

Itinerary

Day 1- March ~~30~~ (Thursday)

- Leave Spruce School at 9:00 AM
- Stop for lunch on I-76 rest stop in Oakmont Plum Plaza ~half way
- Arrive into Gettysburg
 - Chambersburg Rd- This is the road the Confederates first arrived into Gettysburg on
 - Go along Seminary Ridge Rd to Confederate Ave. We will pass by the NC and VA memorials, the kick-off point of Pickett's Charge
 - Go through Wheatfield rd, through one of the bloodiest areas of the battlefield at the base of Little Round Top
 - Up onto Tanneytown Rd, the Rd the Union forces arrived into Gettysburg on
- Arrive at campground

Day 2- ~~March 30~~ or 31 (Friday or Saturday depending on weather)

- Leave camp, go to visitor's center
- Explore visitor's center including museum, movie, and cyclorama
- Eat Lunch
- Johnny Reb Trail- Abbreviated
 - Park on Baltimore Pike, do loop trail, go to observation tower
- Go back to camp

Day 3- ~~March 30 or 31~~ (Friday or Saturday depending on weather)

- Leave camp
- Park Cars at visitor's Center
- Billy Yank Trail
- Caravan, park vehicle with cooking gear near Warfield Ridge picnic area
- Pickett's Charge
- Return to visitor's center

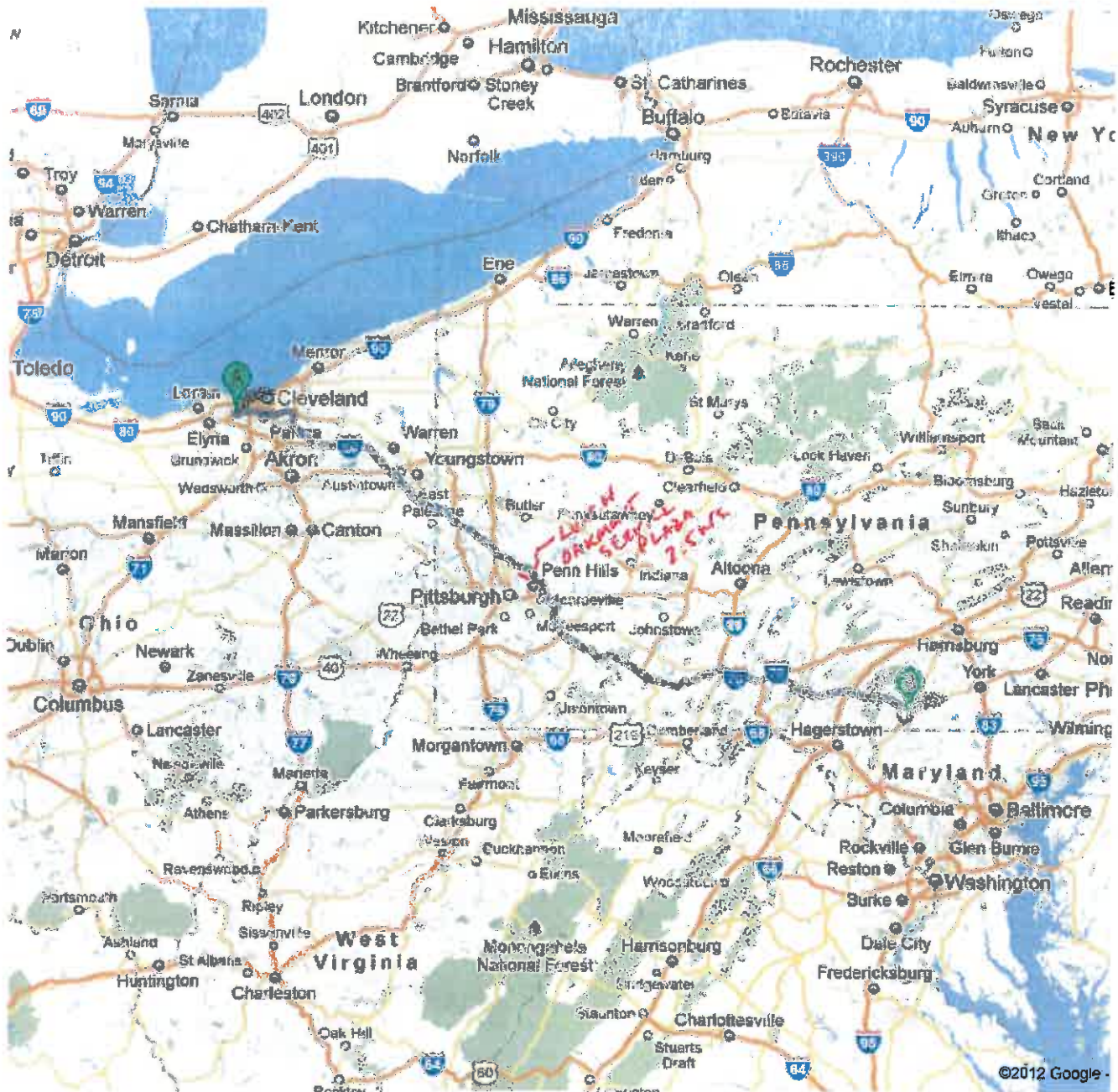
Day 4- April ~~1~~ Head Home

- Leave Camp
- Closing remarks at Soldier's National Cemetery(?)
- Head Home



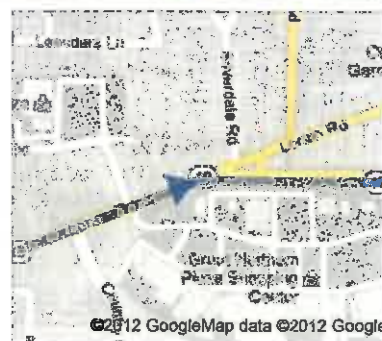


Directions to Round Top Campground
180 Knight Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325 - (717)
334-9565
324 mi – about 6 hours 4 mins



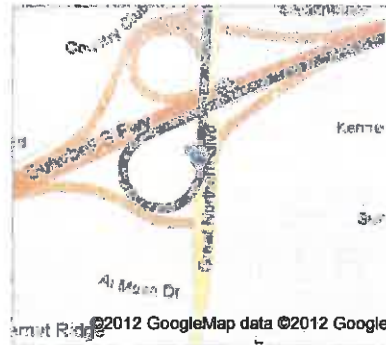


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1. Head north on **Dover Center Rd** toward **Lorain Rd**go 85 ft
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total 0.5 mi3. Slight right onto **Brookpark Rd**
About 1 mingo 0.7 mi
total 1.2 mi4. Turn right onto **Great Northern Blvd**
About 2 minsgo 0.5 mi
total 1.7 mi



5. Merge onto **I-480 E** via the ramp to **Cleveland**
About 24 mins



go 25.8 mi
total 27.5 mi



6. Slight right onto **I-480 E/OH-14 E** (signs for **Youngstown**)
About 10 mins



go 10.6 mi
total 38.0 mi



7. Take exit **42** to merge onto **I-80 E** toward **Youngstown**
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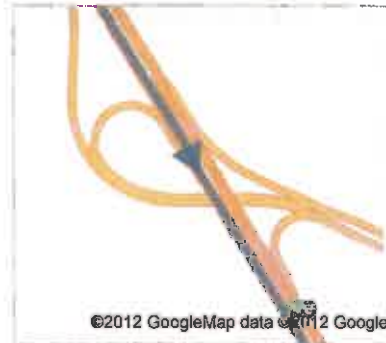
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Toll road



go 0.5 mi
total 70.0 mi



9. Continue onto **I-76 E**
Partial toll road
Entering Pennsylvania
About 3 hours 19 mins



go 184 mi
total 254 mi



10. Take exit 161 to merge onto I-70 E toward US-30/
Breezewood/Baltimore
Toll road
About 2 mins



go 1.9 mi
total 256 mi



11. Exit onto **U.S. 30 E**
About 47 mins



go 39.4 mi
total 295 mi



12. Slight right onto **U.S. 30 E/Lincoln Way E**
Continue to follow U S 30 E
About 31 mins



go 23.4 mi
total 319 mi



13. Turn right onto **Seminary Ridge**
About 1 min



go 0.4 mi
total 319 mi

14. Continue onto **SW Confederate Ave**
About 5 mins



go 2.1 mi
total 321 mi



15. Sharp left onto **Millerstown Rd**
About 1 min



go 0.4 mi
total 322 mi

16. Continue onto **Wheatfield Rd**
About 4 mins



go 1.2 mi
total 323 mi



17. Turn right onto **PA-134 S/Taneytown Rd**
About 2 mins



go 1.1 mi
total 324 mi



18. Take the 2nd right onto **Knight Rd**
Destination will be on the left



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total 324 mi

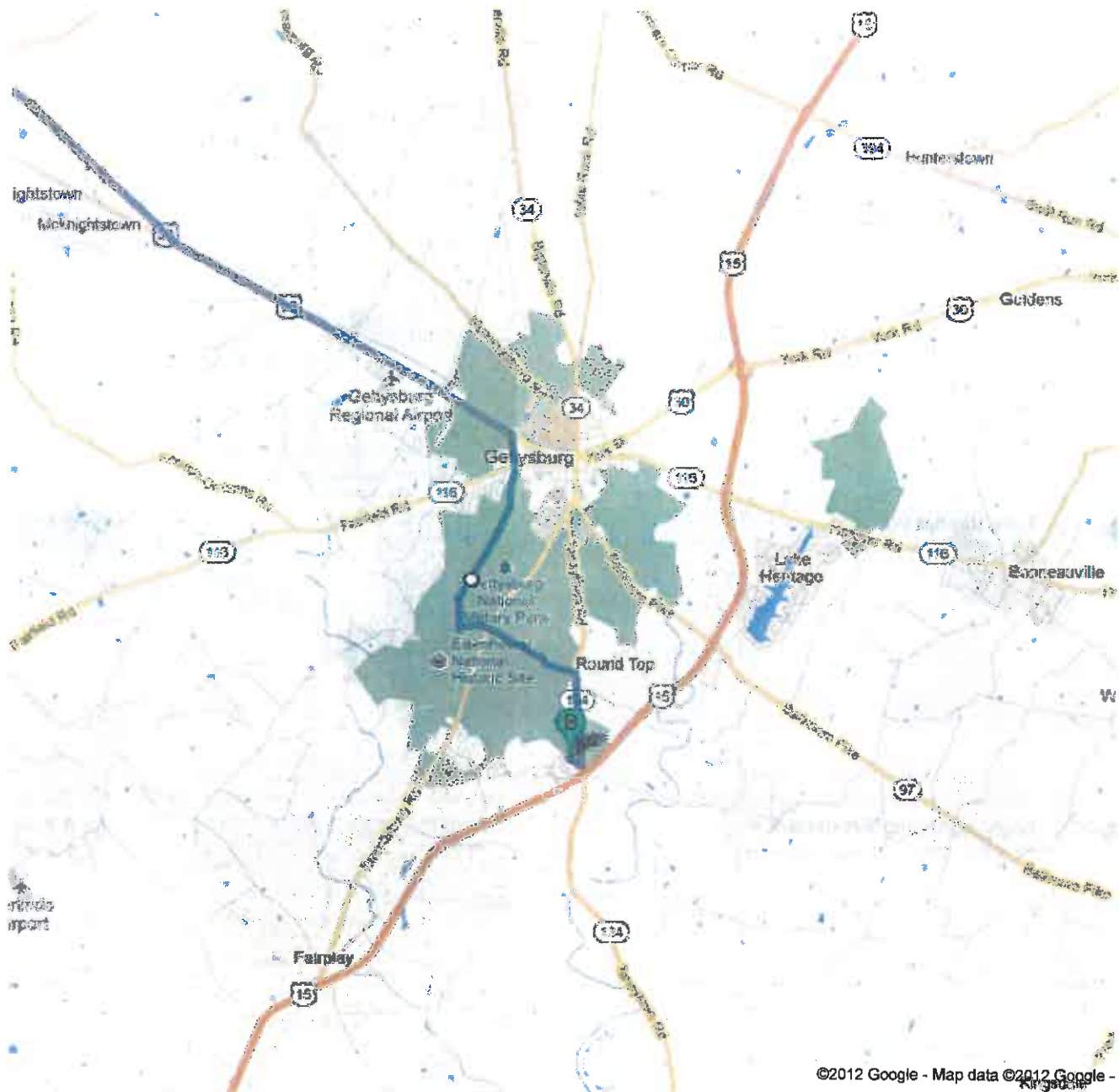


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- Tent Sites
- Dumpster
- AT&T
- Laundry
- Recycle
- Cabin
- Year Round Sites

Laundry Room Open 24 Hours

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"The Battle of Gettysburg" (Pickett's Charge), Peter F. Rothermel.

