

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## FIRST REUNION

OF THE

# THIRTEENTH REGIMENT,

NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS,

AT ORANGE, N. J.,

On Wednesday, October 13th, 1886.

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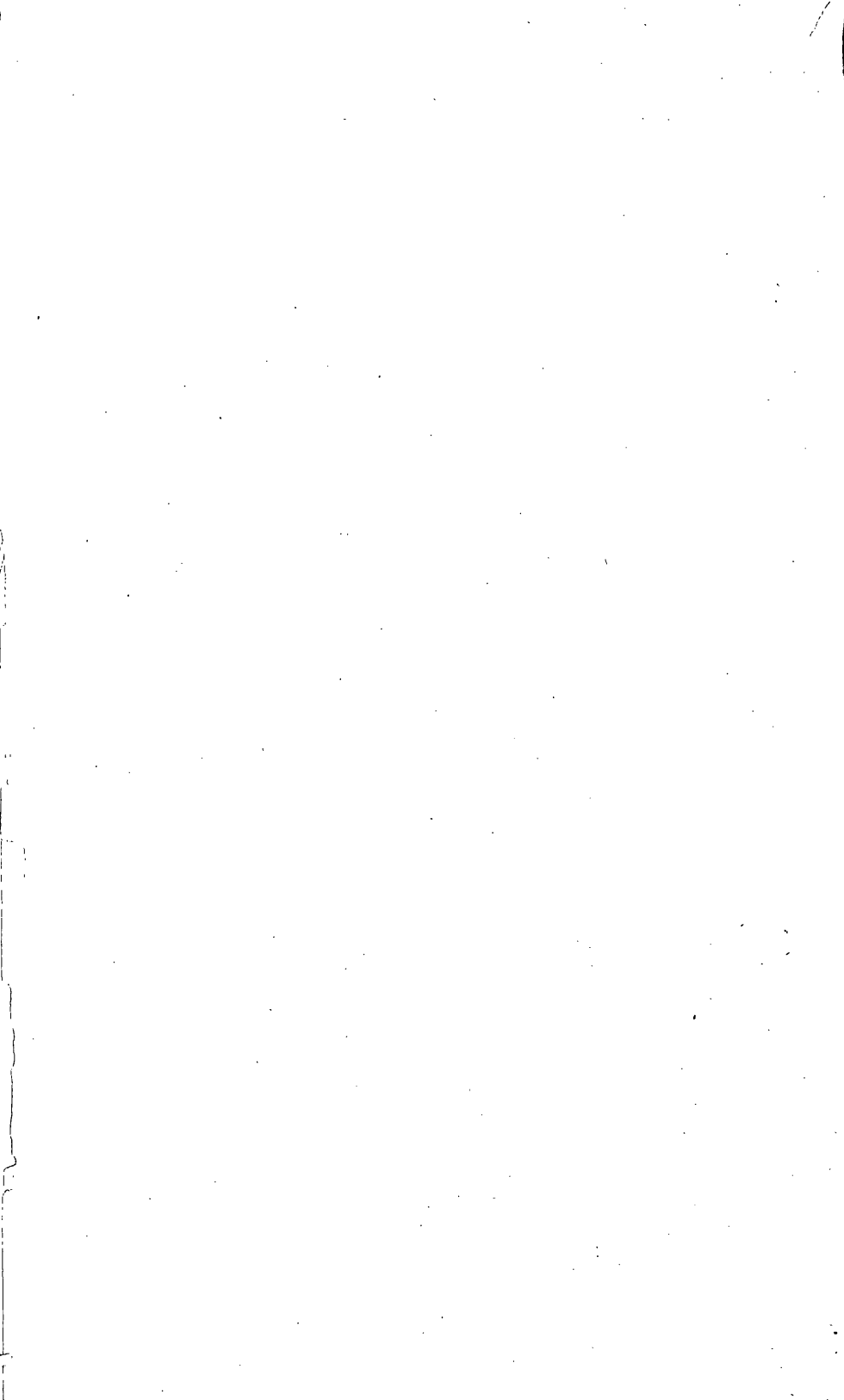
WITH A RECORD OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE VETERAN ASSOCIATION  
OF THE THIRTEENTH REGIMENT, NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS,  
1862-1865, THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS, AND A  
LIST OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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## Introductory.

As a matter of historical interest, the record of the preliminary work, leading to the formation of THE VETERAN ASSOCIATION OF THE THIRTEENTH REGIMENT, NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS, 1862-1865, is hereby inserted.

The first effort in the direction of getting together the old comrades of the Regiment, was by the issuing of the following circular and appeal :

### *To the Surviving Members of the Thirteenth Regiment :*

COMRADES :—

Having been selected to represent the Thirteenth Regiment, to designate the position occupied by it on the 2d and 3d days of July, 1863, on the battle-field of Gettysburg, I accompanied the State Commission on the 30th day of June last, and selected the ground running parallel with Rock Creek, along which the command was formed, the two left companies being almost at right angles with the main line.

The spot selected by the Commission for the proposed monument is about the centre of the line, where a large boulder, facing the hill on which the stone house stands, presents an admirable site.

Of the appropriation made by the State, \$370 will be awarded to each command which participated in the battle, to be applied to the erection of a suitable monument commemorative of the great service there rendered to the Nation. The State Commission ask that this sum be increased by contributions to the fund by the surviving comrades of each command and their friends, in order that stones of appropriate design may be secured, which will reflect credit both upon the State and the donors, and be in harmony with the beautiful work already displayed upon that historic field.

Having been requested by the Secretary of the State Commission to receive contributions from the survivors and the friends of the Thirteenth Regiment, I have accepted the trust, hoping at the same time that a meeting of the members may be held at an early date for the purpose of forming a Regimental Organization, under whose direction, in co-operation with the State Commission, a suitable design for a monument with appropriate inscriptions, may be selected. I would further recommend that a reunion of the surviving members of the Regiment be held at Music Hall, Orange, on Wednesday evening, October 13th, at 7.30 o'clock.

It would also, in my opinion, increase general interest in this patriotic work should it be known that the Regimental Association would take formal action in this matter, and arrange a programme of exercises for the dedication.

A handsome stone can be had for almost any sum between \$500 and \$1500, and there should be no difficulty in raising the larger amount if proper effort be made.

