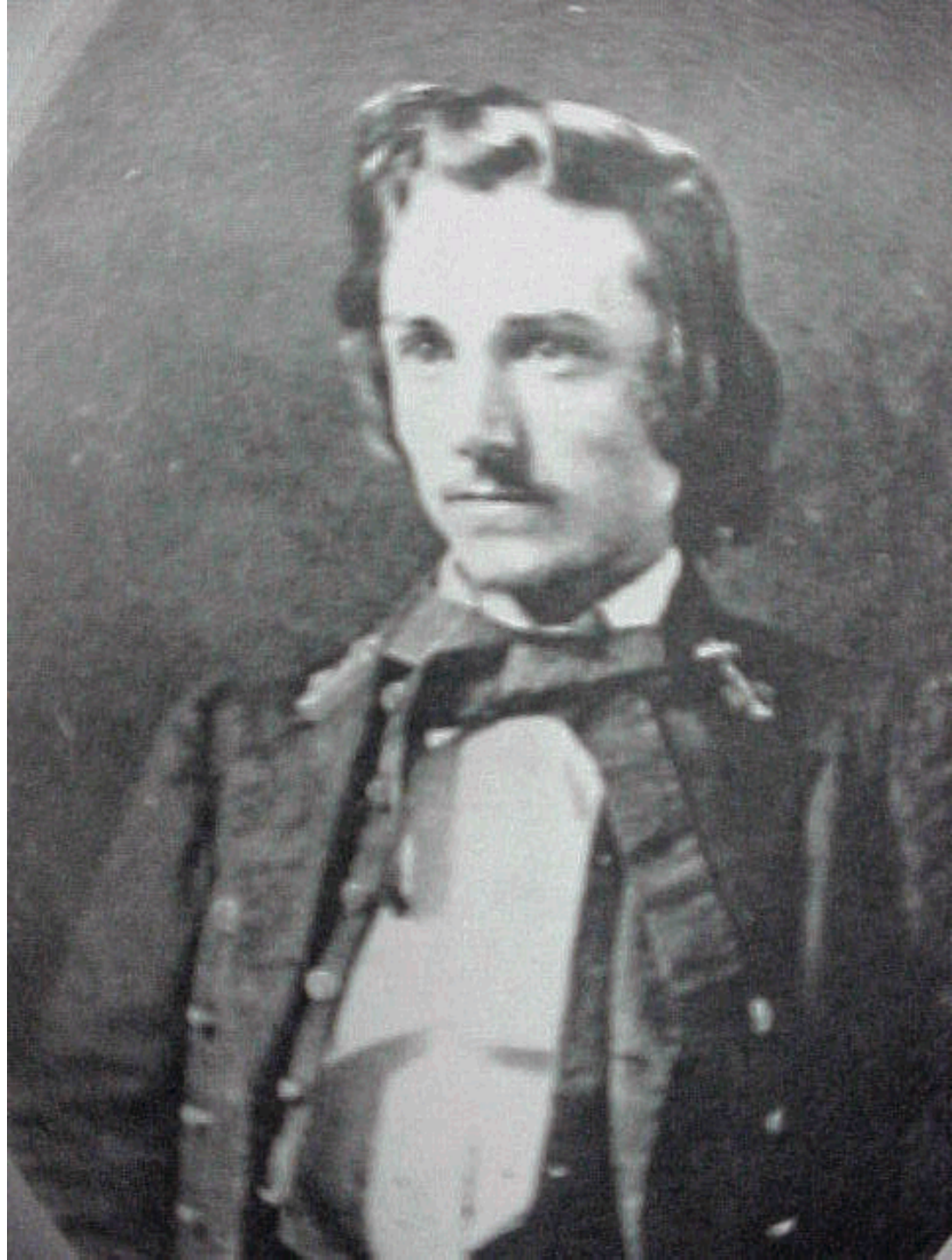


Charles W. Read



Nickname: "Savvy" or "Savez"

Born: May 12, 1840, Mississippi

Died: January 25, 1890 (aged 49–50), Meridan, Mississippi

Graduated: US Naval Academy, 1860: When he was turned down after offering his services to the US Navy Department, he went to Mississippi and had a personal audience with Jefferson Davis, who offered him a commission in the Confederate States Navy.