Courtesy Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

ON THE GENTLY ROLLING FARM LANDS surrounding the little town of Gettysburg, Pa., was fought one of the great decisive battles of American history. For 3 days, from July 1 to 3, 1863, a gigantic struggle between 75,000 Confederates and 97,000 Union troops raged about the town and left 51,000 casualties in its wake. Heroic deeds were numerous on both sides, climaxed by the famed Confederate assault on July 3 which has become known throughout the world as Pickett's Charge. The Union Victory gained on these fields ended the last Confederate invasion of the North and marked the beginning of a gradual decline in Southern military power.

Here also, a few months after the battle, Abraham Lincoln delivered his classic Gettysburg Address at the dedication of the national cemetery set apart as a burial ground for the soldiers who died in the conflict.

The Situation, Spring 1863

The situation in which the Confederacy found itself in the late spring of 1863 called for decisive action. The Union and Confederate armies had faced each other on the Rappahannock River, near Fredericksburg, Va., for 6 months. The Confederate Army of Northern Virginia, commanded by Gen. R. E. Lee, had defeated the Union forces at Fredericksburg in December 1862 and again at Chancellorsville in May 1863, but the nature of the ground gave Lee little opportunity to follow up his advantage. When he began moving his army westward, on June 3, he hoped, at least, to draw his opponent away from the river to a more advantageous battleground. At most, he might carry the war into northern territory, where supplies could be taken from the enemy and a victory could be fully exploited. Even a fairly narrow margin of victory might enable Lee to capture one or more key cities and perhaps increase northern demands for a negotiated peace.



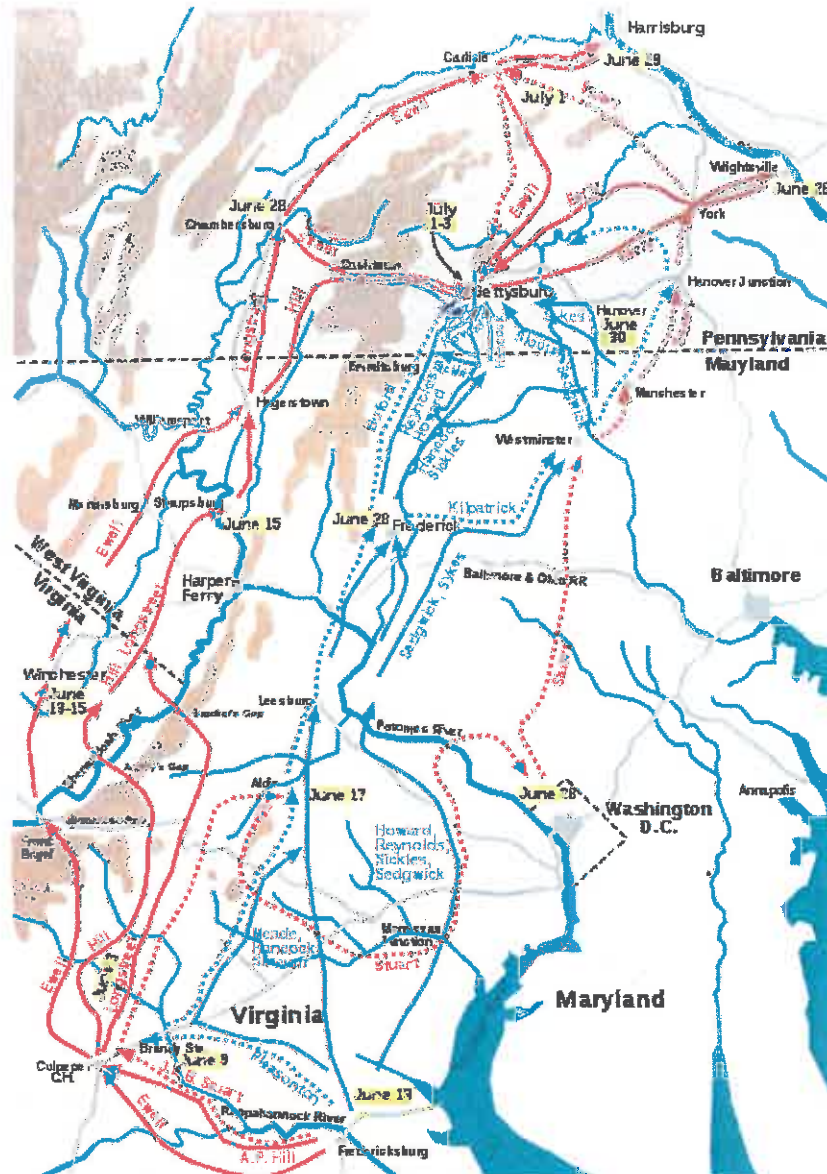
***Maj. Gen. George Gordon Meade, Commander
of the Union Forces at Gettysburg.***
Courtesy National Archives.



***Gen. Robert E. Lee, Commander of the
Confederate Army at Gettysburg.***
Courtesy National Archives.

Confederate strategists had considered sending aid from Lee's army to Vicksburg, which Grant was then besieging, or dispatching help to General Bragg for his campaign against Rosecrans in Tennessee. They concluded, however, that Vicksburg could hold out until climatic conditions would force Grant to withdraw, and they reasoned that the eastern campaign was more important than that of Tennessee.

Both Union and Confederate governments had bitter opponents at home. Southern generals, reading in Northern newspapers the clamors for peace, had reason to believe that their foe's morale was fast weakening. They felt that the Army of Northern Virginia would continue to demonstrate its superiority over the Union Army of the Potomac and that the relief from constant campaigning on their own soil would have a happy effect on Southern spirit. Events were to prove, however, that the chief result of the intense alarm created by the invasion was to rally the populace to better support of the Union government.



Confederate and Union Army approaches to Gettysburg



Gettysburg, as it appeared from Seminary Ridge a short time after the battle.
Brady photograph.

The Plan of Campaign

Lee's plan of campaign was undoubtedly similar to that of his invasion which ended in the battle of Antietam in September 1862. He then called attention to the need of destroying the bridge over the Susquehanna River at Harrisburg and of disabling the Pennsylvania Railroad in order to sever communication with the west. "After that," he added, "I can turn my attention to Philadelphia, Baltimore, or Washington as may seem best for our interest."

Lee had suffered an irreparable loss at Chancellorsville when "Stonewall" Jackson was mortally wounded. Now reorganized into three infantry corps under Longstreet, A. P. Hill, and R. S. Ewell, and a cavalry division under J. E. B. Stuart, a changed Army of Northern Virginia faced the great test that lay ahead. "Stonewall" Jackson, the right hand of Lee, and in the words of the latter "the finest executive officer the sun ever shone on," was no longer present to lead his corps in battle.

The long lines of gray started moving on June 3 from Fredericksburg, Va., first northwestward across the Blue Ridge, then northward in the Shenandoah Valley. On June 9, one of the greatest cavalry engagements of the war occurred at Brandy Station. Union horsemen, for the first time, held Stuart's men on even terms. The Confederates then continued their march northward, with the right flank constantly protected by Stuart's cavalry, which occupied the passes of the Blue Ridge. Stuart was ordered to hold these mountain gaps until the advance into Pennsylvania had drawn the Union Army north of the Potomac. On June 28, Hill and Longstreet reached Chambersburg, 16 miles north of the Pennsylvania boundary. Rodes' division of Ewell's corps reached Carlisle on June 27. Early's command of 8,000 men had passed through Gettysburg on June 26 and on the 28th had reached York. Early planned to take possession of the bridge over the Susquehanna at Columbia, and to move on Harrisburg from the east. Lee's converging movement on Harrisburg seemed to be on the eve of success.

An unforeseen shift of events between June 25 and 28, however, threatened to deprive Lee of every advantage he had thus far gained in his daring march up the Shenandoah and Cumberland Valleys. The cavalry engagement between Stuart and Pleasonton at Brandy Station convinced Gen. Joseph Hooker, then in command of the Union Army, that the Confederate Army was

moving northward. President Lincoln and General in Chief Halleck, informed of this movement, ordered Hooker to proceed northward and to keep his command between the Confederate Army and Washington. When he was refused permission to abandon Harpers Ferry, and to add the garrison of 10,000 men to his army, Hooker asked to be relieved of command. Gen. George G. Meade received orders to assume command of the army at Frederick, Md., on June 28, and he at once continued the march northward.

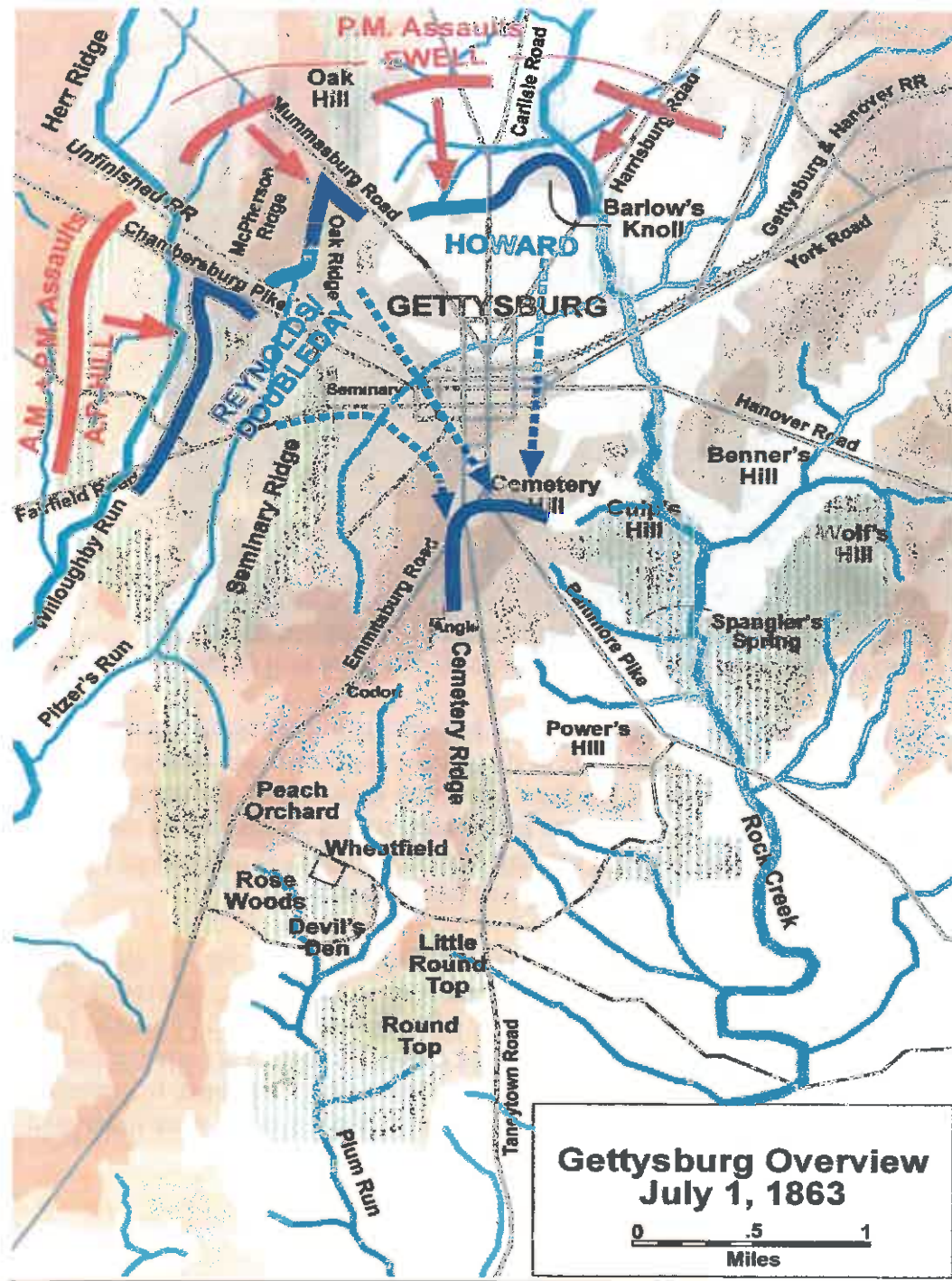


"Old Dorm" of Pennsylvania (now Gettysburg) College. It was used as a shelter for wounded.

