

THE
Second New Jersey Brigade
SOCIETY.

REPORT
OF THE
SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION,

ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY,

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SIXTH ANNUAL REUNION.

By order of the President of the Society, Capt. Benjamin Murphy appointed the Hon. John J. Gardner, Julius Coty, E. F. Hann and R. C. Ivory, comrades of Joe Hooker Post, G. A. R., of Atlantic City, with power to add to their numbers, a local committee to arrange for the holding of our Sixth Annual Reunion.

The genial welcome with which the comrades were greeted, and the generous hospitality which characterized the entertainment of the members of the Society and their friends, was fully attested by all present, making our Sixth Reunion second, only, as to the number of comrades present to enjoy the festive occasion.

At eleven o'clock A. M., President Capt. Benjamin Murphy called the Society to order.

In the absence of the Chaplain, Comrade Joseph Woodruff offered prayer.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read, received and ordered spread upon the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand.....	\$105 86
Bills paid.....	100 50
Balance	<u>\$5 36</u>

Moved and passed that a committee of five be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of Sergeant Edward F. McDonald.

The following comrades were appointed: General James F. Rusling, J. Howard Willets, H. J. Garrison and Edward Donnelly.

Resolved, That we have heard with profound regret of the death of Comrade Edward F. McDonald, of Harrison, during the past year, and hereby desire to record our high appreciation of his life and services as both soldier and citizen. As Sergeant Company F, Seventh New Jersey, as Senator from Hudson county and Member of Congress from that District, he served the State and Nation well and faithfully, and reflected honor and credit upon his New Jersey comrades.

Resolved, That we tender to his afflicted family our heartfelt sympathies and regrets, and also transmit them a copy of these resolutions.

JAMES F. RUSLING,
J. HOWARD WILLETS,
H. J. GARRISON,
EDWARD DONNELLY.

The following preamble and resolution were introduced and adopted :

WHEREAS, A large number of members of this Society have failed to receive a notice of this meeting owing to their address not being in the possession of the Secretary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That each and every member of this Society be requested to send their full name and address to the Secretary when he has been elected for the ensuing year; and that each member present endeavor to get the information as to this resolution to all members not present to-day.

Moved, that a committee of three be appointed by the chair to audit the Treasurer's report. Passed.

J. K. Baldwin, grandson of Gen. Robert McAllister, was elected an honorary member of this Society.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT.

HON. JOHN J. GARDNER.

VICE PRESIDENTS.

LIEUT. J. E. SIMONS, Fifth New Jersey Regiment.

CAPT. JOSEPH C. LEE, Sixth New Jersey Regiment.

SERGT. H. J. GARRISON, Seventh New Jersey Regiment.

CAPT. WM. B. MASON, Eighth New Jersey Regiment.

COL. JOHN SCHOONOVER, Eleventh New Jersey Regiment.

GEN. S. W. PARKS, Second New York Regiment.

GEN. GEO. H. SHARP, One Hundred and Twentieth New York Regiment.

COL. S. J. W. MINTZER, Twenty-sixth Pennsylvania Regiment.

GEN. ROBERT PATTERSON, One Hundred and Fifteenth Pennsylvania Regiment.

COL. THOMAS B. MATTHEWS, First Massachusetts Regiment.

COL. CHARLES C. RIVERS, Eleventh Massachusetts Regiment.

MAJ. JAMES F. COSSELL, Sixteenth Massachusetts Regiment.

COL. NATHANIEL SHATSWELL, First Maine Heavy Artillery.

SECRETARY.

CAPT. U. B. TITUS.

TREASURER.

LIEUT. JAMES H. TALLON.

CHAPLAIN.

REV. EDWIN H. STEWART.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Fifth New Jersey Regiment.

R. J. WARDELL,

SAMUEL RAY,

A. MCCORTLY.

Sixth New Jersey Regiment.

CAPT. G. E. WILSON,

MAJ. THEO. BAKER,

GEO. JACKSON.

Seventh New Jersey Regiment.

J. F. IRONSON,

R. F. FLYNN,

Eighth New Jersey Regiment.

SERGT. R. SMITH, W. H. HOWARD, SURGEON P. M. SANDERLING.

Eleventh New Jersey Regiment.

CAPT. E. R. GOOD, CAPT. WM. HAND, REV. E. CLARK CLINE.

Second New York Regiment.

W. A. EVERITTS, A. W. BRODLEY, W. H. BOUGHTON.

Twenty-Sixth Pennsylvania Regiment.

JOHN S. KUHLE, WM. B. WRIGHT, ADAM WALKER.

The next place of meeting was left to the Executive Committee. Gen. James F. Rusling was added to the committee.

At 7:30 P. M. the comrades fell into line and were escorted to the banquet hall by Capt. J. E. Perry, Commanding Company F, National Guard, and committee of arrangements, where a most sumptuous feast was spread, and enjoyed by all present.

After the comrades had done full duty along the whole line, the President, Capt. Benjamin Murphy, ordered attention, when the Mayor of the city delivered an address of welcome to the old soldiers. Hon. John J. Gardner, although quite unwell, addressed the assembly, followed by Gen. Wm. J. Sewell, Gen. James F. Rusling and others. Major F. Andress, of the Second New York, favored the boys with a song in his own fine style.

