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The field upon which we now stand will be known as classic ground, for here has been the great central point of the organization of our military forces. When my administration of public affairs will have been forgotten and the good and evil will be only known to the investigation of the antiquarian, Camp Curtin, with its memories and associations, will be immortal."

- Governor Andrew Curtin, 1865

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160th Anniversary of Gettysburg

This year marks the 160th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg fought on July 1, 2, and 3, 1863. Numerous special programs will commemorate the anniversary. For more information, check the following websites:

Gettysburg National Military Park
www.nps.gov/gett

Gettysburg Foundation
www.gettysburgfoundation.org

Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association
Battle Reenactment
www.gbpa.org

Dues Reminder

We recently mailed out 2023 dues notices. If you have not already "reenlisted," we hope you will. You can find the enlistment form on our website at www.campcurtin.org/enlistment-form.

***Cover:** Monument to the 1st Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment located on east side of Hancock Avenue near the high water mark. The unit participated in 66 engagements including Second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, Mine Run, Siege of Richmond, Cold Harbor, Sailor's Creek, and Appomattox. This issue of The Bugle highlights several Pennsylvania monuments at Gettysburg.*

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The Union Army of the Potomac had 69 infantry regiments, 10 cavalry regiments and 5 artillery batteries from Pennsylvania that fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. All of these units are memorialized with monuments on the battlefield. In this article, we present a few of these units with a photograph of its monument and a brief history of the unit. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania appropriated \$1,500 for every Pennsylvania regiment to erect a monument after the Civil War. Some regiments raised additional money and designed more elaborate monuments. Most of the monuments were erected in the late 1880s and dedicated in special ceremonies that were commemorated in the book *Pennsylvania at Gettysburg*, published in 1904.



The **38th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment** was the 9th Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps and assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Division of the 5th Corps of the Army of the Potomac. The regiment fought in battles of the Peninsula Campaign, Second Bull Run,

Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Bristoe Station, and Mine Run. The monument is located at the southern base of Little Round Top and depicts a soldier mourning the loss of his comrades.



The **23rd Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment**, "Birney's Zouaves," was part of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division of the 6th Corps. The unit was raised in Philadelphia as one of the three month regiments for Lincoln's initial call for volunteers. Later the men reenlisted for three years. The regiment fought in the battles of the Peninsula Campaign, Fair Oaks, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Fort Stevens and Shenandoah Valley Campaign. Initially the monument was topped by a pyramid of cannon balls but later replaced by the statue. The monument is located on Slocum Avenue on Culp's Hill.



The **9th Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment** was part of the Army of the Potomac's Cavalry Corps. They served with the Army from First Bull Run in 1861 to Appomattox in 1865. The regiment was part of the pursuit of the Confederates after the Battle of Gettysburg and was involved in the fight at Monterey Pass. The monument is along Pleasonton Avenue, just north of the Pennsylvania State Monument.



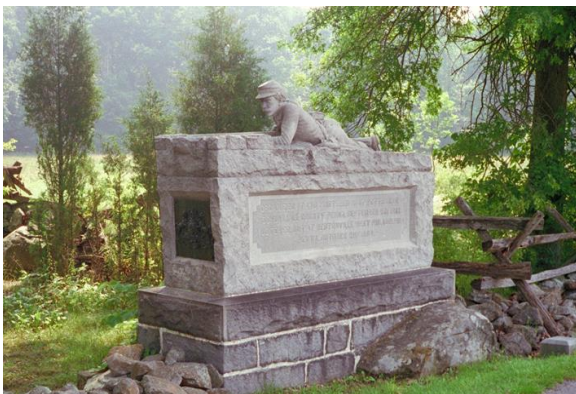
The **26th Pennsylvania Emergency Militia Regiment** was raised on June 22, 1863, because of the Confederate invasion of Pennsylvania. It included some students from Gettysburg College. They engaged Gen. Jubal Early's troops north and west of Gettysburg as Early moved through the Gettysburg area on his way to the Columbia-Wrightsville Bridge on the Susquehanna River. The regiment had over 100 men captured in the encounters. They were eventually pulled back to defend Harrisburg and did not engage in the Battle of Gettysburg. The monument is on Chambersburg Street just west of the town square.



The **28th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment** was in the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division of the 12th Corps. The star on the top of the monument is the insignia of the 12th Corps. The monument is located on Slocum Avenue on Culp's Hill.



The **74th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment** was part of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 11th Corps. The regiment fought west of Gettysburg on the first day of the battle and then retreated to Cemetery Hill. The figure on the monument represents the regiment's fallen color bearer. The monument is located on Howard Avenue.