General Stuart, in command of the Confederate cavalry, had obtained conditional approval from Lee to operate against the rear of the Union Army as it marched northward and then to join Lee north of the Potomac. As he passed between Hooker's army and Washington, the unexpected speed of the Union Army forced Stuart into detours and delays, so that on June 28 he was in eastern Maryland, wholly out of touch with the Confederate force. The eyes and ears of Lee were thus closed at a time when their efficient functioning was badly needed.

In this state of affairs, a Confederate agent reported to Lee at Chambersburg, Pa., on the night of June 28, that the Union forces had crossed the Potomac and were in the vicinity of Frederick. With the entire Union Army close at hand and with many miles between him and his base, Lee decided to abandon his original plan and to concentrate for battle. He moved his army at once across the mountains to Cashtown, 8 miles from Gettysburg. Here, near Cashtown, he planned to establish his battle position. Rodes, then at Carlisle, and Early, at York, were at once ordered to this point.

The First Day



THE TWO ARMIES CONVERGE ON GETTYSBURG. The men of Heth's division, leading the Confederate advance across the mountain, reached Cashtown on June 29. Pettigrew's brigade was sent on to Gettysburg the following day to obtain supplies, but upon reaching the ridge a mile west of the town, they observed a column of Union cavalry approaching. Not having orders to bring on an engagement, Pettigrew withdrew to Cashtown.

In the intervening 2 days since he had assumed command of the Union forces, General Meade had moved his troops northward and instructed his engineers to survey a defensive battle position at Pipe Creek, near Taneytown, in northern Maryland. Buford's cavalry, which had effectively shadowed Lee's advance from the mountaintops of the Blue Ridge, was ordered to make a reconnaissance in the Gettysburg area. It was these troops that Pettigrew's men saw posted on the roads leading into the town. Neither Lee nor Meade yet foresaw Gettysburg as a field of battle. Each expected to take a strong defensive position and force his adversary to attack.



Cavalry outpost,
by Charles A. Morgenthauer.

A. P. Hill, in the absence of Lee, who was still beyond the mountains now took the initiative. At daybreak of July 1, he ordered the brigades of Archer and Davis, of Heth's division, to advance along the Chambersburg Road to Gettysburg for the purpose of testing the strength of the Union

forces. As these troops reached Marsh Creek, 4 miles from Gettysburg, they were fired upon by Union cavalry pickets who hurriedly retired to inform their commander of the enemy's approach. In the meantime, Buford's division of cavalry had moved from their camp just southwest of Gettysburg to McPherson Ridge, a mile west of the town, Buford prepared to hold out against heavy odds until aid arrived. Thus subordinate field commanders had chosen the ground for battle.

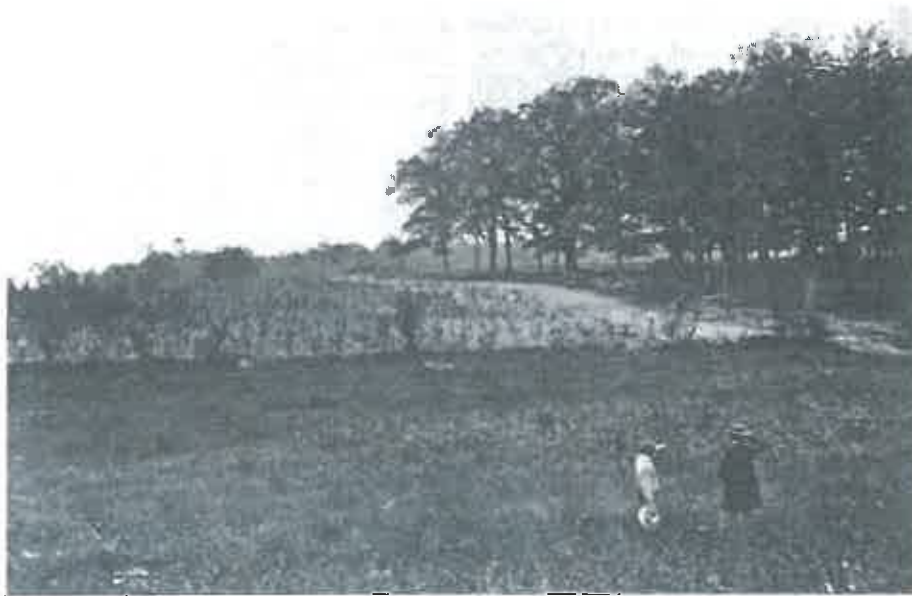
It was 8 a. m., July 1, when the two brigades of Archer and Davis, the former to the right and the latter to the left of the Chambersburg Road, deployed on Herr Ridge. Supported by Pegram's artillery, they charged down the long slope and across Willoughby Run against Buford's men. The cavalry had an advantage in their rapid-fire, breech-loading carbines. Dismounted, and fighting as infantrymen, they held their ground against the spirited attacks of Heth's superior numbers. At 10 o'clock timely aid arrived as troops from Gen. John F. Reynolds' First Infantry corps began streaming over Seminary Ridge from the south and relieved Buford's exhausted fighters. Calef's battery, one of whose guns had fired the first Union cannon shot at Gettysburg, was replaced by Hall's Maine artillery. But, in a few moments, Union joy at receiving aid was offset by tragedy. Reynolds, close to the front lines, was killed instantly by a sharpshooter's bullet.



Chambersburg Pike, looking westward from the Federal position toward Herr Ridge, where the Confederate attack began.

The struggle increased in scope as more forces reached the field. When Archer's Confederates renewed the attack across Willoughby Run, Union troops of Meredith's Iron Brigade, arriving opportunely, struck the flank of the Confederates, routing them and capturing close to 100 men, including General Archer. Relieved from the threat south of the Chambersburg Pike, the 14th Brooklyn and 95th New York regiments shifted to the north of the Pike where the Confederates were overwhelming the Union defenders. With renewed effort, these troops, joined by Dawes' 6th Wisconsin, drove the Confederates steadily back, capturing 200 Mississippians in a railroad car. The Confederates then withdrew beyond striking distance. There was a lull in the fighting during the noon hour. The first encounter had given Union men confidence. They had held their

ground against superior numbers and had captured Archer, a brigadier general, the first Confederate general officer taken since Lee assumed command.



McPherson Ridge and Woods, the Federal position on July 1. In the woods at the right, General Reynolds was killed. The cupola of the Theological Seminary appears in the background.

Brady photograph.

THE BATTLE OF OAK RIDGE. While the initial test of strength was being determined west of Gettysburg by advance units, the main bulk of the two armies was pounding over the roads from the north and south, converging upon the ground chosen by Buford. Rodes' Confederates, hurrying southward from Carlisle to meet Lee at Cashtown, received orders at Biglerville to march to Gettysburg. Early, returning from York with Cashtown as his objective, learned at Heidlersburg of the action at Gettysburg and was ordered to approach by way of the Harrisburg Road.

Employing the wooded ridge as a screen from Union cavalry north of Gettysburg, Rodes brought his guns into position on Oak Ridge about 1 o'clock and opened fire on the flank of Gen. Abner Doubleday, Reynolds' successor, on McPherson Ridge. The Union commander shifted his lines northeastward to Oak Ridge and the Mummasburg Road to meet the new attack. Rodes' Confederates struck the Union positions at the stone wall on the ridge, but the attack was not well coordinated and resulted in failure. Iverson's brigade was nearly annihilated as it made a left wheel to strike from the west. In the meantime, more Union troops had arrived on the field by way of the Taneytown Road. Two divisions of Howard's Eleventh corps were now taking position in the plain north of the town, intending to make contact with Doubleday's troops on Oak Ridge.



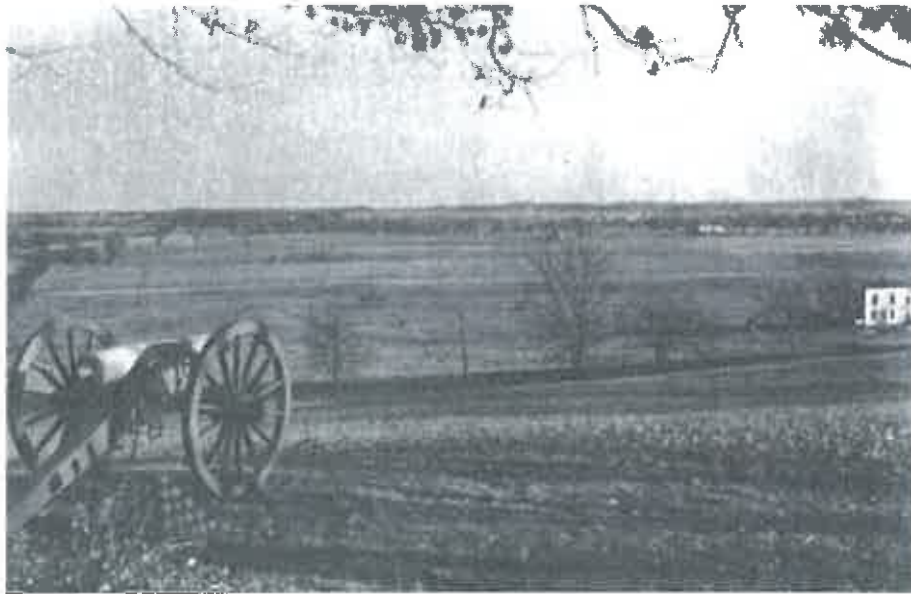
Lt. Gen. Richard S. Ewell,
Courtesy National Archives.



Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock,
Courtesy National Archives.

Doles' Confederate brigade charged across the plain and was able to force Howard's troops back temporarily, but it was the opportune approach of Early's division from the northeast on the Harrisburg Road which rendered the Union position north of Gettysburg indefensible. Arriving in the early afternoon as the Union men were establishing their position. Early struck with tremendous force, first with his artillery and then with his infantry, against General Barlow. Soon he had shattered the entire Union force. The remnants broke and turned southward through Gettysburg in the direction of Cemetery Hill. In this headlong and disorganized flight General Schimmelfenning was lost from his command, and, finding refuge in a shed, he lay 2 days concealed within the Confederate lines. In the path of Early's onslaught lay the youthful Brigadier Barlow severely wounded, and the gallant Lieut. Bayard Wilkeson, whose battery had long stood against overwhelming odds, mortally wounded.

The Union men on Oak Ridge, faced with the danger that Doles would cut off their line of retreat, gave way and retired through Gettysburg to Cemetery Hill. The withdrawal of the Union troops from the north and northwest left the Union position on McPherson Ridge untenable. Early in the afternoon, when Rodes opened fire from Oak Hill, Heth had renewed his thrust along the Chambersburg Pike. His troops were soon relieved and Pender's division, striking north and south of the road, broke the Union line. The Union troops first withdrew to Seminary Ridge, then across the fields to Cemetery Hill. Here was advantageous ground which had been selected as a rallying point if the men were forced to relinquish the ground west and north of the town. Thus, by 5 o'clock, the remnants of the Union forces (some 6,000 out of the 18,000 engaged in the first day's struggle) were on the hills south of Gettysburg.



Scene north of Gettysburg from Oak Ridge. The Federal position may be seen near the edge of the open fields in the middle distance.

Ewell was now in possession of the town, and he extended his line from the streets eastward to Rock Creek. Studiously observing the hills in his front, he came within range of a Union sharpshooter, for suddenly he heard the thud of a minie ball. Calmly riding on, he remarked to General Gordon at his side, "You see how much better fixed for a fight I am than you are. It don't hurt at all to be shot in a wooden leg."

A momentous decision now had to be made. Lee had reached the field at 3 p. m., and had witnessed the retreat of the disorganized Union troops through the streets of Gettysburg. Through his glasses he had watched their attempt to reestablish their lines on Cemetery Hill. Sensing his advantage and a great opportunity, he sent orders to Ewell by a staff officer to "press those people" and secure the hill (Cemetery Hill) if possible. However, two of Ewell's divisions, those of Rodes and Early, had been heavily engaged throughout the afternoon and were not well in hand. Johnson's division could not reach the field until late in the evening, and the reconnaissance service of Stuart's cavalry was not yet available. General Ewell, uninformed of the Union strength in the rear of the hills south of Gettysburg, decided to await the arrival of Johnson's division. Cemetery Hill was not attacked, and Johnson, coming up late in the evening, stopped at the base of Culp's Hill. Thus passed Lee's opportunity of July 1.