Contributions may be sent to

SAMUEL TOOMBS,

Co. F, 13th Reg't, N. J. Vols.

ORANGE, N. J., August, 1886.

A few days after the issuing of the above, circulars were sent to a few members of the Regiment, requesting a conference in the rooms of Uzal Dodd Post, No. 12, Grand Army of the Republic, at Orange, N. J., on Friday evening, September 3d, which was attended by the following comrades :

Ambrose M. Matthews, Ellis O. Riker, William H. Dodd, Grant A. Wheeler, W. H. Jeroleman, Samuel Toombs.

Telegrams of interest in the movement, and regretting their inability to be present, were received from Gen. F. H. Harris and Major George A. Beardsley.

At this meeting the subject of holding a reunion was earnestly discussed, and it was decided, on motion of Comrade Jeroleman, that all present consider themselves a committee to call another conference in the city of Newark three weeks from that date. In accordance with that resolution the following circular was sent to all the surviving members of the Regiment, whose addresses were obtainable :

13TH REGIMENT, NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

The undersigned, a committee appointed at a conference of members of the Thirteenth Regiment, held at Orange, N. J., on Friday evening, September 3d, invite you to attend a conference at Cosmopolitan Hall, No. 441 Broad Street, cor. M. & E. R. R. Avenue, on Friday evening, September 24th, 1886, at 7 30 o'clock. Make an effort to be with us.

Fraternally yours,

SAMUEL TOOMBS, CO. F.  
 W. H. JEROLEMAN, CO. D.  
 GRANT A. WHEELER, CO. A.  
 WILLIAM H. DODD, CO. D.  
 ELLIS O. RIKER, CO. E.  
 AMBROSE M. MATTHEWS, CO. I.

Pursuant to this call, about forty of the surviving members of the Thirteenth Regiment met in Cosmopolitan Hall, the meeting being called to order by Comrade Samuel Toombs. A temporary organization was effected by the election of Comrades F. H. Harris, chairman, and William H. Jeroleman, Secretary.

The call for the meeting was then read, and also a number of letters from old members of the Regiment, the sentiments of which were received with great favor.

After a general discussion, favoring the holding of a reunion, in which the advantages of Newark, Jersey City, Paterson and Orange were set forth, Comrade J. J. H. Love moved that a reunion of the Regiment be held at Music Hall, Orange, on Wednesday, October 13th, as suggested in the first circular.

Comrade James O. Smith advocated first the formation of a permanent organization, and moved that the question of a reunion be deferred until that matter was decided.

The motion to lay on the table temporarily, prevailed, and on motion an election for permanent officers was at once proceeded with.

Comrades A. M. Matthews and Samuel Toombs were appointed tellers. No nominations being made, each comrade voted for whom he pleased. A count of the ballots cast showed that Comrade F. H. Harris, of Montclair, had received thirty-nine votes, and he was declared the unanimous choice of the meeting for permanent President. The announcement was greeted with applause, and Comrade Harris accepted the position in a pleasant speech of thanks.

Other officers were then chosen as follows :

*Vice-President*—A. M. Matthews, of Orange.

*Secretary*—Albert Delano, of Newark.

*Treasurer*—J. J. H. Love, of Montclair.

These officers were then installed in their respective places, and the association became an established fact.

W. H. JEROLEMAN, Secretary,  
*pro tem.*

Comrade John R. Williams, moved that a new officer be added to the list, that of Corresponding Secretary and Historian, and that Comrade Toombs be chosen to said position, which was unanimously agreed to.

The motion by Comrade Love in regard to the reunion at Orange, was then taken from the table, and was unanimously agreed to.

It was moved that a committee of five be appointed by the Chair to make all the necessary arrangements for the same. Agreed to.

The President appointed as the Committee on Reunion: Comrades A. M. Matthews, W. H. Dodd, W. B. Jacobus, B. Livingstone, Samuel Toombs.

On motion the following Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was appointed by the Chair: Comrades G. W. Lawrence, John R. Williams, Thomas B. Smith.

The following committee to solicit contributions for the Regimental

Monument at Gettysburg, to procure designs for the same, and provide for its erection, was on motion appointed by the chair :

Comrades F. H. HARRIS,	}	<i>Ex. Officio.</i>
“ A. M. MATTHEWS,		
“ J. J. H. LOVE,		
“ A. DELANO,		
“ SAM'L TOOMBS,		
“ J. GRIMES, representing	Field and Staff of Regiment.	
“ W. S. CLARK, “	Non. Com. “ “	
“ M. CONNERS, “	Drum & Fife Corps “	
“ F. H. MURPHY, “	Company A, “	
“ CHAS. WEBBER, “	“ B, “	
“ D. A. RYERSON, “	“ C, “	
“ G. W. LAWRENCE, “	“ D, “	
“ W. B. JACOBUS, “	“ E, “	
“ WM. PRIDHAM, “	“ F, “	
“ H. NICHOLS, “	“ G, “	
“ ED. SHARP, “	“ H, “	
“ G. W. BODWELL, “	“ I, “	
“ A. JACKSON, “	“ K, “	

The meeting then adjourned to meet at Orange, N. J., on Wednesday, October 13th, 1886.

ALBERT DELANO, Secretary.

The following circular was sent to surviving members of the Regiment inviting them to participate in the Reunion exercises :

ORANGE, N. J., October 6, 1886.

COMRADE :—

You are hereby invited to attend the first Reunion of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteer Infantry, at Orange, N. J., on Wednesday, October 13, 1886. Exercises will continue from 2 to 9 P. M.

A. M. MATTHEWS,	}	<i>Committee on Reunion.</i>
WILLIAM H. DODD,		
SAMUEL TOOMBS,		
W. W. JACOBUS,		
B. LIVINGSTONE,		

# THE FIRST REUNION PROCEEDINGS.

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ORANGE, N. J., October 13th, 1886.

At three o'clock, P. M., surviving comrades of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, to the number of about one hundred and sixty, assembled in the handsome headquarters of Uzal Dodd Post, No. 12, G. A. R., that organization having unanimously tendered the use of its rooms to the members of the Thirteenth.

The President, Comrade F. H. Harris, called the meeting to order, and in a cordial and fraternal speech, greeted the assembled comrades to this the first Reunion of the Regiment since the close of the war.

