

PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
FIFTH ANNUAL REUNION  
OF THE SOCIETY OF THE  
TWELFTH REGIMENT NEW JERSEY VOLUNTEERS  
HELD AT WOODBURY, FEBRUARY 22, 1879.

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The fifth annual reunion of the Society of the Twelfth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers was held at Woodbury Hall, Woodbury, N. J., the increased attendance showing that the fires of patriotism which actuated the members in the dire days of 1862 had not yet died in their breasts.

At 11.00 a.m. the President, Captain Frank M. Acton, called the society to order.

Roll was called, and seventy-nine responded, a greater number than heretofore, showing that the interest in the meetings increases yearly.

The West Jersey Band was in attendance and performed choice music.

Prayer was offered by Comrade Willetts, invoking the blessing of the Father above on all present and absent.

Minutes of the last reunion were read and approved.

The Secretary read the following communications, which were ordered entered on the minutes :

BRIDGETON, February 22, 1879.

*Colonel Henry F. Chew, Woodbury :—*

Give my congratulations and best wishes to old comrades. Regret I cannot be present.

WILLIAM E. POTTER.

MULLICA HILL, N. J., February 22, 1879.

DEAR COMRADES,—I am compelled by circumstances to attend "sick call," and the doctor persists in marking me "unfit for duty." I long to be with you to-day, and with you share the pleasures of another reunion,—to look you all once more in the face and receive the hand-shake such as electrifies one's whole being. As time rolls on these gatherings will become even more

interesting. When we review the events and the history of that noble regiment,—the Twelfth New Jersey,—who can describe the emotions and feelings of those who shared its honors? I shall be with you in spirit, and may God's blessing be upon you all. I am with you in all that pertains to the interest of our organization.

E. L. STRATTON.

HEADQUARTERS 2D BRIGADE, 3D DIVISION, 2D ARMY CORPS, }  
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 10, 1879. }

*General Orders No. 1.*

The Twelfth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers will parade for inspection and review at noon on the 22d inst., on which occasion the officers, as well as the rank and file, are expected to appear in neat array, fully equipped for a day's enjoyment, and with twenty rounds of applause in their cartridge boxes; haversacks and canteens will be brought empty and carried away full. It is hoped that no man will spring his rammer before the line is formed, and, in order to secure obedience to this injunction, each man is advised to keep his muzzle corked up with his tompon.

The regiment will be armed with improved ordnance, as no smooth-bores will be allowed on the ground.

By order of

COLONEL THOS. A. SMYTH, *Commanding Brigade.*  
WM. P. SEVILLE, *Actg. Asst. Adj. Gen.*

The Treasurer presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, February 21, 1879.

*To Reunion Society of the Twelfth Regiment New Jersey Vols.:—*

Your Treasurer reports as follows: No moneys have been received by him during the present year. He can therefore only briefly report the condition of the treasury as it was at the close of last annual meeting (1878), and is the report of Charles P. Brown, Treasurer *pro tem.*, at last meeting:

1878.	<i>Dr.</i>	
February 22.	To cash received from C. D. Lippincott . . .	\$21 10
	To cash received from members for dues . . .	67 00
	To cash received from sale of dinner ticket . . .	75
	To cash received from contributions . . . . .	18 25
	To cash received from sale of books . . . . .	23 57—\$130 67
1878.	<i>Cr.</i>	
February 22.	By cash paid Joseph Paul for dinners . . . . .	\$66 63
	By cash paid I. R. Haines for band . . . . .	35 00
	By cash paid for printing (on acc't) . . . . .	29 04—\$130 67

In reference to item paid for printing, \$29.04, your Treasurer would direct attention to the fact that there is a balance of \$20.96 still due.

Vouchers accompany report of C. P. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. A. WEIDEMANN.

The President appointed as a Nominating Committee Captain Frank M. Riley, Comrade William H. Pierce, Captain Charles D. Lippincott, Sergeant Joseph L. White, and Lieutenant Elwood Griscom.

Announcement being made that dinner was ready, adjournment was had to Newton's Hotel, where full justice was done the inner man.

After dinner the society reassembled at the hall and listened to choice music by the West Jersey Band; after which, the Nominating Committee reported the

following-named persons as officers for the ensuing year, and they were unanimously elected :

*President*, Captain Newton M. Brooks.

*Vice-Presidents*, Lieutenant James White, Comrade Stacy D. Layton, Lieutenant Charles F. Sickler, and Comrade Albert S. Emmell.

*Recording Secretary*, Comrade F. Bleyler.

*Corresponding Secretary*, Lieutenant J. Morgan Barnes.

*Treasurer*, Hospital Steward Charles A. Weidemann.

*Executive Committee*, Colonel Henry F. Chew, Sergeant David Borton, Hospital Steward Charles M. Riley, Colonel Ed. M. DuBois, Sergeant George R. Danenhower, and Corporal William P. Haines.

The President elect was escorted to the chair by Colonel DuBois and Lieutenant Sickler, and the officers took their respective positions.

On motion of Captain Brown, the Secretary was directed to procure a suitable book for recording the minutes.

Lieutenant Cobb moved that a committee of three be appointed for the purpose of receiving correspondence on death of members of the society, which motion was amended and adopted, That members of the society should report to the Corresponding Secretary the death of any member of which they should become cognizant.

The Corresponding Secretary returned thanks to the comrades present for kindness in aiding him in correcting the post-office addresses of members.

Colonel Chew, for the Executive Committee, suggested that the society should settle the question of band for the next reunion.

Captain Lippincott moved that the Executive Committee procure a band at a cost not exceeding twenty-five dollars, which motion was not seconded.

Captain Brown moved an amendment, which was adopted, That the Committee be authorized to procure a good band at a cost not exceeding forty-five dollars.

A call for music being made, the band played "Yankee Doodle," which brought Comrade Skinner to his feet with the remark, That the tune carried with it reminiscences of Chancellorsville, where, before the regiment had smelt powder, while lying in line of battle, the bands of all the regiments in line were ordered to play "Yankee Doodle." This was done, and was replied to by the rebel artillery with shells by way of applause.

Notice was given by the President, that the sixth annual reunion would be held on the 23d of February, 1880, the 22d falling on Sunday.

Comrade Charles M. Riley offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary shall obtain the names of all the surviving members of the Twelfth Regiment New Jersey Volunteers, and their post office address, as far as possible, and notify them each year of our annual meeting.

After music by the band—"The girl I left behind me"—a resolution of thanks was extended to the citizens of Woodbury to whom the society was indebted for the gratuitous use of the hall in which to hold its reunion.

On motion of Colonel Chew, invitations were ordered to be extended to members of the First Regiment Delaware Vols., Major-General S. S. Carroll, U. S. A., Captain William P. Seville, of Washington, and Major Benjamin Acton, of Salem, to participate in the next reunion.

Captain Brown moved that the next reunion be held at Woodbury, which was amended to strike out Woodbury and insert Bridgeton. The amendment being put to vote was lost, and question being taken on original motion, it was carried.

Lieutenant Griscom moved that the next reunion be called to order at 10.00 o'clock, which was amended that the hour be 9.30. The amendment being accepted the motion was carried.

Adjourned.

F. BLEYLER, *Secretary.*