When the Union troops retreated from the battleground north and west of the town on the evening of July 1, they hastily occupied defense positions on Cemetery Hill, Culp's Hill, and a part of Cemetery Ridge. Upon the arrival of Slocum by the Baltimore Pike and Sickles by way of the Emmitsburg Road, the Union right flank at Culp's Hill and Spangler's Spring and the important position at Little Round Top on the left were consolidated. Thus was developed a strong defensive battle line in the shape of a fish hook, about 3 miles long, with the advantage of high ground and of interior lines. Opposite, in a semi-circle about 6 miles long, extending down Seminary Ridge and into the streets of Gettysburg, stood the Confederates who, during the night, had closed in from the north and west.



Spangler's Spring, the right of the Federal battle line, July 2 and 3.
This Tipton photograph shows the wartime appearance of the spring.

The greater part of the citizenry of Gettysburg, despite the prospect of battle in their own yards, chose to remain in their homes. Both army commanders respected noncombatant rights to a marked degree. Thus, in contrast with the fields of carnage all about the village, life and property of the civilian population remained unharmed, while the doors of churches, schools, and homes were opened for the care of the wounded.

General Meade, at Taneytown, had learned early in the afternoon of July 1 that a battle was developing and that Reynolds had been killed. A large part of his army was within 5 miles of Gettysburg. Meade then sent General Hancock to study and report on the situation. Hancock reached the field just as the Union troops were falling back to Cemetery Hill. He helped to rally the troops and left at 6 o'clock to report to Meade that in his opinion the battle should be fought at Gettysburg. Meade acted on this recommendation and immediately ordered the concentration of the Union forces at that place. Meade himself arrived near midnight on July 1.

A horizontal scale bar with tick marks at 0, .5, and 1 mile. The word "Miles" is centered below the bar.



Lunettes, or artillery defense works, on the crest of East Cemetery Hill. The entrance gateway to the public cemetery, which is still in use, appears in the background on the

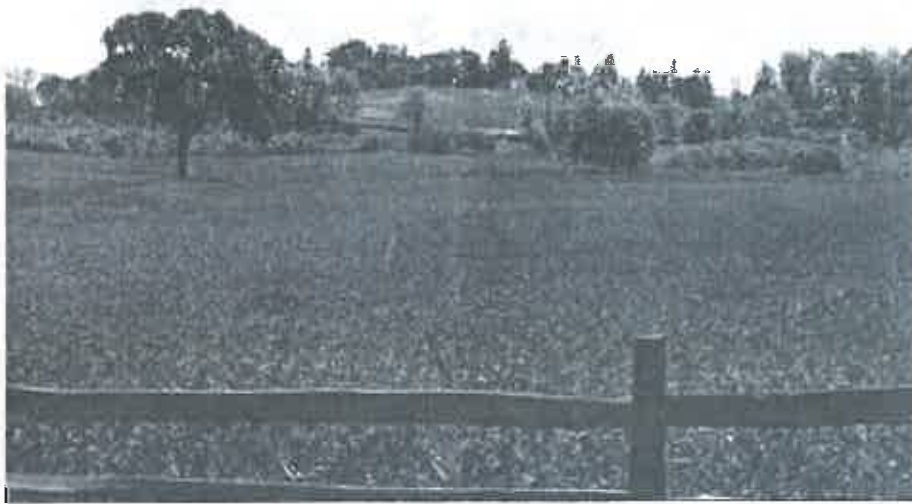
***Baltimore Pike.
Brady photograph.***



Jennie Wade House, located on Baltimore street between the battle lines. Jennie Wade, the only civilian killed during the battle, was accidentally struck by a bullet which passed through a door of the house.

PRELIMINARY MOVEMENTS AND PLANS. The small college town of Gettysburg, with 2,400 residents at the time of the battle, lay in the heart of a fertile country, surrounded by broad acres of crops and pastures. Substantial houses of industrious Pennsylvania farmers dotted the countryside. South of the town and hardly more than a musket shot from the houses on its outer edge, Cemetery Hill rose somewhat abruptly from the lower ground. Extending southward from the hill for nearly 2 miles was a long roll of land called Cemetery Ridge. At its southern extremity a sharp incline terminated in the wooded crest of Little Round Top and a half mile beyond was the sugar-loaf peak of Big Round Top, the highest point in the vicinity of Gettysburg. Paralleling Cemetery Ridge, at an average distance of two-thirds of a mile to the west, lay Seminary Ridge, which derived its name from the Lutheran Seminary that stood upon its crest a half mile west of Gettysburg. In 1863, 10 roads radiated from Gettysburg, the one leading to Emmitsburg extending diagonally across the valley between Seminary and Cemetery Ridges.

By noon of July 2, the powerful forces of Meade and Lee were at hand, and battle on a tremendous scale was imminent. That part of the Union line extending from Cemetery Hill to Little Round Top was strongly held. Late in the forenoon, Sickles, commanding the Third Corps which lay north of Little Round Top, sent Berdan's sharpshooters and some of the men of the 3rd Maine Regiment forward from the Emmitsburg Road to Pitzer's Woods, a half mile to the west. As they reached the woods, a strong Confederate force fired upon them, and they hurriedly retired to inform their commander. To Sickles, the extension of the Confederate line southward meant that his left flank was endangered. He at once began moving forward to the advantageous high ground at the Peach Orchard, and by 3:30 p. m. his battle front extended from Devil's Den northwestward to the Orchard and northward on the Emmitsburg Road. In this forward movement, the strong position on the crest of Little Round Top was left unoccupied. This was the situation when Meade finally turned his attention from his right flank at Culp's Hill and Spangler's Spring—the cause of his great concern throughout the forenoon—to review Sickles' line.



East Cemetery Hill, the objective of the Confederate charge on the evening of July 2.

Lee planned to attack, despite the advice of Longstreet who continually urged defensive battle. On July 2, Longstreet recommended that Lee swing around the Union left at Little Round Top, select a good position, and await attack. Lee observed that while the Union position was strong if held in sufficient numbers to utilize the advantage of interior lines, it presented grave difficulties to a weak defending force. A secure lodgment on the shank of the hook might render it possible to sever the Union Army and to deal with each unit separately. Not all of Meade's force had reached the field, and Lee thought he had the opportunity of destroying his adversary in the process of concentration. He resolved to send Longstreet against the Federal left flank which he believed was then on lower Cemetery Ridge, while Ewell was to storm Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill.



Trostle farmhouse. Here the 9th Massachusetts battery, taking position in the yard, lost 80 out of 88 horses during the battle of July 2.

Brady photograph.



Maj. Gen. Gouverneur K. Warren.
Courtesy National Archives.



Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles.
Courtesy National Archives.

LONGSTREET ATTACKS ON THE RIGHT. In the execution of this plan, Longstreet was ordered to take position across the Emmitsburg Road and to attack what was thought to be the left flank of the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. From his encampment on the Chambersburg Road, 3 miles west of Gettysburg, he started toward his objective, using Herr Ridge to conceal the movement from Union signalmen on Little Round Top. After marching to Black Horse Tavern on the Fairfield Road, he realized that his troops were in sight of the signal unit and at once began retracing his course. Employing the trees on Seminary Ridge as a screen, he marched southward again in Willoughby Run Valley, arriving in position on the Emmitsburg Road about 3:30 p.m. Immediately in front, and only 700 yards away, Longstreet saw Sickles' batteries lined up in the Peach Orchard and on the Emmitsburg Road. Col. E. P. Alexander, commanding Longstreet's artillery battalions, opened with full force against the Union guns. A moment later, Law's Alabama brigade stepped off, with Robertson's Texans on the left. They advanced east, then swung toward the north, with Devil's Den and the Round Tops in their path.



Little Round Top from the northwest.
Brady photograph.

WARREN SAVES LITTLE ROUND TOP. Gen. G. K. Warren, Meade's Chief of Engineers, after reviewing Sickles' line with Meade, rode to the crest of Little Round Top and found the hill, "the key to the Union position," unoccupied except by a signal station. Warren was informed by the signalmen that they believed Confederate troops lay concealed on the wooded ridge a mile to the west. Smith's New York battery, emplaced at Devil's Den, immediately was ordered to fire a shot into these woods. The missile, crashing through the trees, caused a sudden stir of the Confederates "which by the gleam of the reflected sunlight on their bayonets, revealed their long lines outflanking the position." Warren realized Longstreet would strike first at Little Round Top and he observed, too, the difficulty of shifting Sickles' position from Devil's Den to the hill.

At this very moment, Sykes' Fifth Corps, marching from its reserve position, began streaming across Cemetery Ridge toward the front. Warren sought aid from this corps. In answer to his plea for troops, the brigades of Vincent and Weed sprinted to Little Round Top. Law's Alabama troops were starting to scale the south slope of the hill when Vincent's men rushed to the attack. Weed's brigade, following closely, drove over the crest and engaged Robertson's Texans on the west slope. The arrival of Hazlett's battery on the summit of the hill is thus described by an eyewitness: "The passage of the six guns through the roadless woods and amongst the rocks was marvelous. Under ordinary circumstances it would have been considered an impossible feat, but the eagerness of the men . . . brought them without delay to the very summit where they went immediately into battle." A desperate hand-to-hand struggle ensued. Weed and Hazlett were killed, and Vincent was mortally wounded—all young soldiers of great promise.



Dead Confederate sharpshooter at Devil's Den.

Gardner photograph.

While Law and Robertson fought on Little Round Top, their comrades struggled in the fields below. The Confederate drive was taken up in turn by the brigades of Benning, Anderson, Kershaw, Semmes, Barksdale, Wofford, Wilcox, Perry, and Wright against the divisions of three Federal corps in the Wheatfield, the Peach Orchard, and along the Emmitsburg Road. Four hours of desperate fighting broke the Peach Orchard salient, an angle in the Union line which was struck from the south and the west. It left the Wheatfield strewn with dead and wounded, and the base of Little Round Top a shambles. Sickles' men had been driven back, and Longstreet was now in possession of the west slope of Big Round Top, of Devil's Den, and the Peach Orchard. Little Round Top, that commanding landmark which, in Confederate hands would have unhinged the Union line on Cemetery Ridge, still remained in Union possession.



Field hospital.
From the Cyclorama.

CULP'S HILL. In the Confederate plan, Ewell on the left was directed to attack Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill in conjunction with Longstreet's drive. At the appointed time, the guns of Latimer's battalion on Benner's Hill, east of Gettysburg, opened a well-directed fire against the Union positions on East Cemetery Hill and Culp's Hill, but the return fire soon shattered many of Latimer's batteries and forced the remnants to retire out of range. In the final moments of this action the youthful Major Latimer was mortally wounded.

About dusk, long after the artillery fire had ceased, Johnson's division charged the Union works on Culp's Hill. Although his right failed to make headway because of the steep incline and the strength of the Union positions, Steuart's brigade on the left had better luck. Here, on the southern slope of the hill, the Union works were thinly manned. An hour earlier, the divisions of Geary and Ruger had been called from these works to reinforce the Union center. Johnson, finding the works weakly defended, took possession of them but did not press the attack further. Only a few hundred yards away on the Baltimore Pike lay the Union supply trains. Failure of Confederate reconnaissance here again was critically important. Thus passed another opportunity to strike a hard blow at the Union Army.



Interior of breastworks on Little Round Top.

Brady photograph.

Closely timed with Johnson's assault, Early's infantry started a charge toward East Cemetery Hill. Seldom if ever surpassed in its dash and desperation, Early's assault reached the crest of the hill where the defenders, as a last resort in the hand-to-hand encounter, used clubbed muskets, stones, and rammers. Long after dark, Early's Louisiana and North Carolina troops fought to hold the crest of the hill and their captured guns. But the failure of Rodes to move out of the streets of Gettysburg and attack the hill from the west enabled Hancock to shift some of his men to aid in repelling Early's attack. Faced by these Union reserves, Early's men finally gave way about 10 o'clock and sullenly retired to their lines. The Union troops stood firm.

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Lt. Gen. James Longstreet.
Courtesy National Archives.