Col. James N. Duffy, the President, and Hon. William H. Corbin, the Secretary, of the New Jersey Gettysburg Battle-Field Commission, being present by invitation, were requested to occupy seats on the platform.

Capt. George B. Senior, President of the Seventh Regiment, New Jersey Veteran Association, also an invited guest, was unanimously accorded the privileges of the floor.

The minutes of the meeting held in Cosmopolitan Hall, Newark, were read and approved.

Comrade A. M. Matthews, Chairman of the Committee on Reunion, made a verbal report, outlining the programme of exercises for the day, which was received as a report of progress, and the Committee ordered to remain on duty until the close of the exercises.

Comrade George W. Lawrence, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, reported having completed their labors, and submitted their report in writing. The Committee was discharged with the thanks of the Comrades. The Constitution and By-Laws were read through, first as a whole, and then acted upon section by section. The Constitution and By-Laws were then amended, and as amended, adopted as a whole. (See page 21).

This business having been concluded, the presence of Comrade Ezra A. Carman, the Colonel of the Regiment, was announced. The President ordered that a recess of fifteen minutes be taken for the purpose of welcoming "our old Colonel."

The intermission was a source of pure and unalloyed enjoyment to every comrade present. Old friends, long since believed to have passed from earth away, greeted each other with unstinted cordiality, and the President's gavel awoke all rather suddenly to the urgent demands of the present.

Colonel Carman was then formally welcomed by the President, and he replied in a short address, expressing his own great pleasure in being present.

The Gettysburg Monument Committee presented the following report:

NEWARK, N. J., October 13, 1886.

*To the officers and members of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers:*

COMRADES:—Your Committee having in charge the erection of a monument on the battle-field of Gettysburg, to mark the position occupied by the Regiment on the second and third days of July, 1863, would respectfully report: On the night of September 24th last, the Committee organized by the election of Comrade F. H. Harris, President, Samuel Toombs, Secretary, and Dr. J. J. H. Love, Treasurer. The following subscriptions, amounting to \$301.00 were received up to date:

J. J. H. Love.....	\$50.00	Samuel Toombs.....	\$5.00
Chas. A. Hopkins.....	10.00	A. B. Combs .....	5.00
J. P. Howatt.....	5.00	W. H. Jeroleman.....	5.00
W. H. Miller.....	5.00	W. S. Clarke.....	5.00
Jos. T. Mead.....	5.00	Geo. W. Lawrence.....	10.00
W. S. Stryker.....	10.00	John R. Miller.....	5.00
John Grimes.....	25.00	Thos. B. Smith.....	5.00
Charles Webber.....	10.00	Albert Delano .....	10.00
Jas. O. Smith.....	25.00	F. H. Harris.....	50.00
W. H. Pridham .....	5.00	S. Duncan, Jr. ....	5.00
A. M. Matthews.....	25.00	W. B. Jacobus.....	5.00
Joseph Sloane.....	3.00	J. H. Jacobus.....	5.00
Chester Dunham.....	3.00	J. R. Williams.....	5.00

The Committee have resolved to raise, independent of the State appropriation of \$370.00, the sum of \$1,000.00, and appeal to all the surviving comrades of the Thirteenth Regiment to contribute something to this work, be it much or little. Whatever deficiency may then exist will no doubt be made up cheerfully by voluntary contributions on the part of friends of the Regiment. Contributions may be made direct to the Treasurer of the Committee, Comrade J. J. H. Love, of Montclair, or to any member of the Committee.

SAMUEL TOOMBS, Secretary.

The report was received and the decision of the Committee approved. Comrades Joseph E. Crowell, of Co. K., and Jacob White, of Co. C. were, on motion, designated to co-operate with the Committee.

After discussion as to the time of holding the annual reunion of the Association, it was finally agreed that the Wednesday nearest to the 17th of September in each year be the date.

The President appointed Comrades E. A. Carman, David A. Ryerson, J. J. H. Love, John Grimes and J. E. Crowell, a Committee to select three places from which to choose one for the next annual meeting. The Committee proposed Paterson, Jersey City and Newark.

Tellers for the inspection of ballots were appointed, and Comrade Crowell made so eloquent a plea for Paterson, that the Secretary was instructed by the Association to cast a ballot for that city, which was accordingly done, and ratified by unanimous acclaim.

Letters were read from several absent comrades, and the following from W. S. Stryker, Adjutant General of the National Guard, State of New Jersey, was ordered to be spread in full upon the minutes by a rising vote :

STATE OF NEW JERSEY, OFFICE OF ADJUTANT GENERAL, }  
TRENTON, October 11, 1886 }

MY DEAR SIR :

Your very kind invitation to join with your old Regiment, the Thirteenth New Jersey, in their first reunion since the war, on Wednesday next, at Orange, reaches me after I had already made another engagement for that day. I regret then that I cannot be present and witness the greeting, after twenty years of separation, of those who have passed through the smoke of battle in the many hard fought struggles of the Army of the Potomac, and in the succession of victories which crowned the arms of the Army of the Cumberland. It is a good thing for the veterans of our civil war to meet thus together from time to time to recount the deeds in which they were chief actors and thus make the true history of the valor of this generation, and to talk of the lives and services of those who on the skirmish line, in the hour of battle, or afterward in the wards of the hospital gave up their lives to crush the rebellion. It is in this friendly converse that you will gather new strength for the contest of every day life as you feel the effects of age, of wounds and disease beginning their sharp inroads on your own physical strength. The men who marched along the Hagerstown pike and near the Dunker church when the destructive fire was poured upon them, which killed the brave Captain Irish and wounded so many of your comrades, can never obliterate the memory of the struggle of that dreadful day. Who of you can forget the miserable toil which was yours in that awful mud march to Quantico Creek? With tearful eyes you will examine again the casualty list in the Chancellorsville campaign, and when you have passed the hundredth man you will sadly close the roll covered all over with drops of the good blood of your brothers-in-arms. Is there a man of you who does not often recall that terrible day at Rock Creek when you held the left of the enemy and listened so eagerly to the awful sound of two hundred pieces of artillery on Seminary and from Cemetery Ridge! Hurried out to the West we can read in your history how the Red-Stars saved brave Simonsons' battery in Resaca's fight, and learn how the gallant Baldwin cheered from the breast-works as he fell in the hour of victory. The days will come when as old men your grandchildren will listen with open ears to your recital of the story of your brave deeds in front of Atlanta, of the many amusing scenes as you marched with "Sherman to the Sea," your gallant charge in the ugly swamp at Averysboro, or of the good conduct of every one of you at the Bentonville fight. The memories of these and other episodes in the war will now come up to

you again and as you march together once more in thin line, or sit together around the hospitable board I beg you to feel with renewed ardor that this country with its wonderful past history, with the great future which even our eyes are permitted to see and which our imagination can perhaps in some slight degree predict, that this country—our country—is worth all the sufferings, all the privations, all the toils which you in your early manhood so cheerfully gave to it on Southern soil during the great civil war.

