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A group of three silver spoons from the Clara Barton House. The smaller sterling silver teaspoon, measuring 5.5" x 1", was made by Wallace of Connecticut, dated 1902. Featuring a floral handle, with a "B" engraved into the handle. The other two larger coin silver tablespoons, each measuring 7.75" x 1.5", were made by Duhme & Co of Cincinnati, dated circa the late 19th century. All with makers' marks on the underside. Each spoon has some oxidation, light wear, and scratches. Very fine.

Clara Barton (1821-1912) was a schoolteacher-turned-nurse and medical advocate who founded the American Red Cross. After the Baltimore Riot of April 1861 against Massachusetts troops, Barton nursed forty of the victims back to health and learned valuable lessons about aiding soldiers. She began collecting medical supplies and distributing them to soldiers. In August 1862, she received permission from Quartermaster Daniel Rucker to work on the front lines. Throughout the war, she distributed medicine and food to wounded soldiers in close proximity to the battles of Cedar Mountain, Second Bull Run, Antietam, and Fredericksburg. In 1864, General Benjamin Butler placed her in charge of hospitals at the front of the Army of the James. For her Civil War service, Barton became known as the "Angel of the Battlefield" and the "Florence Nightingale of America." After the war, she ran the Office of Missing Soldiers in Washington, helping to locate the remains of more than 22,000 missing soldiers. She also lectured about her experiences and became associated with the

women's suffrage movement and the civil rights movement for African Americans. In 1869, she became acquainted with the Red Cross in Switzerland and aided military hospitals during the Franco-Prussian War. In 1881, she founded the American Red Cross and became its first president. She continued to work in the field in response to natural disasters and wars as late as 1900.

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