Col. Edward Porter Alexander.
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CANNONADE AT DAWN: CULP'S HILL AND SPANGLER'S SPRING. Night brought an end to the bloody combat at East Cemetery Hill, but this was not the time for rest. What would Meade do? Would the Union Army remain in its established position and hold its lines at all costs? At midnight Meade sought the advice of his Council of War in the east room of his headquarters. The corps commanders—Gibbon, Williams, Sykes, Newton, Howard, Hancock, Sedgwick, and Slocum—without exception advised holding the positions established. Meade, approving, turned to the officer whose division held the Union center, and said, "Gibbon, if Lee attacks me tomorrow it will be in your front."

Despite this prediction, Meade took no unusual measures next day to fortify the center of his line. In fact, by morning he seemed convinced that the Confederate attack would continue against his left. Thus the strong forces there, three corps, were left in place. Hancock's Second Corps, holding the center, did strengthen the stone wall running along its front. And General Hunt, Chief of Artillery, brought up reserve batteries to hold in readiness for replacement of front line guns.

Meanwhile, important movements were occurring elsewhere on the field. Ruger's division and Lockwood's brigade, which had been called from their lines on the south slope of Culp's Hill the previous evening to buttress the weakened Federal forces on Cemetery Ridge, had counter-marched, under cover of darkness, to reoccupy their ground. Geary, who had misunderstood orders and had marched down the Baltimore Pike, had also returned to his works. Ruger's men, upon reaching the Pike, learned from scouts that their entrenchments south of Culp's Hill and at Spangler's Spring had been occupied by the Confederates. Ruger, resolving upon an attack at daybreak, organized his forces along the Pike. Powerful artillery units under Muhlenberg were brought into place along the road; Rigby's Maryland battery was stationed on Power's Hill, a prominent knoll a half mile to the south; and another battery was emplaced on McAllister Hill.

As dawn broke on July 3, Union guns on the Baltimore Pike opened with a heavy cannonade on Johnson's Confederates at Spangler's Spring. The heavily wooded area about the Confederate lines prevented them from bringing guns into position to return the fire. Union skirmishers began streaming across the field toward the Confederate entrenchments. The full force of Ruger's and Geary's divisions was soon committed. Throughout the forenoon the opposing lines exchanged extremely heavy fire.

It was about 10 o'clock that Ruger, believing that a flank attack might break the resistance of Johnson's men, ordered Col. Silas Colgrove to strike the Confederate left flank near the spring. The troops of the 2d Massachusetts and the 27th Indiana regiments started across the swale from the cover of the woods on the little hill south of the spring. A withering fire slowed their pace, but they charged on, only to have their ranks decimated by the Confederates in strong positions back of a stone wall. Colonel Mudge, inspiring leader of the Massachusetts regiment, fell mortally wounded. Forced to fall back, the men soon learned their efforts had not been in vain. On Ruger's and Geary's front the Confederates were now giving way and soon had retired across Rock Creek, out of striking range. By 11 o'clock, the Union troops were again in possession of their earthworks; again they could quench their thirst in the cooling waters of the spring.



*Repulse of General Johnson's Confederates near Spangler's Spring on July 3,
by Peter F. Rothermel.*

Courtesy Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.

LEE PLANS A FINAL THRUST. General Lee must have learned by mid-forenoon, after the long hours of struggle at Culp's Hill and Spangler's Spring, that his troops could not hold the Union works which they had occupied with so little effort the previous evening. He had seen, also, that in the tremendous battling during the preceding afternoon no important gains had been made at Little Round Top and its vicinity. Longstreet had gained the advantageous ridge at the Peach Orchard and had brought his batteries forward from Pitzer's Woods to this high ground in preparation for a follow-up attack. Wright's brigade, the last unit to move forward on July 2 in the echelon attack begun by General Law, had charged across the open fields at dusk and pierced the Union center just south of the copse of trees on Cemetery Ridge. Wright's success could not

be pressed to decisive advantage as the brigades on his left had not moved forward to his support, and he was forced to retire. Again, lack of coordination in attack was to count heavily against the Confederates.

The failure to make any pronounced headway on July 2 at Culp's Hill and Little Round Top, and the momentary success of Wright on Cemetery Ridge, doubtless led Lee to believe that Meade's flanks were strong and his center weak. A powerful drive at the center might pierce the enemy's lines and fold them back. The shattered units might then be destroyed or captured at will. Such a charge across open fields and in the face of frontal and flank fire would, Lee well understood, be a gamble seldom undertaken. Longstreet strongly voiced his objection to such a move, insisting that "no 15,000 men ever arrayed for battle can take that position."



Devil's Den, a formation of large granite boulders used as defense positions by Confederate sharpshooters.

Time now was the important element. Whatever could be done must be done quickly. Hood's and McLaws' divisions, who had fought bravely and lost heavily at Round Top and the Wheatfield, were not in condition for another severe test. Early and Johnson on the left had likewise endured long, unrelenting battle with powerful Union forces in positions of advantage. The men of Heth's and Pender's divisions had not been heavily engaged since the first day's encounter west of Gettysburg. These were the men, along with Pickett's division, whom Lee would have to count on to bear the brunt of his final great effort at Gettysburg.



The Round Tops as they appear from Longstreet's battle line one mile away.

LEE AND MEADE SET THE STAGE. Late in the forenoon of July 3, General Meade had completed his plan of defense. Another Confederate attack could be expected: "Where?" was still the question. General Hunt, sensing the danger, placed a formidable line of batteries in position on the crest of Cemetery Ridge and alerted others in the rear for emergency use. As a final act of preparation, Meade inspected his front at the stone wall, then rode southward to Little Round Top. There, with General Warren, he could see the long lines of massed Confederate batteries, a sure indication of attack. Meade rode back to his headquarters.

Lee, on his part, had spent the forenoon organizing his attack formations on Seminary Ridge. Having reached his decision to strike the Union center, he had ordered the movement of batteries from the rear to points of advantage. By noon, about 140 guns were in line from the Peach Orchard northward to the Seminary buildings, many of them only 800 yards from the Union center. To Colonel Alexander fell the lot of directing the artillery fire and informing the infantry of the best opportunity to advance.

Massed to the west of Emmitsburg Road, on low ground which screened their position from the Union lines, lay Gen. George Pickett's three brigades commanded by Kemper, Armistead, and Garnett. Pickett's men had arrived the previous evening from Chambersburg, where they had guarded Lee's wagons on July 1 and 2. As a division these units had seen little fighting. Soon they would gain immortality. On Pickett's left, the attacking front was fast being organized. Joseph Pettigrew, a brigadier, was preparing to lead the division of the wounded Major General Heth, and Maj. Gen. Isaac Trimble took the command of Pender. Nearly 10,000 troops of these two divisions—including such units as the 26th North Carolina whose losses on the first day were so heavy that the dead marked their advance "with the accuracy of a line at a dress parade"—now awaited the order to attack. Many hours earlier, the Bliss farm buildings, which lay in their front, had been burned. Their objective on the ridge was in clear view. The brigades of Wilcox and Lang were to move forward on the right of Pickett in order to protect his flank as he neared the enemy position.



View northward from Little Round Top, statue of Gen. G. K. Warren in foreground. The Pennsylvania Memorial, center, marks the crest of Cemetery Ridge. Pickett's Charge came from the left across the open fields.

General Stuart, in the meantime, had been out of touch with Lee. Moving northward on the right flank of the Union Army, he became involved in a sharp engagement at Hanover, Pa., on June 30. Seeking to regain contact with Lee, he arrived at Carlisle on the evening of July 1. As he began shelling the barracks, orders arrived from Lee and he at once marched for Gettysburg, arriving north of the town the next day.

Early on July 3 he was ordered to take position on the Confederate left. This movement usually has been interpreted as an integral part of Lee's assault plan. But battle reports leave Stuart's role vague, except for covering the Confederate left. Doubtless he would have exploited any significant success achieved by the infantry assault.



Meade's headquarters today.

Except for the intermittent sniping of sharpshooters, an ominous silence prevailed over the fields. The orders had now been given; the objective had been pointed out. Men talked of casual things. Some munched on hard bread, others looked fearfully to the eastward, where, with the same mixed feelings, lay their adversary.

Far to the south, on another crucial front, General Pemberton was penning a letter to General Grant asking terms for the surrender of Vicksburg. In Richmond, the sick and anxious Jefferson Davis looked hopefully for heartening word from his great field commander at Gettysburg. The outcome of this bold venture would count heavily in the balance for the cause of the Confederacy.

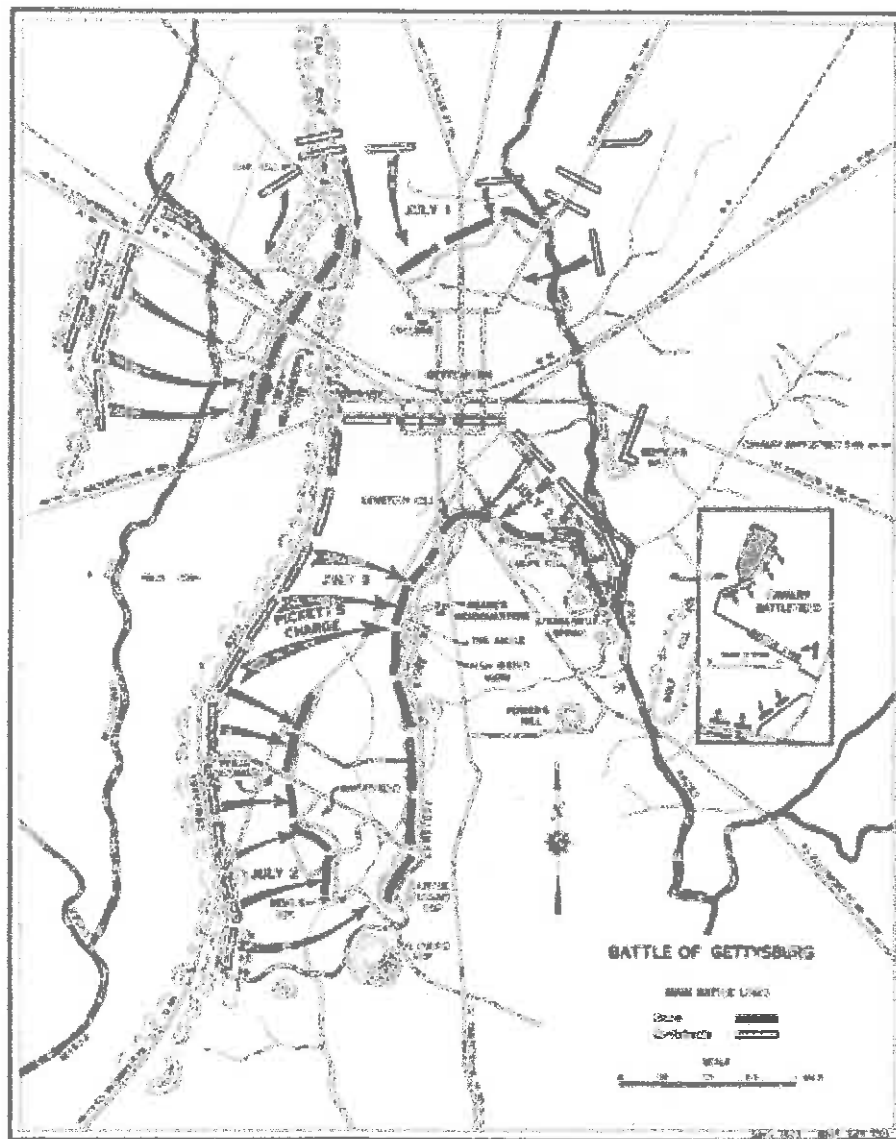


Panorama of the battlefield from Cemetery Ridge. The Angle, left; Emmitsburg Road, center; Seminary Ridge, right. The Confederate charge of July 3 crossed the open fields from right to left.

ARTILLERY DUEL AT ONE O'CLOCK. At 1 p.m. two guns of Miller's Battery, posted near the Peach Orchard, opened fire in rapid succession. It was the signal for the entire line to let loose their terrific blast. Gunners rushed to their cannon, and in a few moments the massed batteries shook the countryside. Firing in volleys and in succession, the air was soon filled with smoke and heavy dust, which darkened the sky. Union gunners on Cemetery Ridge waited a few minutes until the positions of the Confederate batteries were located; then 80 guns, placed in close order, opened fire. For nearly 2 hours the duel continued, then the Union fire slackened. Hunt had ordered a partial cessation in order to cool the guns and conserve ammunition.