I am, yours very truly,

WILLIAM S. STRYKER,

Adjutant General of New Jersey.

MR. SAMUEL TOOMBS,

Orange, New Jersey.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are due and hereby tendered to Uzal Dodd Post, No. 12, G. A. R., of Orange, for their generosity in according us the free use of their rooms.

President Harris, at this point retired, and Vice-President Matthews occupied the chair.

Comrade Toombs offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the officers elected on September 24th, 1886, be, and are hereby declared to be the officers elect of this Association for the ensuing year.

Comrade White offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable design for a badge for this Association, and to report at the next meeting.

Comrades Jacob White, George W. Lawrence and Charles Webber, were appointed such committee.

The President appointed the following "Executive Committee," in accordance with the Constitution, Article 3, Section 1; and By-Law No. 4:

Comrade Joseph E. Crowell, of Paterson, N. J.

"	Wm. H. Miller,	"	"
"	Jacob White,	"	"
"	John C. Stansfield,	"	"
"	Patrick Costello,	"	"

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a committee of one from each company of the Regiment be appointed to secure the names of old members of the Regiment for membership in the Association, and to procure the initiation fee of one dollar from each.

The following comrades were appointed as such committee: J. R. Williams, Co. A; Robt. Burnstead, Co. B; Jacob White, Co. C;

George W. Lawrence, Co. D; B. Livingstone, Co. E; George W. Taylor, Co. F; J. Arey, Co. G; E. Sharp, Co. H; A. M. Matthews, Co. I; Joseph E. Crowell, Co. K.

Resolutions were passed as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to have the Constitution and By-Laws printed in convenient form.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary and Treasurer be hereby authorized to purchase the necessary supplies for the proper conduct of the business of their respective offices.

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to sign the names of all comrades to the Constitution and By-Laws, who pay their initiation fee of one dollar at this meeting.

During the progress of the meeting the Monument Committee called upon each comrade present for a contribution to the fund, and Comrade Toombs announced as the result an increase in the amount subscribed to the sum of \$475.00. Interesting remarks concerning the battle-field of Gettysburg and the work of the State Commission were made by the Hon. W. H. Corbin, and appeals to comrades were made by Comrade Hopkins and others.

At 7 o'clock the meeting adjourned to prepare for the parade, under the escort of the militia and Uzal Dodd Post.

## THE PARADE AND BANQUET.

Previous to the adjournment, a substantial lunch was furnished the members in the Post rooms, and at 7.45 the Association filed down to the Main street and formed in line, under the command of Colonel Carman. The Orange Battalion, commanded by Major E. H. Snyder, preceded by Markwith's Band, had already formed, the right resting on Day street, and Uzal Dodd Post, No. 12, commanded by Post Commander George Lethbridge, brought up the rear. The line of March was down Main street to Brick church, countermarching to St. Mark's church, then countermarching to Music Hall. All along the line of march the Regiment was greeted enthusiastically by the populace, dwellings and stores were profusely illuminated, and the march enlivened by a steady stream of fireworks from all directions. Arriving at Music Hall, the Regiment passed the Orange Battalion in review and marched down Day street to the Hall.

The cordiality of the reception extended to the Regiment by the citizens of Orange had completely won the hearts of the old soldiers, but when they filed into the banquet room in Upper Music Hall, the well-filled tables, and the elaborate preparations of Messrs. S. & J.

Davis, the well-known caterers, called forth unanimous praise for such unstinted hospitality. The Menu was all that could be desired, and when the President called the assemblage to order every chair was occupied, the guests numbering 160. Major George A. Beardsley invoked the divine blessing, and as the company sat down to the repast, Markwith's Band regaled the boys with choice selections, and won their applause when a pot-pourri of army songs and bugle calls was performed. At the close of the dinner, and when the cigars had been passed freely around, President Harris arose and addressed the assemblage as follows :

COMRADES AND FRIENDS :

Accept my thanks for the compliment of being called upon to preside over the deliberations of the association of veterans of the 13th Regiment, N. J. Volunteers.

It was my good fortune to be called to a somewhat prominent position in connection with our Regiment, and I can assure you that one who has been responsible for the life and comfort of *such* a body of men, can never cease to feel an affectionate interest in their welfare.

It is with much pleasure that we meet together as an organization—twenty-one years after our term of service has expired.

It is a long time since, on the 15th of June, 1865, we received from the municipal authorities of our neighboring city of Newark, a formal reception at the time our Regiment was finally disbanded, having been mustered out of the service because the war was ended.

Nevertheless, the fact that it has been so long, increases the pleasure we feel, as we once more greet each other around the festive board. We have waited the allotted time to reach our manhood. We have come to our majority, and we are all therefore *Majors*.

And while it may be true that we cannot be accused of having the rashness of youth, we still retain the enthusiasm (as this occasion abundantly demonstrates) of the veterans in arms, and comrades of many battlefields.

We are grateful that at this first reunion of our organization, we meet under circumstances so favorable to our enjoyment, surrounded by the *patriotic* and *hospitable* citizens of this town of Orange, where the soldier has always received a hearty welcome, and where the friendship for our Regiment, composed as it was of members of their first families—the Piersons, Freemans, Matthews, Munns, Dodds, Harrisons, and many others—is shown by the munificent manner in which they have provided for our entertainment, and to which they have added the compliment of their presence, thus signified their friendship for us, the veterans of the Regiment, on this occasion.

