

—The—
Second New Jersey Brigade
—Society—



REPORT

—OF THE—

Second Annual Reunion

—AT—

Elizabeth, New Jersey,

September 26th, 1889.

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NEXT REUNION—NEWARK, June 18th, 1890.



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GEN. ROBERT McALLISTER.

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Second Annual Report.

At our First Reunion, April 9th, 1888, in Trenton, an invitation was received and accepted to hold our next Reunion in Elizabeth.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Society, held in Trenton, March 11th, 1889, the President, Gen. William J. Sewell, appointed the following

LOCAL COMMITTEE.

Capt. LEWIS A. DUNN, of the 6th Regiment, Chairman.
C. L. MYER, 120th New York, Secretary.
Capt. E. E. S. NEWBERRY, 11th New Jersey, Treasurer.
Capt. WILLIAM HAND, 11th New Jersey.
Sergt. W. W. CORRIELL, 6th New Jersey.
Q. M. Sergt. W. H. WILLIAMS, 6th New Jersey.
Gen. EZRA A. CARMAN, 7th New Jersey.

The Local Committee took the whole matter of reception and entertainment in hand, and appointed the following committees :

ASSOCIATE COMMITTEE.

Ulric Dahlgren Post, No. 25, Judson Kilpatrick Post, No. 64,
David Hatfield Camp, Sons of Veterans.

CITIZENS' COMMITTEE.

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| HON. JOHN KEAN, JR., | HON. W. H. CORBIN, |
| CHARLES RUSS, | C. C. MCBRIDE, |
| J. E. HEDGES, | IRA J. HALL, |

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| JACOB DAVIS, | E. F. BROOKS, |
| PATRICK SHERIDAN, | MAJ. H. W. ADAMS, |
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| W. B. DALAND, | DR. W. A. M. MACK, |
| DR. H. R. CANNON, | WM. M. OLIVER, |
| HON. FOSTER M. VOORHEES, | W. T. JONES, |
| JOHN W. WHELAN, | DR. VICTOR MRAVLAG, |
| JAMES R. ENGLISH, | JUDGE McCORMICK, |
| HON. F. C. MARSH, | L. B. MILLER. |

The meeting was held in Library Hall.

The President, Gen. William J. Sewell, was unavoidably absent in the West, as a member of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, which he regretted very much, as expressed by letter to the meeting. The Society was therefore called to order promptly at 11 o'clock A.M., by Gen. James F. Rusling, Vice-President, of the Fifth Regiment, who presided during the exercises of the day.

Prayer was offered by Major H. Andrews, of the Second New York, when the regular order of business was proceeded with. Reading of the minutes of last meeting; the Secretary's report and Treasurer's report, both of which were received, and ordered engrossed in the minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Almost a year and a-half has elapsed since we assembled in our First Reunion. Its inception germinated in the minds of a few, but drew inspiration from the hearty response accorded from all the comrades with whom we were permitted a correspondence, until it became an assured fact that the old Second New Jersey Brigade Volunteers

would hold a Reunion on April 9th, 1888. Although it had been almost a quarter of a century since we stacked our arms and furled our colors, and with many whiter heads, and steps perhaps a little less buoyant, yet when "Hooker's Old Guard" fell into line we were cheered by the presence of many of our old associates in arms who came up to answer, "Here am I," not only from the regiments of our own State, but from the sister organizations from New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

On June 30th, 1888, we re-assembled at Gettysburg, to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of that sanguinary field of blood, where, on that July 2d, 1863, so many of our comrades went down in death. Secession had thrown out her traitorous hand too far. The patriotism of the whole North was aroused and said, thus far, but no farther. It was truly the "Waterloo of the Confederacy." The invader was met and repulsed. And there to-day stand the marking-stones of imperishable granite, monuments to those who suffered and died that our country might live.

It was the privilege of the members of the Brigade to participate in the unveiling ceremonies of the monuments erected through the generosity of our State, each one a volume in itself reciting to those to follow the valor and patriotism of the several organizations they commemorate. The Brigade was well represented. The Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Eleventh Regiments were each assigned to separate quarters, each having their own quartermaster or officer detailed to specially look after the comforts and convenience of the comrades present.

The State authorities made ample and comfortable accommodations for all, both in quarters and rations, giving free transportation to and from Gettysburg to those engaged in the battle.

Your Secretary has received numerous inquiries respecting our organization. A number of them from comrades in the far West, to all of which I have responded and for-

warded a copy of the report, and also a notice of our second Reunion.

