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Lt. Col. Ely S. Parker - Union officer

Born: 1828, Indian Falls, NY

Died: August 31, 1895, Fairfield, CT

Lt. Col. Ely Parker, Chief of the Seneca Nation and on General Grant's staff, played an important role at the surrender meeting. After Grant drafted the terms in pencil, Parker produced the final draft in ink for Grant's signature. Upon being introduced to Parker, General Lee said, "I'm glad to see one real American here," and Parker replied, "We are all Americans."

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