I have often thought of the co-incidence of the number of our Regiment, and the number of the original States of the Union, (thirteen) it seems to link us to those sturdy veterans—our forefathers—who in the days of the Revolution, defended the sacred soil of our beloved State, and to ally us as a Regiment with the old Jersey Blues, who protected their homes on our ever memorable battlefields of Trenton, Princeton and Monmouth.

We are justly proud of the achievements of our ancestors, and trust that we may be excused for claiming for ourselves that credit which is justly our due. It is a matter of pride to us, who were members of this Regiment, that we may claim to have participated in its achievements, and in the noble service it rendered in behalf of the nation.

We also recognize the fact that this, our first reunion, is held upon the 13th of the month, thus linking the past with its proud memories to the present, with its joyous experience. We think the circumstances befitting the reunion of those who have been so long separated by distance, and the various avocations and positions, which God in His providence has called upon us to fulfill.

We trust that we shall be excused by our friends who did not have the *pleasure* of marching through the mud with us, or many of the *other* delights of army life, if we appear to lose our *usual* modesty and refer with too great a degree of exultation to the scenes and circumstances in which we have participated, but we beg of you to remember that it has *always* been the prerogative of the old soldier with his comrades "to shoulder his crutch and fight his battles o'er again."

In the constitution, which you have to-day adopted, you have declared among other things, that "its object shall be to develop the facts and circumstances relating to the origin and service of the 13th Regiment, to preserve the records of its numerous campaigns, marches, battles and skirmishes, and thus perpetuate the history of its achievements."

There are certain facts of history, to which I desire especially to call your attention at this time, in its relation to our organization, and which, I believe, has a *mighty* influence in connection with its subsequent history, and the value of the material of which it was composed.

There were *three* epochs in the history of the war, so far as relates to the procuring of men for service in the army. The first was that period which immediately followed the attack on Fort Sumpter, on the 12th of April, 1861.

The first gun fired at Charleston, *awoke* the nation from its feeling of false security—announced to the world that American liberty was to fight for its existence, or perish from the list of nations.

The magnificent display of patriotism which we then observed, will never be forgotten by those who saw it.

Language is inadequate to describe the enthusiasm which swept the country like a tornado; the whole land was *ablaze* with excitement; with scarcely an exception the people of the North, without distinction of party, rallied to the support of the government.

Meetings were held in all the large cities, and attended by the people by the acre, processions were formed by the mile. Loyalty was preached from the pulpits in our churches, spoken and sung upon the stage, and everywhere advocated.

When President Lincoln issued his call for 75,000 men for three months, the loyal States responded with a hearty *Amen*, that reverberated from ocean to ocean, the call was more than filled, and the offer of men was much greater than the War Department considered it necessary to accept. This was the *first* epoch.

Then followed the stern realities of the war, the delays in army movements until the following Spring, and the defeats in Virginia had a serious effect on our mercurial people. They were disappointed that the war did not end as soon as they had hoped, and their ardor was very much cooled. *This change of feeling* had its influence upon enlistments, which became slow, so that before the end of the second year of the war it was difficult to secure men in sufficient numbers to meet the requirements of the service. This was the *second* epoch.

Then came the draft, and the payment of large bounties to secure enlistments, and substitutes, which continued during the remainder of the war. This constituted the *third* epoch.

It was during this *second* epoch in July, 1862, President Lincoln issued his call for 300,000 men, and asked the State of New Jersey to raise her quota, when recruiting for our Regiment began.

It was a critical time for the country, a series of defeats beginning with Bull Run and continuing through the year 1861, the disastrous Peninsula Campaign, the recall of the army for the defence of Washington, the disastrous battle of Cedar or "Slaughter" Mountain, under General Pope. *These* were the circumstances under which this Regiment was raised. Alarm and depression had seized the people, and it was only the loyal, the determined, the stout hearted and the brave, who, from a sense of duty and love of country, went forth to meet the emergency.

The days of the first burst of enthusiasm were over, the time had passed when men enlisted as if they were going upon a holiday excursion or picnic, and with the expectation that the war would be over in three months.

We enlisted for three years and knew that "hard knocks" were to be given and received, that a severe and desperate struggle was upon us, involving hardships, privations, and to many of our number, death. A

time when enlistment indicated a greater degree of patriotism than at any other period of the war, between the time when many went *without consideration* and the time when they went for a *large consideration*.

You went after due deliberation, from the anvil and the plough, the workshop and the office, a band of volunteers with a full realization of what it meant, without draft or bounty, as loyal men you gallantly sprang forward to meet the emergency.

Among the troops furnished by the several States, none were more conspicuous for gallantry than those furnished by the State of New Jersey, and we may well be proud of the achievements of *all* of our regiments. But among them all, we claim that none has a brighter record than the old *Thirteenth*.

Is it any wonder that these sons of the old Jersey Blues should inherit the gallantry of their fathers, or when volunteering under the circumstances above mentioned, they proved to be among the most efficient of any that entered the service from this or any other State.

The grandeur of their acts, can only be measured by the grandeur of their purpose and their object.

The time of your enlistment preceded the severest struggle of the war, and during your service most of the important campaigns and decisive battles took place, in many of which you participated and bore an honorable part. Your service continued until the rebellion was extinguished and the country had no further need of it.

You were mustered into the service on Monday, August 25th, 1862; started to the front in obedience to urgent orders from the War Department on Sunday, the 31st of the same month, and within seventeen days, at Antietam, you had your "first baptism of blood"—but I will not weary you by reference to the movements of the "Red Star boys" at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg and other points in the East—your long campaign from Chattanooga to Atlanta, your "forty" days in the wilderness of Georgia, as with General Sherman (our uncle Tecumseh) we ploughed our way from "Atlanta to the Sea," and thence through the Carolinas and Virginia to Washington and participated in the grand review in 1865. Others will doubtless refer to them more eloquently than I can, on this or on some future occasion.

I desire briefly to refer to and commend to your favorable consideration, our Gettysburg Monument. As before stated, when we entered the service it was a time of deepest depression; but when from General Meade at Gettysburg, on July 4, 1863, the message of victory was flashed over the land, there came the message from General Grant that Vicksburg had fallen. The country realized that the backbone of the rebellion was broken, and hope and gladness took the place of depression.