The **96th Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment** was in the 2nd Brigade, 1st Division of the 6th Corps. The image of the soldier in the prone position is somewhat unusual since men stood up to fight because it was the fastest way to load a muzzle loaded rifle musket. The monument is located on the north side of Wheatfield Road.



Battery B of the 1st Pennsylvania Artillery was attached to the 1st Corps Artillery Brigade. Known as Cooper's Battery, they reported their four guns fired 1,050 rounds during the battle. The monument is on Cemetery Hill along Baltimore Street near Gen. Hancock's equestrian statue.



The **21st Pennsylvania Cavalry Regiment** was organized at Camp Curtin in June 1861 and Gettysburg was its first battle. The monument is located on the east side of the Baltimore Pike.

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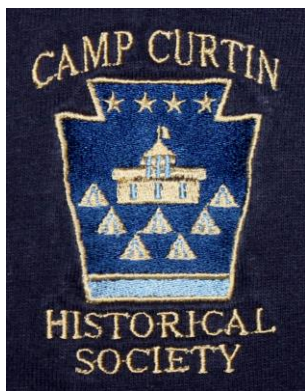
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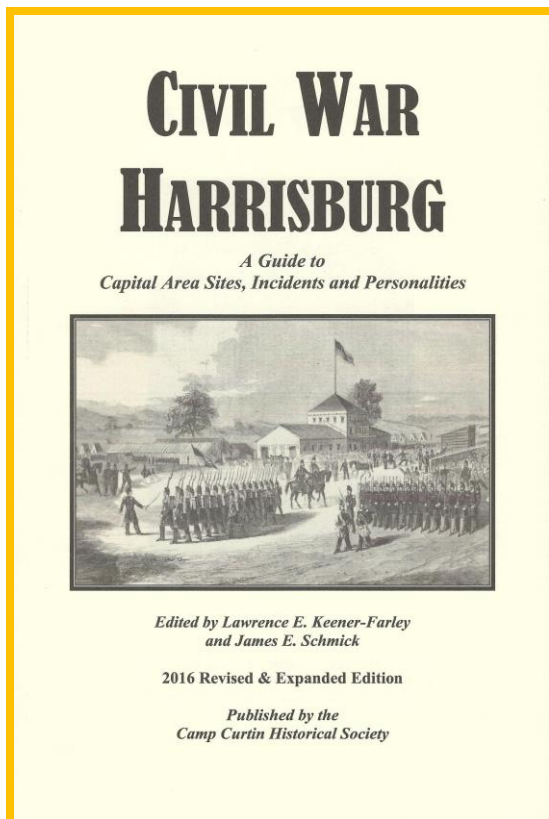
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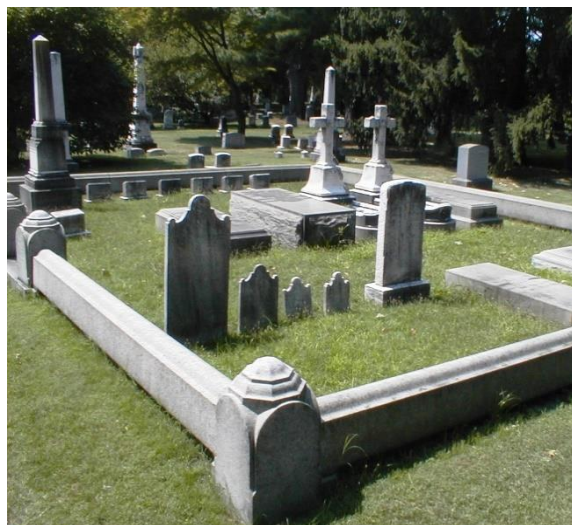
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History comes alive at the Camp Curtin Historical Society's

Harrisburg Cemetery Tours

Sunday, May 21st from 12:30 to 4:00 pm



All tours leave from the Caretaker's House and cover different topics. Tours last between 1-1/2 and 2 hours. Visitors may not change tours once they have started.

***Pennsylvania Personalities of the Civil War* led by James Schmick - 1:00PM**

***Personalities of Harrisburg's Anti-Slavery Crusade* led by George Nagle - 1:30PM**

***Notables of South Central Pennsylvania* led by Bruce Horner - 2:00PM**

Visit Lucy Cadwallader in the Caretaker's House between 12:30 and 2:30 pm to view hair jewelry, hair art and mourning displays. Lucy will also be making hair flowers that are used in hair wreaths. You are welcome to bring an original piece for her to view for more information about it.

Living Historians Jeff and Dianne Witmer will portray Harrisburg's Civil War Mayor Augustus Roumfort and his wife, Mary

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The Harrisburg Cemetery is located at the eastern end of the State Street Bridge.

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