John A. Macdonald, Company G, Seventh New Jersey Volunteers, sent a poem, entitled "The Old Brigade," which was read and highly appreciated.

A POEM,

To the Second New Jersey Brigade :

Where now are the boys of the gallant Old Brigade,
 Our comrades of the days of long ago,
 Who marched in our ranks, and fought by our sides,
 And on many battlefields met the foe?
 They are scattered afar, o'er land and sea,
 And numbers in their graves have been laid,
 While in Virginia's red soil, 'neath the rustling pines,
 Lie hundreds of the Old Brigade.

At Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, Glendale and Seven Pines,
 Our battle flags were carried in the front;
 Through Chickahominy's swamps to Rappahannock's banks,
 We bore our share of many battles' brunt.
 But in all our hard campaigns we never can forget
 The struggle that at Chancellorsville we made,
 When we let the rebels feel the temper of the steel
 Of the bayonets of our fighting Old Brigade.

Again at Gettysburg our line stood like a rock,
 Tho' Death around us stalked on every side—
 Massachusetts and New York, with Jersey's stalwart sons,
 Stood bravely up to turn the battle's tide.
 At Mine Run, the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, Petersburg,
 Cold Harbor and on the Weldon Raid,
 Amid the battle smoke, where fighting was the game,
 Waved the colors of our gallant Old Brigade.

And then at Hatcher's Run, on that February morn,
 When the Johnnies tried so hard to break our lines,
 "White Diamonds" were the trumps that soon wound up the game,
 And sent them reeling back among the pines.
 From there to Appomattox we followed up the foe,
 And a very long and tiresome march we made;
 But on that April day, when Lee gave up the race
 At his heels he found our gallant Old Brigade.

As we rally once again 'round our old Brigade Flag—
 A relic of the past we dearly prize—
 Memories of McALLISTER, our grand and noble chief,
 Within the hearts of all will fondly rise.
 Gallant, true and brave, beloved by rank and file,
 His record as a soldier ne'er will fade
 As long as lives a man who wore the Diamond badge
 And battled in his Old Brigade.

Long life to our old comrades, SICKLES, SEWELL, PRICE,
 CARR and others whom to-day we welcome here,
 Their valor in the past can never be forgot,
 They'll live with us in Friendship's bonds sincere.
 Now, boys, as we pass down the rugged hill of life,
 And soon our "muster out" may be made,
 Let us pray that the sound of the Great Reveille
 May re-unite our Old Brigade.

JOHN A. MACDONALD,
 Co. G, 7th N. J. Vols.

The usual vote of thanks was tendered to all who had so kindly and lavishly contributed to the entertainment of the old fighting brigade, and everyone pronounced it one of our happiest reunions.

NEW MEMBERS.

BENJAMIN COLEY, Camden, N. J.
 JOHN S. ADAMS, Company F, Sixth Regiment, Atlantic City, N. J.
 JACOB M. FRAZER, Company F, Fifth Regiment, Deerfield, N. J.

TRENTON, N. J., February 9th, 1894.

COMRADE:

The Seventh Annual Reunion of the Second New Jersey Brigade Society, composed of the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 11th New Jersey Regiments, the 2d and 120th New York, the 26th and 115th Pennsylvania, 1st and 11th Massachusetts, 1st Maine Heavy Artillery and Clark's Battery, will assemble at Asbury Park, New Jersey, on Monday, April 9th, 1894.

The comrades will be met at the railroad station by a detail of the comrades of C. K. Hall Post and citizens' committee, who will escort them to place of meeting.

At 11:30 o'clock A. M. the Society will be called to order, in Educational Hall, for the transaction of the regular business, election of officers for the ensuing year, &c., &c.

We expect to have with us a large number of the prominent officers who served with the old Brigade.

RALLY, COMRADES, and let us once more grasp the

hand and look into the face of those who commanded and those with whom we touched elbows from '61 to '65.

Generals Sickles, Carr, Sewell, Ramsay, Price, Rusling and others will be there to greet you, and we hope to have Gen. Joseph Dickinson, Hooker's Assistant Adjutant-General, Gen. George H. Sharp, of the 120th New York, Gen. S. W. Parks, of the 2d New York, with us.

Gen. Harry E. Tremain, of the old Excelsior Brigade, and Chaplain Edwin H. Stewart, will address the Society.

Comrade P. F. McManus, of the 71st Regiment New York Volunteers, will deliver a poem, written expressly for the occasion.

Asbury Park is easy of access by railroad from all parts of the State, and everything looks promising for one of the largest and most pleasant reunions the Society has ever held.

The local committee who have the matter in hand not only very cordially invite, but do most earnestly urge their old comrades to visit them at their beautiful city by the sea. Quoting their words: "We intend to make the day and occasion one long to be remembered by the comrades of the old Second New Jersey Brigade."

By order of the Hon. John J. Gardner, President of the Society, Comrades James H. Bird and W. H. Carman have been appointed a local committee, with power to add to their number, to perfect the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visiting comrades.

Respectfully,

JOHN J. GARDNER,

Pres't 2d N. J. Brig. Society.

CAPT. U. B. TITUS,

Secretary.