It was becoming that the country should recognize your valor on that field, among the homes of our patriotic people, and that a suitable monument of the occasion should there be erected.

I cannot close without a word with reference to our departed comrades from this town. How conspicuous by *their* absence are the places of our friends, Captain E. Dickson Pierson, Doctor J. Addison Freeman, Sergeant Farrand Dodd, Sergeant Frederick J. Harrison, Sergeant James Magee, Sergeant Walter Cummings and many others. How gladly would they have welcomed us here, and how enthusiastically would we have greeted them.

We will drop a tear upon their hallowed graves, will endeavor to emulate their virtues and hope to join them in the Everlasting Reunion in the better land.

At the close of the President's address, he turned the command over to Vice-President A. M. Matthews, as toast-master, and the round of enjoyment was at once entered upon. To the toast:

"The City of Orange," George Spottiswoode, Esq., responded in a feeling vein and recounted the work done by Orange during the war.

"The State of New Jersey" received excellent treatment by Hon. Elias M. Condit, who extolled the patriotism and the hardships of the Home Guards during the war and paid fitting tribute to the valor of New Jersey troops.

"THE THIRTEENTH REGIMENT, NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS."

Dr. J. J. H. Love, the First Surgeon of the Regiment, responded in the following interesting address:

Of the eighty thousand soldiers which New Jersey sent to the war of 1861-'65, none turned their faces southward and took up the line of march on that (to them) memorable last Sunday of August, 1862, with more grim determination and loyal hearts, than did the Thirteenth Regiment, as it filed out of old Camp Frelinghuysen.

Looking back over those years of war, we can truthfully say of those who went through the greatest hardships and dangers, who bore the most wounds, whose faith never failed, whose white headstones hallow so many acres of consecrated ground, the vast majority belonged to the rank and file. Their fortitude and dogged resolution never failed. And eventually gave to us and our posterity, the enjoyment of independence and manhood, justice and liberty—one name—one hope, and union forever, under one flag.

The Thirteenth Regiment marched out of this county with nine hundred and thirty-seven (937) officers and men on its muster rolls. It marched back in two years, nine months and fourteen days with three hundred and twenty-seven (327) officers and men, having participated in nineteen historic battles of the war, beside many skirmishes and reconnoissances. One hundred and three (103) of its number were killed in battle, or died from the effects of wounds received on the field, and over three hundred (300) were wounded in various battles.

It went away with a beautiful flag given it as the donor said: "Not for holiday purposes, but for the smoke of battle, and as a rallying object in the hour when they and the enemy should meet face to face."

It came back with flags worn, tattered and burned from march and battle, but with every star and stripe there, and in addition, their flag bore in letters of gold, the words—Antietam, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Resaca, Dallas, Kulp's Farm, Nancy's Creek, Peach Tree Creek, Rocky Face Ridge, Pine Knob, Cassville, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Savannah, Averysboro, and Bentonville.

The Thirteenth, when it reached Arlington, Va., was attached to the Third Brigade, First Division, Twelfth Corps, Army of the Potomac, and when it went West, belonged to the Second Brigade, First Division, Twentieth Corps, Army of the Cumberland. Its First Brigade Commander was General Gordon, of Massachusetts. Its second, that brave and gallant soldier, General Thomas H. Ruger, of Wisconsin; after him, Colonel Colgrove, Twenty-seventh Indiana, and Colonel Hawley, Third Wisconsin, and then its own, Colonel Carman. For Division Commander, we had from the beginning to the end of our term of service, that true, skillful and capable soldier, General Alpheus S. Williams, of Michigan. While for Corps Commander, we had first the noble General Mansfield, who fell at Antietam, and from that time with slight intermission, the man whom we have all learned to love and respect both for his soldierly abilities, his skillful generalship and manly bearing; that loyal son of the Empire State, General H. W. Slocum.

We honor every man who wore the Union uniform during those years of battle, but especially do the survivors of the gallant Thirteenth cherish a warm spot in their hearts for their noble Brigade, Division and Corps Commanders.

To recount the battles, defeats, victories and marches of this Regiment, would be to give a history of the war. If the muster rolls of the old Regiment were spread out here to-night, and seen as you saw them once; if the familiar names were called as once you heard them called, each man here could rise in his place and answer not for one comrade but for many—"Died on the field of honor."

It has been said that a soldier ought never to open his mouth but to

tear a cartridge, and if I occupy your time much longer, I fear you will say as Shakespeare's soldier did: "And yet when blows have made me stay, I fled from words."

During the battle of Resaca, General Simonson's battery of the Fourth Corps, having been left unsupported and in imminent danger of capture by the enemy, General Hooker seeing the First Division near at hand, ordered them to advance, and shouted to the Captain of the Battery: "Double shot those pieces, they can't take your battery, the Red Star Corps supported you." The proud advance and well-delivered rallies of your Regiment and Corps, gained the commendation of your officers, saved the battery and turned the assault of the enemy into a retreat. During the siege of Atlanta, when the hour came to destroy the houses on the hill in front of the enemy's forts, from whose cover for days, sharpshooters had been killing your men by a daring attack, the Thirteenth Regiment captured the skirmish line, silenced the guns in the forts by picking off the gunners, while volunteers from the different companies of the Regiment, burned the houses. The work done, the Regiment marched back to its old breast-works amid the cheers of thousands of spectators.

On the march through the Carolinas, you may remember that an orderly was captured with dispatches from General Beaurgard to the Rebel General Wheeler, ordering him to collect troops at a certain point, and hold the Federal forces in check until he should arrive. The reply of Wheeler was—"I can't hold Sherman's foragers, let alone his army." I believe those foragers belonged to the Thirteenth Jersey.

I need not recall to you the 19th of March, 1865, when you fought your last battle and crowned your many achievements with a glorious record, "deserving," as said your Brigade Commander, "the thanks of the whole army," for you saved it from disaster. And this too, as has been well said by our regimental historian: "After a march of four hundred miles, having crossed innumerable swamps, built miles of railroad, and endured untold hardships."

It is glory enough for us and our posterity to know that the Thirteenth Regiment helped to stem the tide of rebel invasion, under McClellan at Antietam; fought its severest fight under Hooker at Chancellorsville, held its position in the hardest fought and most destructive battle of the war under Meade at Gettysburg, and marched with Sherman "from Atlanta to the sea."