Colonel Alexander, in position on the Emmitsburg Road near the Peach Orchard, could observe the effectiveness of his fire on the Union lines and also keep the Confederate troops in view. To him, it appeared that Union artillery fire was weakening. His own supply of ammunition was running low. Believing this was the time to attack, Alexander sent a message to Pickett who in turn rode over to Longstreet. General Longstreet, who had persistently opposed Lee's plan of sending 15,000 men across the open ground, was now faced with a final decision. Longstreet merely nodded approval and Pickett saluted, saying, "I am going to move forward, sir." He rode back to his men and ordered the advance. With Kemper on the right, Garnett on the left, and Armistead a few yards to the rear, the division marched out in brigade front, first northeastward into the open fields, then eastward toward the Union lines. As Pickett's men came into view near the woods, Pettigrew and Trimble gave the order to advance. Sons of Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Mississippi, comprising the brigades of Mayo, Davis, Marshall, and Fry in front, followed closely by Lane and Lowrance, now moved out to attack. A gap between Pickett's left and Pettigrew's right would be closed as the advance progressed. The units were to

converge as they approached the Union lines so that the final stage of the charge would present a solid front.





Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart,
Courtesy National Archives.



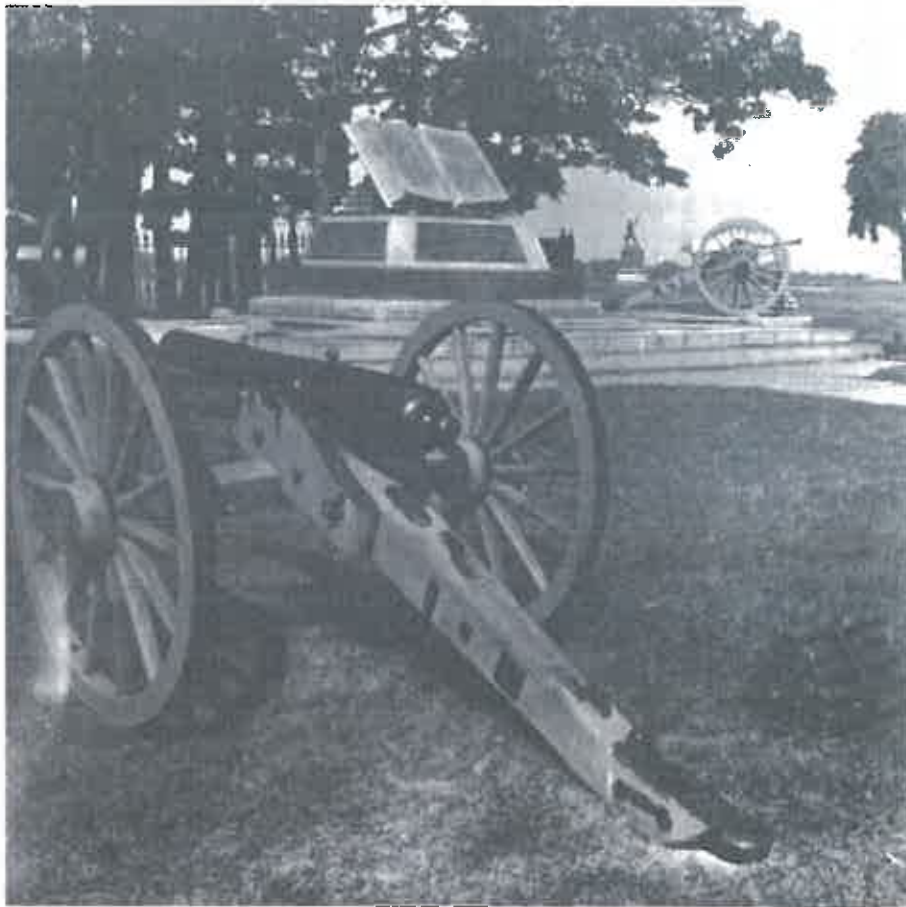
Maj. Gen. George E. Pickett,
Courtesy National Archives.

CLIMAX AT GETTYSBURG. Billows of smoke lay ahead of the Union men at the stone wall, momentarily obscuring the enemy. But trained observers on Little Round Top, far to the south, could see in the rear of this curtain of smoke the waves of Confederates starting forward. Pickett finding his brigades drifting southeastward, ordered them to bear to the left, and the men turned toward the copse of trees. Kemper was now approaching on the south of the Codori buildings; Garnett and Armistead were on the north. Halted momentarily at the Emmitsburg Road to remove fence rails, Pickett's troops, with Pettigrew on the left, renewed the advance. Pickett had anticipated frontal fire of artillery and infantry from the strong Union positions at the stone walls on the ridge, but now an unforeseen attack developed. Union guns as far south as Little Round Top, along with batteries on Cemetery Hill, relieved from Confederate fire at the Seminary buildings, opened on the right and left flanks. As Pickett's men drove toward the Union works at The Angle, Stannard's Vermont troops, executing a right turn movement from their position south of the copse, fired into the flank of the charging Confederates. The advancing lines crumbled, re-formed, and again pressed ahead under terrific fire from the Union batteries.

But valor was not enough. As the attackers neared the stone wall they lost cohesion in the fury that engulfed them. All along the wall the Union infantry opened with volley after volley into the depleted ranks of Garnett and Fry. Armistead closed in, and with Lane and Lowrance joining him, made a last concerted drive. At this close range, double canister and concentrated infantry fire cut wide gaps in the attacking front. Garnett was mortally wounded; Kemper was down, his lines falling away on the right and left. Armistead reached the low stone fence. In a final surge, he crossed the wall with 150 men and, with his cap on his sword, shouted "Follow me!" At the peak of the charge, he fell mortally wounded. From the ridge, Union troops rushed forward and

Hall's Michigan regiments let loose a blast of musketry. The gray column was surrounded. The ride of the Confederacy had "swept to its crest, paused, and receded."

Two of the divisions in the charge were reduced to mere fragments. In front of the Union line, 20 fallen battle flags lay in a space of 100 yards square. Singly and in little clumps, the remnants of the gray columns that had made the magnificent charge of a few minutes earlier now sullenly retreated across the fields toward the Confederate lines. Lee, who had watched anxiously from Spangler's Woods, now rode out to meet his men. "All this has been my fault," he said to General Wilcox who had brought off his command after heavy losses. "It is I that have lost this fight, and you must help me out of it in the best way you can." And again that night, in a moment of contemplation, he remarked to a comrade, "Too bad! too bad! Oh! too bad!"



The High Water Mark Monument, where Pickett's Charge was stopped.

CAVALRY ACTION. As the strength of Lee's mighty effort at The Angle was ebbing and the scattered remnants of the charge were seeking shelter, action of a different kind was taking place on another field not far distant. Early in the afternoon, Stuart's cavalry was making its way down the valley of Cress Run, 3 miles east of Gettysburg. The brigades of Hampton and Fitzhugh Lee,

at the rear of the line of march, momentarily lost the trail and came out into open ground at the north end of Rummel's Woods, Stuart, soon learning of the mistake, attempted to bring them into line and to proceed southward. But at this point, Gen. D. M. Gregg's Union cavalry, in position along the Hanover Road a mile southeast, saw the Confederates. Gregg prepared at once to attack, and Stuart had no choice but to fight on this ground. As the two forces moved closer, dismounted men opened a brisk fire, supported by the accurate shelling of artillerists.



Section of the Cyclorama painting of Pickett's Charge by Paul Philippoteaux.
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Then came the initial cavalry charge and countercharge. The Confederate Jenkins was forced to withdraw when his small supply of ammunition became exhausted. Hampton, Fitzhugh Lee, and Chambliss charged again and again, only to be met with the equally spirited counterattack of McIntosh. Custer's Michigan regiments assailed the front of the charging Confederate troopers, and Miller's squadron of the 3d Pennsylvania, disobeying orders to hold its position, struck opportunely on the Confederate left. The thrusts of the Union horsemen, so well coordinated, stopped the onslaught of Stuart's troopers. After 3 hours of turbulent action, the Confederates left the field and retired to the north of Gettysburg. The Union horsemen, holding their ground, had successfully cut off any prospect of Confederate cavalry aid in the rear of the Union lines on Cemetery Ridge.



The harvest of the guns.
From Brady Collection.

End of Invasion

Lee, as he looked over the desolate field of dead and wounded and the broken remnants of his once-powerful army still ready for renewed battle, must have realized that not only was Gettysburg lost, but that eventually it might all end this way. Meade did not counterattack, as expected. The following day, July 4, the two armies lay facing each other, exhausted and torn.

Late on the afternoon of July 4, Lee began an orderly retreat. The wagon train of wounded, 17 miles in length, guarded by Imboden's cavalry, started homeward through Greenwood and Greencastle. At night, the able-bodied men marched over the Hagerstown Road by way of Monterey Pass to the Potomac. Roads had become nearly impassable from the heavy rains that day, hindering the movements of both armies. Meade, realizing that the Confederate Army was actually retreating and not retiring to the mountain passes, sent detachments of cavalry and infantry in pursuit and ordered the mountain passes west of Frederick covered. Lee, having the advantage of the more direct route to the Potomac, reached the river several days ahead of his pursuers, but heavy rains had swollen the current and he could not cross. Meade arrived on the night of July 12 and prepared for a general attack. On the following night, however, the river receded and Lee crossed safely into Virginia. The Confederate Army, Meade's critics said, had been permitted to slip from the Union grasp.



The Alexander Gardner portrait of Lincoln, taken 4 days before the Gettysburg Address.
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Lincoln and Gettysburg

ESTABLISHMENT OF A BURIAL GROUND. For the residents of Gettysburg the aftermath of battle was almost as trying as the 3 days of struggle that had swirled about them. The town's 2,400 inhabitants, and the nearby country folk, bore a heavy share of the burden of caring for the 21,000 wounded and dying of both sides, who were left behind when the armies moved on. Spacious rooms in churches and schools and hundreds of homes were turned over to the care of the wounded; and kindly folk from neighboring towns came to help those of Gettysburg in ministering to the needs of the maimed and shattered men.

Adequate attention to the wounded was an immediate necessity, but fully as urgent was the need of caring for the dead. Nearly 6,000 had been killed in action, and hundreds died each day from mortal wounds. In the earlier stages of the battle, soldiers of both armies performed the tasks of burying their fallen comrades, but the struggle had reached such large proportions and the scene of battle had so shifted that fallen men had come within enemy lines. Because of the emergencies of battle, therefore, hundreds of bodies had been left unburied or only partially covered. It was evident that the limited aid which could be offered by local authorities must be supported by a well-organized plan for disinterment of the dead from the temporary burial grounds on the field and reburial in a permanent place at Gettysburg or in home cemeteries.

A few days after the battle, the Governor of the Commonwealth, Hon. Andrew Curtin, visited the battlefield to offer assistance in caring for the wounded. When official duties required his return to Harrisburg, he appointed Attorney David Wills, of Gettysburg, to act as his special agent. At the time of his visit, the Governor was especially distressed by the condition of the dead. In response to the Governor's desire that the remains be brought together in a place set aside for the purpose, Mr. Wills selected land on the northern slope of Cemetery Hill and suggested that the State of Pennsylvania purchase the ground at once in order that interments could begin without delay. He proposed that contributions for the purpose of laying out and landscaping the grounds be asked from legislatures of the States whose soldiers had taken part in the battle.

Within 6 weeks, Mr. Wills had purchased 17 acres of ground on Cemetery Hill and engaged William Saunders, an eminent landscape gardener, to lay out the grounds in State lots, apportioned in size to the number of graves for the fallen of each State. Each of the Union States represented in the battle made contributions for planning and landscaping.

The reinterment of close to 3,500 Union dead was accomplished only after many months. Great care had been taken to identify the bodies on the field, and, at the time of reinterment, remains were readily identified by marked boards which had been placed at the field grave or by items found on the bodies. Even so, the names of 1,664 remained unknown, 979 of whom were without identification either by name or by State. Within a year, appropriations from the States made possible the enclosure of the cemetery with a massive stone wall and an iron fence on the Baltimore Street front, imposing gateways of iron, headstones for the graves, and a keeper's lodge. Since the original burials, the total of Civil War interments has reached 3,706. Including those of later wars, the total number now is close to 5,000.



The Eternal Light Peace Memorial, dedicated on the 75th anniversary of the battle, commemorates "Peace Eternal in a Nation United."

Union Pacific Railroad photograph.