We held our first Reunion in the early spring, when it was deemed advisable to change to some other date for various reasons, and we selected September. But our time seems to have fallen in conflict with political conventions, agricultural fairs and numerous Reunions. And for other reasons I might state if the subject is brought to the consideration of the Society, your Secretary would therefore suggest a change of time for holding our Reunions to the month of May or June. And I would further suggest that a Memorial Committee be appointed, three from each Regiment, to whom the members of that command may report the death of any comrade stricken down during the year, and they report to the Secretary, giving name, rank and regiment, so that he might embody it in his annual report. Any obituary or resolutions relating to the death of the comrade to be prepared by the members of said committee or by special committee.

Also, that Section 1, Article IV, of the Constitution, be so altered as to admit of the office of Chaplain.

To-day, September 26th, 1889, we assemble in our Second Reunion, happy in our social greetings to meet with those with whom we marched, fought and conquered, establishing the principle for all time to come that a Republic built upon the will of the people, and by the people and for the people, was and is more abiding than dynasties of kings or monarchs, and that the Government under the Constitution must and shall be preserved.

And to-day that glorious old flag, with stripe unrent, nor star erased, adding new constellations to its field of blue, floats over an undivided country, with all its subjects free and equal.

Yes, comrades, we meet in health, pleased to look into the eyes of those of bygone companionship, yet we are mindful of others, of those who have answered their last reveille.

But they, too, are here, and from their spiritual spheres are hovering over us and in benisons of joy participating with us in the reminiscences of camp and field. Some have passed the lines since we met a year ago; others crossed before, and are our vanguards, on the other side the tide.

Very respectfully submitted.

U. B. TITUS,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF 2D NEW JERSEY BRIGADE.

Money Received.

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| Thomas Blackwood, | \$52 50 |
| W. O. Lanning, | 28 00 |
| E. J. Scudder, | 48 00 |
| J. F. Rusling, | 245 35 |
| Geo. Smith, | 5 00 |
| J. B. Moon, | 25 00 |
| J. Withington, | 17 50 |
| U. B. Titus, | 27 00 |
| Initiation Fees, | 179 40 |
| For Tickets sold, | 5 00 |
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| | \$632 75 |

Disbursements.

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| J. Peterson, | \$225 00 |
| A. Winkler, | 42 00 |
| Cleaning Masonic Hall, | 4 00 |
| Decorating Masonic Hall, | 5 00 |
| Cleaning Post Room, | 4 00 |
| A. Cahill, chairs, | 13 00 |
| D. P. Forst, cheese, | 6 07 |
| Postage and Telegrams, | 10 75 |
| Sharp Printing Co., | 10 75 |
| MacCrellish & Quigley, | 8 75 |
| Murphy Printing Co., | 4 10 |

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| Rent of Masonic Hall, | \$15 00 |
| Board at Trenton House, | 8 50 |
| F. C. Stahl, badges, | 39 60 |
| Murphy Printing Co., | 54 50 |
| Carriage, | 6 00 |
| Flag, | 30 00 |
| Cartage, | 1 80 |
| To Badges, | 110 00 |
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| | \$598 82 |
| Balance, | <hr/> |
| | \$33 93 |

Respectfully submitted,
J. WITHINGTON.

After the adoption of the suggestions made by the Secretary, the Society went into the nomination and election of officers for the ensuing year.

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MEMORIAL COMMITTEES.

5th New Jersey Regiment.

JOHN A. RODRIGO, Newark,
JOSEPH E. SIMMONS, Mt. Holly,
A. B. HUTCHINSON, Trenton.

6th New Jersey Regiment.

GEORGE W. FOX, Trenton,
B. H. CONNOLLY, Philadelphia,
W. H. WILLIAMS, Plainfield.

7th New Jersey Regiment.

GEORGE B. SENNIOR, Paterson,
J. B. CLUGSTON, Trenton,
CAPT. GEORGE B. SMITH, Cape May.

8th New Jersey Regiment.

ENOCH B. SCUDDER, Trenton,
GEORGE W. NAYLOR, Lambertville,
EVERITT GORDON, Elizabeth.

11th New Jersey Regiment.

B. W. MAINS, Trenton,
T. S. MARBACKER, Trenton,
E. R. GOOD, Hamilton Square.

2d New York Regiment.

W. A. EVERITTS, Troy, N. Y.,

A. W. BRADLEY, “

W. H. BOUGHTON, “

The following places were then named for our next Reunion: Jersey City, Newark and Camden. After a free conference and solicitations from the friends of each of the places named, it was decided to hold our next Reunion in Newark, June 18th, 1890.