I am speaking to men no longer young. Our best years are behind us. There is only a remnant left of the grand armies, which marched up Pennsylvania Avenue, in 1865. A night upon the frozen ground with a blanket for a covering, would send most of us to the hospital. While our joints have been stiffening, and our blood growing cold, a

new generation of men has sprung up around us. It would be an insult to the educational influences of our day and generation to intimate that they have not been taught to gather in the lessons of patriotism and endurance of which you, veterans of the Thirteenth, were such wonderful examples. As said Edward Everett of the Webster and Hayne debate, so we can well say of battle days: "From the wars of the Assyrian Kings down to ours, there never were battles fought whose consequences were more important to humanity, than that of Gettysburg." And it is the pleasure and duty of us, the survivors, to erect on that field, at an early day, a fitting monument to the memory of our old true comrades, who stood shoulder to shoulder, fighting a common foe; to tell for all future time our pride in what they did, and to honor the name and record of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers.

"The Twelfth Army Corps," brought out from Comrade James O. Smith, a glowing tribute to the men who wore the Star.

"Our Patriotic Citizens." Response by Comrade Samuel Toombs.

"Gettysburg," received excellent treatment by Captain Charles A. Hopkins, who spoke feelingly of the desperate nature of that encounter.

"The National Guard." Response by Lieut. W. H. Latimer.

"Uzal Dodd Post." Response by Commander George Lethbridge.

"The Ladies." Response by Comrades L. T. Fell, and Colonel Thomas P. O'Reilly.

Comrade Bumstead offered the following, which were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved,* That we recognize in the magnificent reception and the bounteous hospitality given to the surviving members of the Thirteenth Regiment, by the people of Orange, the existence of a deep patriotic feeling for the cause of freedom, and an earnest appreciation of the sacrifices made by the soldiers of the civil war, in defence of the Union.

*Resolved,* That we hereby extend our cordial thanks to the patriotic citizens of Orange, for their deep interest in our welfare, and shall ever carry in our hearts, the recollection of their bounty as exhibited in the First Reunion of this Regiment.

At 12 o'clock the exercises came to a close, and amid the strains of "Home, Sweet Home," by the band, the First Reunion of the Thirteenth Regiment was brought to a close.

ALBERT DELANO, Secretary.

## LIST OF CONTRIBUTORS.

Contributors to expense of Banquet, given by citizens of Orange and vicinity, to surviving members of the 13th Regiment, N. J. Vols., October 13th, 1886.

Dr. William Pierson,  
 Wilberforce Freeman,  
 A. M. Matthews,  
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 Geo. H. Hartford,  
 T. G. Barber,  
 C. A. Lighthipe,  
 H. A. Potter,  
 E. O. Doremus,  
 A. P. Condit,  
 C. M. Decker,  
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 John Gill,  
 D. A. Bell,  
 J. Everett Reynolds,  
 George P. Kingsley,  
 Fritz Reinhardt,  
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 Josiah F. Dodd,  
 James Peck,  
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 J. W. Field,  
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 Ezra Williams,  
 H. Blaurock,  
 Edgar Williams,  
 Hon. Elias M. Condit,  
 F. Cummings,  
 H. M. Matthews,  
 J. M. Williams,  
 J. Warren Smith,  
 S. Toombs.

# CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

## Veteran Association of the 13th Regiment,

NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS. 1862—1865.

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### ARTICLE I.

SEC. 1. This Association shall be known as the Veteran Association of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, 1862—1865, and shall be composed of Officers and Enlisted men, who have at any time served with honor in that Regiment, and have been honorably discharged therefrom; who shall, when they assent to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association, pay to the Treasurer thereof, an initiation fee of one dollar.

SEC. 2. Honorary members may from time to time be elected from those who have served with honor in any of the Armies or the Navy of the United States, and also from those who have acted as Orators at any Reunions of the Association.

### ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Association shall be to develop the facts and circumstances relating to the organization and service of the Thirteenth Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, to preserve the records of its numerous campaigns, marches, battles and skirmishes, and thus perpetuate the history of its achievements, to hand down to posterity the name and fame of those who have contributed to its honorable record, as well as those who have fallen either on the field of battle, or in the line of duty with the Regiment, to cherish the memories and associations, and to strengthen the ties of fraternal friendship and sympathy, formed from companionship in that Regiment.

### ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a president, vice-president, corresponding secretary and historian, recording secretary, treasurer, and a chaplain, and such other officers, as from time to

time may be deemed advisable; and an executive committee composed of five members, and the president, corresponding and recording secretaries and treasurer.

SEC. 2. The officers shall be elected at each annual meeting, for the ensuing year. All the officers shall be chosen by ballot by a majority vote of all the members of the Association present, who are entitled to vote. All officers are to hold over until the close of the annual meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV.

Political, or any other discussions foreign to the purposes of this Association, as set forth in this Constitution, at any of the meetings, or any proceeding of such a tendency, are declared inimical to the purposes of the organization, and are prohibited.

#### ARTICLE V.

This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of the Association, provided the alteration or amendment proposed, has been submitted in writing, and filed with the recording secretary, at least three months before the regular meeting at which it is proposed to present the same, and provided further, that two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, vote in favor thereof.

## BY - LAWS.

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1. Any honorably discharged officer or enlisted man of the Thirteenth Regiment of New Jersey Volunteers, desiring to become members of this Association, shall, upon giving his assent to the Constitution and By-Laws, and paying to the treasurer the sum of one dollar as an initiation fee, become a member of the Association.
2. The annual dues of the Association shall be one dollar, and no member shall be entitled to vote, who shall be in arrears.
3. The treasurer shall disburse all the moneys of the Association, upon the order of the executive committee, attested by the signature of the chairman thereof, and shall, at each annual meeting make a report in detail of his receipts and disbursements, properly audited by the president and secretary of the Association.
4. When the place of the next annual meeting shall be decided upon, the president shall appoint an executive committee, as provided for in Article III of the Constitution, whose duty it shall be to make all needful preparations and arrangements for such meeting. The committee thus appointed shall be selected, so far as practicable, from members residing nearest to the place of said next meeting.
5. No member of the Association shall speak more than twice on any subject or question of business, and no longer than ten minutes, without the consent of the Association first obtained.
6. The executive committee may, if deemed expedient, select an orator to deliver an address, appropriate to the occasion, at the annual meeting.
7. The recording secretary shall cause a book of records to be kept, exhibiting the address of every member of the Association, and duly notify each member as to the time and place of the next meeting.
8. The president shall appoint two tellers, for the elections required by the Constitution. Prior to balloting for the place for the holding of the next annual meeting, the president shall appoint a committee of

five, who shall report not more than three places for the meeting, and the balloting shall be confined to the places named.