The removal of Confederate dead from the field burial plots was not undertaken until 7 years after the battle. During the years 1870-73, upon the initiative of the Ladies Memorial Associations of Richmond, Raleigh, Savannah, and Charleston, 3,320 bodies were disinterred and sent to cemeteries in those cities for reburial, 2,935 being interred in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond. Seventy-three bodies were reburied in home cemeteries.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania incorporated the cemetery in March 1864. The cemetery "having been completed, and the care of it by Commissioners from so many states being burdensome and expensive," the Board of Commissioners, authorized by act of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania in 1868, recommended the transfer of the cemetery to the Federal Government. The Secretary of War accepted title to the cemetery for the United States Government on May 1, 1872.



The procession on Baltimore Street en route to the cemetery for the dedicatory exercises, November 19.

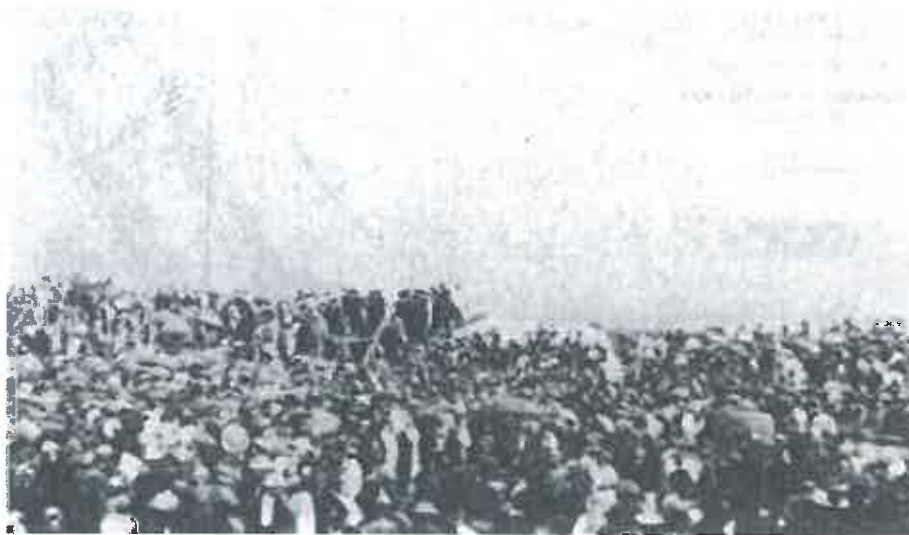
DEDICATION OF THE CEMETERY. Having agreed upon a plan for the cemetery, the Commissioners believed it advisable to consecrate the grounds with appropriate ceremonies. Mr. Wills, representing the Governor of Pennsylvania, was selected to make proper arrangements for the event. With the approval of the Governors of the several States, he wrote to Hon. Edward Everett, of Massachusetts, inviting him to deliver the oration on the occasion and suggested October 23, 1863, as the date for the ceremony. Mr. Everett stated in reply that the invitation was a great compliment, but that because of the time necessary for the preparation of the oration he could not accept a date earlier than November 19. This was the date agreed upon.

Edward Everett was the outstanding orator of his day. He had been a prominent Boston minister and later a university professor. A cultured scholar, he had delivered orations on many notable occasions. In a distinguished career he became successively President of Harvard, Governor of Massachusetts, United States Senator, Minister to England, and Secretary of State.

The Gettysburg cemetery, at the time of the dedication, was not under the authority of the Federal Government. It had not occurred to those in charge, therefore, that the President of the United States might desire to attend the ceremony. When formally printed invitations were sent to a rather extended list of national figures, including the President, the acceptance from Mr. Lincoln came as a surprise. Mr. Wills was there upon instructed to request the President to take part in the program, and, on November 2, a personal invitation was addressed to him.

Throngs filled the town on the evening of November 18. The special train from Washington bearing the President arrived in Gettysburg at dusk. Mr. Lincoln was escorted to the spacious home of Mr. Wills on Center Square. Sometime later in the evening the President was serenaded, and at a late hour he retired. At 10 o'clock on the following morning, the appointed time for the procession to begin, Mr. Lincoln was ready. The various units of the long procession, marshaled by Ward Lamon, began moving on Baltimore Street, the President riding horse back. The elaborate order of march also included Cabinet officials, judges of the Supreme Court, high military officers, Governors, commissioners, the Vice President, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Members of Congress, and many local groups.

Difficulty in getting the procession under way and the tardy return of Mr. Everett from his drive over the battleground accounted for a delay of an hour in the proceedings. At high noon, with thousands scurrying about for points of vantage, the ceremonies were begun with the playing of a dirge by one of the bands. As the audience stood uncovered, a prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas H. Stockton, Chaplain of the House of Representatives. "Old Hundred" was played by the Marine Band. Then Mr. Everett arose, and "stood a moment in silence, regarding the battlefield and the distant beauty of the South Mountain range." For nearly 2 hours he reviewed the funeral customs of Athens, spoke of the purposes of war, presented a detailed account of the 3-days' battle, offered tribute to those who died on the battlefield, and reminded his audience of the bonds which are common to all Americans. Upon the conclusion of his address, a hymn was sung.



This is the only known close, up photographic view of the rostrum (upper left) at the dedication of the National Cemetery. The view shows a part of the audience which was estimated at 15,000.

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Then the President arose and spoke his immortal words:

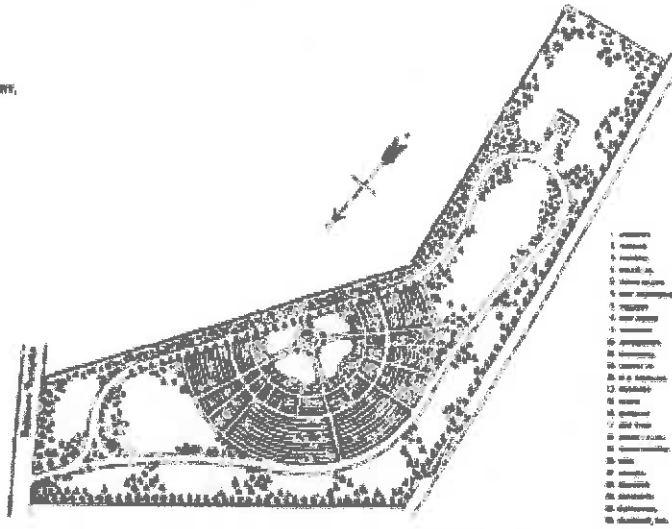
Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

A hymn was then sung and Rev. H. L. Baugher pronounced the benediction.

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Plan of the National Cemetery drawn in the autumn of 1863 by the notable landscape gardener, William Saunders.

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GENESIS OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS. The theme of the Gettysburg Address was not entirely new. President Lincoln was aware of Daniel Webster's statement in 1830 that the origin of our government and the source of its power is "the people's constitution, the people's government; made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people." Lincoln had read Supreme Court Justice John Marshall's opinion, which states: "The government of the Union . . . is emphatically and truly a government of the people. . . . Its powers are granted by them and are to be exercised directly on them, and for their benefit." In a ringing anti-slavery address in Boston in 1858, Rev. Theodore Parker, the noted minister, defined democracy as "a government of all the people, by all the people, for all the people." On a copy of this address in Lincoln's papers, this passage is encircled with pencil marks. But Lincoln did not merely repeat this theme; he transformed it into America's greatest patriotic utterance. With the Gettysburg Address, Lincoln gave meaning to the sacrifice of the dead—he gave inspiration to the living.

Rather than accept the address as a few brief notes hastily prepared on the route to Gettysburg (an assumption which has long gained much public acceptance), it should be regarded as a pronouncement of the high purpose dominant in Lincoln's thinking throughout the war. Habitually cautious of words in public address, spoken or written, it is not likely that the President, on such an occasion, failed to give careful thought to the words which he would speak. After receiving the belated invitation on November 2, he yet had ample time to prepare for the occasion, and the well-known correspondent Noah Brooks stated that several days before the dedication Lincoln told him in Washington that his address would be "short, short, short" and that it was "written, but not finished."

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First page of the second draft of the Gettysburg Address. This copy, made by Lincoln on the morning of November 19, was held in his hand while delivering his address.

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THE FIVE AUTOGRAPH COPIES OF THE GETTYSBURG ADDRESS. Even after his arrival at Gettysburg the President continued to put finishing touches to his address. The first page of the original text was written in ink on a sheet of Executive Mansion paper. The second page, either written or revised at the Wills residence, was in pencil on a sheet of foolscap, and,

according to Lincoln's secretary, Nicolay, the few words changed in pencil at the bottom of the first page were added while in Gettysburg. The second draft of the address was written in Gettysburg probably on the morning of its delivery, as it contains certain phrases that are not in the first draft but are in the reports of the address as delivered and in subsequent copies made by Lincoln. It is probable, as stated in the explanatory note accompanying the original copies of the first and second drafts in the Library of Congress, that it was the second draft which Lincoln held in his hand when he delivered the address.

Quite opposite to Lincoln's feeling, expressed soon after the delivery of the address, that it "would not scour," the President lived long enough to think better of it himself and to see it widely accepted as a master piece. Early in 1864, Mr. Everett requested him to join in presenting manuscripts of the two addresses given at Gettysburg to be bound in a volume and sold for the benefit of stricken soldiers at a Sanitary Commission Fair in New York. The draft Lincoln sent became the third autograph copy, known as the Everett-Keyes copy, and it is now in the possession of the Illinois State Historical Library.

George Bancroft requested a copy in April 1864, to be included in *Autograph Leaves of Our Country's Authors*. This volume was to be sold at a Soldiers' and Sailors' Sanitary Fair in Baltimore. As this fourth copy was written on both sides of the paper, it proved unusable for this purpose, and Mr. Bancroft was allowed to keep it. This autograph draft is known as the Bancroft copy, as it remained in that family for many years. It has recently been presented to the Cornell University Library. Finding that the copy written for *Autograph Leaves* could not be used, Mr. Lincoln wrote another, a fifth draft, which was accepted for the purpose requested. It is the only draft to which he affixed his signature. In all probability it was the last copy written by Lincoln, and because of the apparent care in its preparation it has become the standard version of the address. This draft was owned by the family of Col. Alexander Bliss, publisher of *Autograph Leaves*, and is known as the Bliss copy. It now hangs in the Lincoln Room of the White House, a gift of Oscar B. Cintas, former Cuban Ambassador to the United States.



The Soldiers' National Monument honors the Federal dead who fell at Gettysburg. Dedicated July 1, 1869, it stands where Lincoln stood when he delivered the Gettysburg Address.

SOLDIERS' NATIONAL MONUMENT. As a fitting memorial to the Union dead who fell at Gettysburg, the Commissioners arranged for the erection of a monument in the center of the semicircular plot of graves. A design submitted by J. G. Batterson was accepted and the services of Randolph Rogers, a distinguished American sculptor, were secured for the execution of the monument. Projecting from the four angles of the gray granite shaft are allegorical statues in white marble representing War, History, Peace, and Plenty. Surmounting the shaft is a white marble statue representing the Genius of Liberty. Known as the Soldiers' National Monument, the cornerstone was laid July 4, 1865, and the monument dedicated July 1, 1869.



The Lincoln Address Memorial.

THE LINCOLN ADDRESS MEMORIAL. The "few appropriate remarks" of Lincoln at Gettysburg came to be accepted with the passing of years not only as a fine expression of the purposes for which the war was fought, but as a masterpiece of literature. An effort to have the words of the martyr President commemorated on this battlefield culminated with the inclusion in the act approved February 12, 1895, which established Gettysburg National Military Park, of a provision for the erection of such a memorial. Pursuant to this authority, the Park Commission erected the Lincoln Address Memorial, in January 1912, near the west gate of the national cemetery.

Pickett's Charge



These fields are where the last Confederate attack of the battle, known as "Pickett's Charge", occurred. Almost one mile of open ground lay between Seminary Ridge in the distance, and Cemetery Ridge in the foreground. The day before this great charge, Confederate soldiers swarmed through the distant woods that line Seminary Ridge, moving artillery and infantry into position to prepare for the July 2 attack against the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. It was late on the second day of the battle that General Ambrose Wright's brigade advanced across this wide plain to strike Union troops centered around the Codori House on the Emmitsburg Road. Though initially successful, Wright's men could not penetrate the Union line and were thrown back. Soon after dawn on July 3, these fields and pastures were full of troops engaged in heavy skirmish fighting that lasted throughout the morning.