Years of service: USN 1860-1861 CSN: 1861-1865

Rank: Lieutenant, Captain

Commands held: CSS McRae, CSS Arkansas, CSS Florida, CSS Clarence, CSS Tacony, CSS Archer, CSS Scorpion, CSS Webb

Battles/wars: Civil War

Battle of Ship Island

Battle of the Head of Passes

Battle of Baton Rouge

Battle of Portland Harbor

Battle of Trent's Reach

Awards: Confederate Medal of Honor



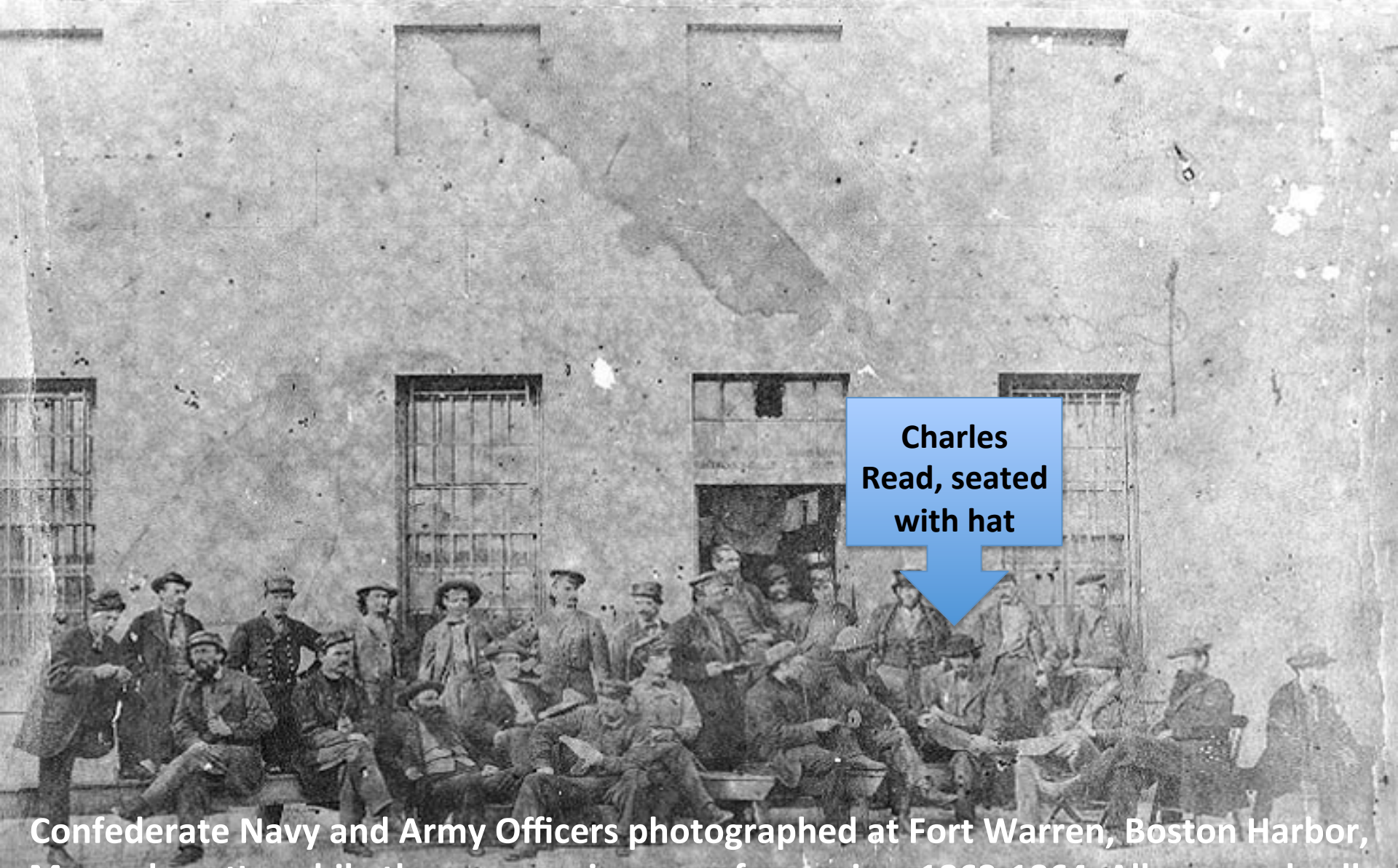
CHARLES W. READ.

MAY 13. 1840.

JANUARY 25. 1890.



The newly dedicated monument at Rose Hill cemetery located at the end of 7th Street at 40th Avenue. It is directly above Read's grave marker at base of mound Above that is another monument to 150 Confederates who are buried in the mass grave under the mound.



Charles
Read, seated
with hat

Confederate Navy and Army Officers photographed at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, while they were prisoners of war, circa 1863-1864. All, or nearly all, of the Navy officers had been captured with *CSS Atlanta* and *CSS Tacony* in June 1863, were paroled in September 1864 and exchanged in October 1864.

Recent and Recommended Reading

“Sea Hawk of the Confederacy: Lt. Charles W. Read and the Confederate Navy,” by R. Thomas Campbell.

“Confederate Corsair” by Robert A. Jones.

“Sea Wolf of the Confederacy: The Daring Civil War Raids of Naval Lt. Charles W. Read” by David W. Shaw