9. The election of officers shall be conducted as follows : Each officer to be balloted for separately, and elected by a majority of the votes cast.

10. In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall preside ; and in the absence of both officers, a president *pro tempore* shall be chosen by the meeting.

11. The recording secretary shall notify all the officers of the Association, and the executive committee, of any proposed amendment of the Constitution, immediately upon receipt thereof.

12. Honorary members may be elected by a majority vote of all the members present at any regular meeting.

13. A majority vote of all the members present at any regular meeting, shall be required to alter or amend these By-Laws.

14. Cushing's Manual of Parliamentary Law shall be the authority for the government and regulation of all the meetings of the Association.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Report of treasurer.
3. Election of new members.
4. Appointment of committee to select place of next meeting.
5. Propositions of places for next meeting.
6. Reports of committees.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Report of committee on place of meeting.
9. Election of officers for ensuing year.
10. New business.

The treasurer will receive the annual dues of the comrades before the meeting is called to order.

G. W. LAWRENCE,  
JNO. R. WILLIAMS,  
THOS. B. SMITH. } Committee.

OFFICERS FOR 1886—'87.

- COL. FRED H. HARRIS, President, address, 746 Broad St., Newark, N. J.  
CAPT. A. M. MATTHEWS, Vice-President, address, Orange Valley, N. J.  
SURGEON J. J. H. LOVE, Treasurer, address, Montclair, N. J.  
SAMUEL TOOMBS, Corresponding Secretary and Historian, address, 34  
and 36 North Moore St., New York.  
ALBERT DELANO, Recording Secretary, address, 80 Thomas Street,  
Newark, N. J.

MEMBERS, OCTOBER, 1886.

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| Arey, John H.        | Littell, William B.    |
| Atkins, Abram        | Lawrence, George W.    |
| Baldwin, Amzi W.     | Lewis, John            |
| Ball, Silas          | Livingstone, Bernard   |
| Barton, John         | Love, Jno. J. H.       |
| Beardsley, George A. | Madison, Robert        |
| Behan, Jas.          | Manning, Reune B.      |
| Bruen, William T.    | Matthews, Ambrose M.   |
| Bumstead, Robert     | Mead, Joseph T.        |
| Burr, Jas.           | Miller, John R.        |
| Burr, Stephen        | Miller, William H.     |
| Butterworth, John    | Montgomery, Thomas     |
| Carman, Jas. L.      | Moore, George W.       |
| Carr, David C.       | Morehouse, George W.   |
| Carlough, John C.    | Nield, John            |
| Combs, A. B.         | Norcross, William      |
| Costello, Patrick    | O'Connor, Michael      |
| Crawford, Isaac      | Ogden, John W.         |
| Crowell, Joseph E.   | Oughiltree, Charles M. |
| Delano, Albert       | O'Reilly, Thomas P.    |
| Demarest, John       | Paige, James C.        |
| Devor, Thomas R.     | Pewtner, Joseph H.     |
| Dodd, William H.     | Pierson, Joseph W.     |
| Douglass, William W. | Post, John A.          |
| Duncan, Sebastian    | Pridham, William H.    |
| Earle, Francis M.    | Raymond, John W.       |
| Fairchild, Francis   | Riker, Ellis O.        |
| Fairchild, James     | Russell, Wash. R.      |
| Fairchild, John P.   | Ryer, Samuel M.        |
| Farlow, John         | Shea, Daniel F.        |

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Garrabrant, James E.  
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Grimes, John  
Harris, Frederick H.  
Harrison, Henry F.  
Hopkins, Charles A.  
Howatt, James P.  
Hulin, S. Morris  
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Jacobus, James H.  
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Jeroleman, William S.  
Knox, John  
Lambert, William S.

Sloan, Joseph E.  
Smith, James O.  
Smith, Thomas B.  
Stansfield, John C.  
Strobert, Valentine  
Taylor, George  
Toombs, Samuel  
Townley, Stephen E.  
Tucker, Matthew  
Tunnell, Charles S.  
Van Horn, James H.  
Van Iderstine, William H.  
Warren, Edward  
Webber, Charles  
Wheeler, Grant A.  
White, Jacob  
Williams, John R.  
Wrightner, David A.

# THE GETTYSBURG MONUMENT.

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The Monument to be erected at Gettysburg, an illustration of which appears on the last page of the cover of this book, will be of Granite and weigh about twelve tons. It will be dedicated in July, 1887, in the presence of surviving members of the Regiment and invited guests. On the opposite of the stone to that shown in the picture will be the following inscription:



13th Reg't, N. J. Vols.,  
3d Brig., 1st Div., 12th Corps.

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Thirteenth Regiment, N. J. V., reached this battle-field 4 P. M., July 1, 1863. They were immediately deployed in line of battle, throwing forward strong skirmish line, which met the enemy near Benner's Hill, and checked their advance. July 2, in morning, held position near Culp's Hill; in afternoon marched to relief of Third Corps near Round Top; at night returned to extreme right of the army. July 3, occupied position marked by this monument, supporting Second Massachusetts and Twenty-seventh Indiana in their charge on Confederate flank, and aiding in the repulse of a counter-charge by the Confederate forces. Loss, one killed, twenty wounded.

## RECORD OF SERVICE.

Mustered in August 25, 1862. Discharged June 8, 1865.

## ENGAGEMENTS.

Antietam, 1862.	Nancy's Creek, 1864.
Chancellorsville, 1863.	Peach-Tree Creek, 1864.
Gettysburg, 1863.	Siege of Atlanta, 1864.
Resaca, 1864.	March to the Sea, 1864.
Carsville, 1864.	Siege of Savannah, 1864.
Dallas, 1864.	Averysboro, 1865.
Kulp's Farms, 1864.	Bentonville, 1865.