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Rev. Sam May presiding at the marriage of church members George Barnes and Rebecca Heermans, 1849.



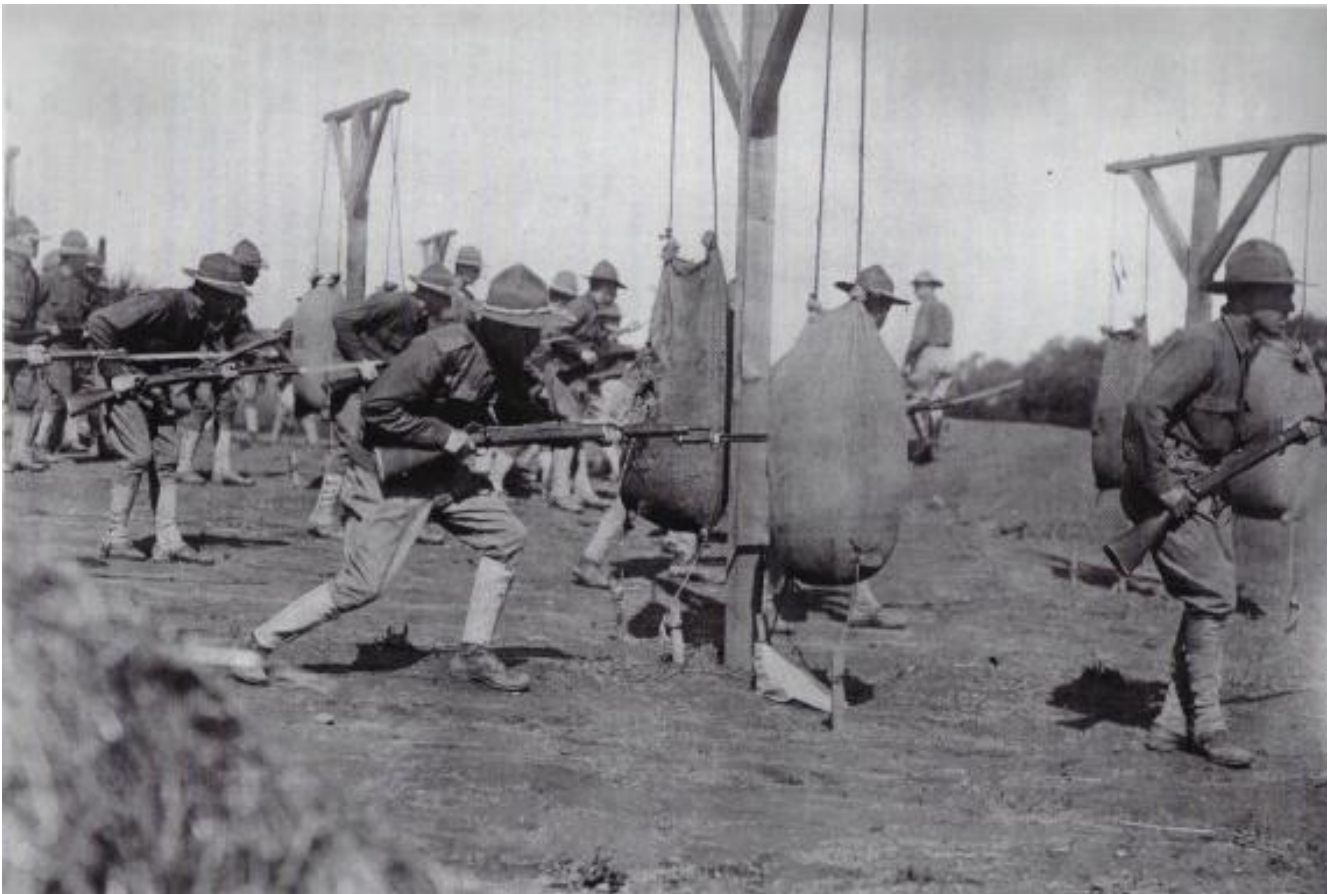
Rev. Elizabeth Padgham as a young girl; she was a Unitarian minister who grew up in our church. After her retirement she returned to our church as an active member.



In honor of Franklin car owner and lover, MMUUS member Hank Manwell, this is a photo of a special model that executive H. H. Franklin had built for himself in 1909. His nickname for it was the "Torpedo." It had no radiator, but used air vents on top of the hood for cooling purposes.



May Memorial member, Dora Hazard (fourth from the left, first row), organized a unit of hospital volunteers who went to London in 1918 to work with wounded soldiers during WWI. She was a leader in the women's suffrage movement as well as other social and education reform efforts. She is the grandmother of long time member Sarah Auchincloss (Howland's wife) whom many current members will remember well.



This is a photo of a large U.S. Army training base that was established at the State Fairgrounds during WWI. During this time, May Memorial served as a sort of USO for these soldiers six days a week. Showers for them were installed in the James Street church basement, movie projectors were placed in the church auditorium for featured films, various areas were set aside as game rooms and gathering places, and church women provided free cafeteria service. Our President at that time, Irving Merrill, taught literacy and arithmetic classes.