

GRAND ARMY DEPARTMENT

A Visit to the Old California Home of Fighting Joe Hooker.

RELICS OF THE FAMOUS GENERAL

Interesting Reminiscences of Grant's Preparations for the Capture of Vicksburg—A Prophecy—Queer Names on the Pension Roll.

A correspondent who recently visited the old California home of "Fighting Joe" Hooker unearthed many interesting relics of the famous general.

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From this staff, when there were important questions to be discussed or an entertainment to be given, the American flag was suspended, and those of the respect enter of habitues of 'The Rendezvous' who were in the building in the breeze made haste to obey its call.

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