The following resolution was presented and unanimously passed:

Resolved, That we deeply regret the absence from our Reunion to-day of our old Commanders and Comrades, Col. S. H. Starr, Gen. Robert McAllister, Gen. Joseph B. Carr, through illness and impaired health, and sincerely trust a kind Providence will permit them to be with us at Newark next year. God bless and spare them for long years to come.

IN MEMORIAM.

On motion, Committees were appointed to draft and forward the following resolutions:

Resolved, That, in view of the high character and distinguished services of the late General Gershom Mott, a former commander of this Brigade, we shall forever hold his memory in tender and affectionate remembrance, and recognize his widow as worthy of our esteem and reverence.

Resolved, That we have heard with deep regret of the death of General Lewis Perrine, Quartermaster-General of New Jersey, and desire to place on record our high appreciation of him as a man and public officer. He served the

State and the United States intelligently and faithfully throughout the Civil War, and since, and New Jersey may well revere his loss as one of her most distinguished citizens. As officers and soldiers of the old Second New Jersey Brigade, we desire thus to testify to his integrity and worth, and would tender to his afflicted family our respect and sympathy.

Resolved, That copies hereof be transmitted to their families, and also sent to the New Jersey-press.

GEN. FRANCIS PRICE,

CAPT. U. B. TITUS,

CAPT. JAMES WITHINGTON,

Committee.

On motion, the following resolution was most unanimously passed by every member present:

Resolved, That in view of his signal ability and distinguished services when Commander of this Brigade, as part of his Division and Army Corps, that we elect General Daniel E. Sickles as an Honorary Member of this Society, and that our Constitution and By-Laws be so amended to admit of same, if necessary.

At the close of the business meeting, Gen. Rusling introduced his Honor, Governor Robert S. Green, paying a high tribute to him for his patriotism and actions to the veteran soldiers, especially in furnishing them with transportation to the Gettysburg anniversary.

After the cheering, Governor Green said:

According to the arrangements made, it fell to the lot of Mayor Grier to bid the Brigade welcome to this city. Nothing but ill-health would have prevented Dr. Grier's presence here, and the discharge of his duty. In his absence,

it is my pleasure as a citizen, as a New Jersey man, and as Governor, to bid you welcome here to-day. These reunions are pleasant, as affording an opportunity to recall the scenes through which you passed; to talk of the companions who have been gathered for the last time around their camp-fire; and ought to be and are instructive times to us all. The danger in this busy world—with the rapidity with which important events succeed in this land, and the bustling activity of these industrious people—is that we are apt to forget the peril of the nation from which you and your comrades brought it in safety. We are apt to lose sight of the fact that the issue for which you fought was the life of the nation, the union of the state, and the supremacy of the national government under the constitution.

These reunions bring back to us the hour when you pledged your lives and fortunes to the defense of the country and the flag. Great hardships you have endured; many were the sufferings you in patience endured; many were the sacrifices which were made; but to-day a grateful people from one end to the other of the country are singing your praises. A reunited Union is your monument; a great, prosperous Nation your enduring glory!

In conclusion, Governor Green said it was his last opportunity to come before them in an official capacity, and he wished to thank them and all other veteran associations for the uniform kindness he had ever received from them.

General Rusling responded to Governor Green in a fitting manner, and stirred the veterans with reminiscences of the Brigade's history:

He recounted the record they had made at Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Glendale, Malvern Hill, Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Petersburg, Five Forks, and Appomatox, and said they had participated in over fifty engagements—

in all the campaigns of the Army of the Potomac—and had everywhere covered themselves and the State with imperishable renown. They were worthy members of the grand army of the people that had saved the Nation and established Liberty and Union now and forever. Our great chiefs and leaders were Lincoln and Grant, Sherman and Sheridan, Meade and Hancock. New Jersey's leaders were worthy of them—such knightly souls as Bayard and Kearney, Kilpatrick and Mott, McAllister and Sewell, Price and Ramsey, and scores of others. And our rank and file were worthy of these, for, as a rule, they were our own sons and brothers, fellow-citizens all. They had demonstrated the high character of the American soldier—his grip and grit, his matchless courage, his superb valor, his sublime heroism—and made the name of Jerseyman immortal forever.

He said, among other things, that the Second New Jersey Brigade consisted originally of about 5,000 men; that they afterwards gained by recruits and enlistments about 5,000 more; but that when mustered-out, in 1865, they had less than 2,000 left. In other words, they had lost by battle and disease over four-fifths of their strength. Now only a handful survived, to assemble here to-day. But wherever they fell,

“On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread;
Their glory guards, with solemn round,
The bivouac of her dead.”

Colonel Horatio C. King, of New York City, being introduced, read his poem, “The Phantom Column,” prepared expressly for our Second Reunion. A most estimable and feeling composition, a copy of which is herewith enclosed.

Gen. Rusling then introduced Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, the old commander of the Third Corps, to which the Brigade belonged. As the old hero went forward

on his crutches, the members of the Brigade rose, and made the hall ring with loud and repeated cheers.

Gen. Sickles sat in his chair as he talked familiarly to the Brigade:

He said he felt at home in New Jersey, as his mother was born and reared a few miles from the spot on which they gathered to-day. Her footsteps had touched and hallowed the soil to him. He had listened with pleasure to Gov. Green, and to him he wished to say that the men were worthy of his highest compliment and praise, and that their deeds entitle them to highest appreciation and respect of their fellow-citizens. No State ever had better or braver troops than New Jersey.

Gen. Sickles then paid high tributes to the memory of Gens. Mott and Phil Kearney, and recommended that a telegram of affection be sent to Gen. McAllister, who is sick at his home. At the next Reunion, he said, he hoped to see more of the veterans, and a larger representation of the citizens of the city where it will be held.

Gen. Frank Price and Gen. John Ramsey followed with brief speeches, and Hon. John Kean, Jr., was introduced. Mr. Kean paid high encomium to the New Jersey soldiers, and said Princeton and Monmouth proclaim their glory in the Revolution, and the glory of New Jersey's troops are written on every page of the history of the Rebellion.

The time for rations having arrived, the old Brigade fell into line and marched to Judson Kilpatrick Post Room, G. A. R., where a most bounteous repast was spread through the generosity of the comrades and friends in Elizabeth, and very ably assisted by that noble band of women, The Ladies' Relief Corps, who

did so much in the preparation and beautiful arrangements of the tables, and by their assiduous attentions to make the occasion an entire success and one long to be remembered.

On motion it was unanimously resolved that the Treasurer is hereby directed to procure a gold badge of this Society suitably engraved, and present the same to General Daniel E. Sickles.

After which our Second Reunion closed.

It is the request of the Executive Committee that all members in arrears send their annual dues, fifty cents, to the Secretary.

The Secretary respectfully requests that each member send postal card stating his post office address, so that there may be no further trouble in the transmission of Society notices, and oblige.

NEW MEMBERS.

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| John A. Rodrigo, | Corporal, | Co D, | 5th Regiment, | Newark. |
| John W. Vanhorn, | Private, | Co B, | 6th Regiment, | Plainfield. |
| Lewis Brodberry, | Private, | Co. C, | 5th Regiment, | Bayonne. |
| Stephen A. Cannon, | Private, | Co. K, | 7th Regiment, | New Brunswick. |
| Cornelius Mundran, | Private, | Co B, | 6th Regiment. | |
| Edwin H. Stewart, | Private, | Co B, | 6th Regiment. | |
| James Marten, | Private, | Co. K, | 5th Regiment, | Hightstown |
| Henry Ridgway, | Qr.-Mas, | | 11th Regiment, | Paterson. |
| Francis E. Price, | Colonel, | | 7th Regiment, | Oakland. |
| Ervin Wilson, | Private, | Co H, | 8th Regiment. | |
| Alfred Ballard, | Private, | Co. C, | 5th Regiment, | 26 Beacon av, J. C. |
| Thomas Call, | Private, | Co. D, | 5th Regiment, | |
| George B. Brandon, | Private, | Co. C, | 6th Regiment, | Bellefont, Pa. |
| William B. Mason, | Captain, | Co. H, | 8th Regiment, | Jersey City |
| J. Oldershaw, | Captain, | Co. K, | 11th Regiment, | 287 Pearl st, N. Y. |
| M. C. Manning, | Private, | Co. C, | 5th Regiment | |
| C. H. Fennimore, | Private, | Co. E, | 6th Regiment. | |
| S. R. Hankinson, | Private, | Co E, | 6th Regiment. | |
| W. A. Flasher, | Private, | Co. I, | 5th Regiment. | |
| Eli Hamilton, | Private, | Co. E, | 5th Regiment, | Ringoes. |
| F. L. Kopp, | Sergeant, | Co. H, | 7th Regiment, | Galion, Ohio. |
| S. W. Park, | Colonel, | | 2d New York, | Albany, N. Y |