Promptly at 1 o'clock, two Confederate guns were fired to begin the artillery bombardment. Over 150 southern cannon replied, sending shot and shell into the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. Colonel Edward P. Alexander recalled, "In another minute every gun was at work. The enemy were not slow in coming back at us, and the grand roar of nearly the whole artillery of both armies burst in on the silence, almost as suddenly as the full notes of an organ would fill a church. The enemy's position seemed to have broken out with guns everywhere and from Round Top to Cemetery Hill was blazing like a volcano. The air seemed full of missiles from every direction." For nearly two hours the deadly duel with Union cannoners on Cemetery Ridge continued with no let up in the volume of shells or ear-splitting blasts. The cannonade was so loud and sound carried so well that it could be heard as far away as Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, a distance of 40 miles.



Gen. Longstreet
Generals In Gray

General James Longstreet was tasked with command of the infantry in the last great charge of the battle. General George Pickett's Division of Virginia soldiers, General Heth's Division (commanded by General J.J. Pettigrew), and two brigades of General Pender's Division (commanded by General Isaac Trimble), approximately 12,000 infantrymen, would make the initial charge. The troops would be followed by reinforcements including General Cadmus Wilcox's Alabama brigade and Colonel David Lang's brigade of three Florida regiments. General Lee's last gamble for victory at Gettysburg now rested in the hands and hearts of these southern infantrymen, about to enter into one of the most desperate and famous charges in American history. After an hour and a half of cannonading, the Union guns fell silent, which was mistaken for a general withdrawal. Alexander scribbled a note to General Pickett: "For God's sake, come quick... come quick, or my ammunition won't let me support you properly." Pickett carried the message to General Longstreet, seated on a fence in Spangler's Woods near the location of the Virginia Monument. Sad and bitter, Longstreet could barely nod a reply. The dashing Pickett rode off to order his men forward while Longstreet remained on his fence, preferring not to watch the disaster about to befall his troops.



The field of Pickett's Charge. Pickett's, Pettigrew's, and Trimble's commands marched from the distant line of trees to Cemetery Ridge in the foreground. The Angle and High Water Mark are in the foreground.

Gettysburg NMP

"Up men and to your posts," ordered a joyous General Pickett. "Don't forget today that you are from Old Virginia!" His men cheered as they rushed into formation. "Before us lay bright fields and fair landscape," a Confederate staff officer remembered as the southern infantry stood in perfect order, prepared to cross the mile of open farmland. The huge formations moved forward, each regiment marked with the red cloth battle flags of the Army of Northern Virginia.

This massive parade was suddenly rained upon by a shower of artillery shells as Union guns came back to life. Explosions ripped through the Confederate ranks. Officers waved swords and shouted above the noise for the men to close the gaps. Guided by their flags, the southerners continued on toward Cemetery Ridge.

It was over within an hour. These fields were soon covered with staggering survivors of "Pickett's Charge", some near panic as they escaped the final scattered Union shots. Accompanied by Sir Arthur Fremantle, an observer with the British Army, General Longstreet rode among them and spoke kindly to both officers and men. Fremantle also saw General Lee speak to the shocked survivors of the charge. "All this will come out right in the end," the general said. "We'll talk it over afterwards; but in the meantime, all good men must rally. We want all good and true men just now."

Today these quiet fields are traversed by hundreds of park visitors, eager to walk the same historic line of march where so many tramped to their deaths on that hot July afternoon. The trail begins at Spangler Woods near the Virginia Monument, leads our visitors across the mile of open field, across the Emmitsburg Road and up to the Angle, the central piece of contested ground. Here stands the small grove of trees- a mere clump of scrubby trees and brush in 1863- that forever after has bore the name of the "High Water Mark", which is your next stop.



The Virginia Monument
Gettysburg NMP

Located near the center of Seminary Ridge, the Virginia Monument is one of the largest southern monuments in the park and features a heroic-size equestrian statue of General Lee atop Traveller, his favorite mount. On the base of the monument is a grouping of bronze figures representing the various backgrounds of the soldiers who served under Virginia's flag. All of the figures are the work of sculptor F. William Sievers. The monument was unveiled and formally dedicated on June 8, 1917.

This location for the monument, overlooking the fields of Pickett's Charge, was selected because it was here that General Lee witnessed the disastrous charge. Even in defeat, Lee was magnanimous. Rising to the greatness that has symbolized him throughout history, the general placed full blame for the failure squarely on himself. To a distraught General Pickett, Lee spoke words of comfort: "Come, General Pickett, this has been my fight, and upon my shoulders rests the blame. The men and officers of your command have written the name of Virginia as high today as it has ever been written before." It is no wonder that the Confederate soldiers who served under Lee gave him their undying loyalty and many historians feel that this may have been his finest hour.

Ohio

4th - Cool monument

8th- Significant involvement at Gettysburg

On June 3, 1863, elements of Lee's army began heading away from Fredericksburg towards the Shenandoah Valley. In response, the Union army, under first [Joseph Hooker](#) and then [George G. Meade](#), slowly began to pursue Lee into [Maryland](#) and subsequently into south-central [Pennsylvania](#). The 8th OVI lost a number of men to sunstroke and heat exhaustion during the brutal march northward, but arrived near [Gettysburg, Pennsylvania](#), late in the day of July 1 and took up a defensive position along [Cemetery Ridge](#) with 209 men in its ranks. When [James Longstreet](#) and [A. P. Hill](#) launched attacks aimed at rolling up the Union line from south to north, the 8th was quickly shifted to a position near the Emmitsburg Road, where it engaged in a series of attacks and [counterattacks](#) on July 2 with [Mississippi](#) troops under Brig. Gen. [Carnot Posey](#), while the rest of the brigade (now under Col. [Samuel "Red" Carroll](#)) was sent to [Cemetery Hill](#) to reinforce the embattled [XI Corps](#).

After a restless night, the 8th held their position in the fields west of Emmitsburg Road, duelling with Confederate skirmishers for much of the morning of July 3. Following a lengthy cannonade in the early afternoon, over 12,000 Confederates under [George Pickett](#), [Isaac R. Trimble](#), and [Johnston Pettigrew](#) stepped off from [Seminary Ridge](#) and marched towards the Union line on Cemetery Ridge. Facing a force several times its number, the 8th Ohio held its advanced position and was able to flank portions of a [Virginia](#) brigade under Col. [John M. Brockenbrough](#). Assisted by artillery fire from Cemetery Hill and Ziegler's Grove, the 8th succeeded in routing much of Brockenbrough's force, the first brigade to ever break and flee during Lee's tenure in command of the Army of Northern Virginia. The 8th then shifted and poured fire into the flank of other Confederate regiments. As the assault waned, the regiment collected over 300 [prisoners of war](#).^[3] As the Ohioans reentered the Union lines, they were given a salute of arms and cheers from the other regiments.

The 8th Ohio rested on July 4 before joining the Army of the Potomac in the pursuit of the retreating Confederates into Virginia. It served in the subsequent [Bristoe](#) and [Mine Run Campaigns](#), but saw no further significant combat in 1863.

8th Ohio Infantry

compiled by Larry Stevens

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Commissary Sgt. Lemuel Snover
8th Ohio Vol. Inf. Carroll's Brigade 2 A.C.
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History

This regiment organized for three months service May 2nd, 1861, and for three years June 26th, 1861. It served in West Virginia until March of 1862 when it moved to the Shenandoah Valley, and engaged in the battles of Cedar Creek, Winchester and Front Royal. In July it was ordered to the Peninsula, where it took part in the operations on the Chickahominy. In August the regiment moved north and fought at

South Mountain and Antietam. It was at Fredericksburg and at Chancellorsville sustained heavy losses. Again, at Gettysburg, it lost over 100 in killed and wounded. The 8th took part in Grant's battles through the Wilderness, and when its term of service expired was withdrawn from the trenches at Petersburg, and mustered out July 13th, 1864.

From Dyer's Compendium

8th Regiment Infantry (3 Months). Organized at Cleveland, Ohio, April 18-May 4, 1861. Moved to Camp Dennison, Ohio, and duty there till June 22. Reorganized for three years June 22, 1861. Three months men mustered out July 24, 1861.

8th Regiment Infantry (3 Years). Organized at Camp Dennison, Ohio, June 22, 1861, and duty there till July 8. Moved to Grafton, W. Va., July 8. At West Union, Preston County, till July 13. Pursuit of Garnett's forces July 13-18. Guard duty on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to September. Attached to Hill's Brigade, Army of Occupation, West Virginia, to August, 1861. 3rd Brigade, Army of Occupation, to January, 1862. Landers' Division, Army Potomac, to March, 1862. 1st Brigade, Shields' 2nd Division, Banks' 5th Army Corps, and Dept. of the Shenandoah, to May, 1862. Kimball's Independent Brigade, Dept. of the Rappahannock, to July, 1862. Kimball's Independent Brigade, 2nd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to September, 1862. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 2nd Army Corps, to March, 1864. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Division, 2nd Army Corps, to June, 1864.

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May 23-26. On line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. Totopotomoy May 8-31. Cold Harbor June 1-12. Before Petersburg June 16-18. Siege of Petersburg June 16-25. Jerusalem Plank Road, Weldon Railroad, June 22-23. Left trenches June 24. Veterans and Recruits formed into two Companies and transferred to 4th Ohio Infantry Battalion June 25, 1864. Regiment mustered out at Cleveland, Ohio, July 13, 1865. Regiment lost during service 8 Officers and 124 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 72 Enlisted men by disease. Total 205.

Companies by County

Three Months Service

Company A "Seneca Sharpshooters" Seneca County
Company B "Hibernian Guards" Cleveland, Cuyahoga County
Company C "Bucyrus Light Infantry" Crawford County
Company D Huron County
Company E "Sandusky City Guards" Erie County
Company F "Fremont Guards" Sandusky County
Company G "Croghan Guards" Sandusky County
Company H Medina County
Company I Lorain County
Company K Medina County

Three Years Service

Company A Seneca County
Company B Cleveland, Cuyahoga County
Company C Crawford County
Company D Huron County
Company E Erie County
Company F Sandusky County
Company G Sandusky County
Company H Lorain and Medina Counties
Company I Lorain County
Company K Medina County

County listing from Steve Ward's *Buckeyes All Part I Revised*.

55th - Norwalk Unit- Monument near cemetery

55th

Ohio Infantry

Arrived at 2:20 pm. July 1, in this position, which it held throughout the battle.

With severe loss, its skirmishers drove back those of the enemy and seized a barn between the lines,

where 12 of its men were surrounded and captured by the enemy's main line.

Casualties

6 killed. 31 wounded.

12 missing.

Ohio in the American Civil War

During the [American Civil War](#), the [State of Ohio](#) played a key role in providing troops, military officers, and supplies to the [Union army](#). Due to its central location in the [Northern United States](#) and burgeoning population, Ohio was both politically and logistically important to the war effort. Despite the state's boasting a number of very powerful [Republican](#) politicians, it was divided politically. Portions of Southern Ohio followed the [Peace Democrats](#) and openly opposed President [Abraham Lincoln](#)'s policies. Ohio played an important part in the [Underground Railroad](#) prior to the war, and remained a haven for escaped and runaway slaves during the war years.^[1]

The third most populous state in the Union at the time, Ohio raised nearly 320,000 soldiers for the Union army, third behind only [New York](#) and [Pennsylvania](#) in total manpower contributed to the military.^[2] Several leading generals hailed from Ohio, including [Ulysses S. Grant](#), [William T. Sherman](#), and [Philip H. Sheridan](#). Five Ohio-born Civil War officers would later serve as the [President of the United States](#).^[3] The [Fighting McCooks](#) gained fame as the largest immediate family group ever to become officers in the U.S. Army.^[4]

The state was spared many of the horrors of war as only two minor battles were fought within its borders. [Morgan's Raid](#) in the summer of 1863 spread terror among the populace.^[5] Ohio troops fought in nearly every major campaign during the war. Nearly 7,000 Buckeye soldiers were

killed in action. Its most significant Civil War site is [Johnson's Island](#), located in [Sandusky Bay](#) of [Lake Erie](#). Barracks and outbuildings were constructed for a prisoner of war depot, intended chiefly for officers. Over three years more than 15,000 Confederate men were held there. The island includes a Confederate cemetery where about 300 men were buried.^[6]

[edit] History

[edit] Ohio politics during the War

Much of southern Ohio's economy depended upon trade with the [South](#) across the [Ohio River](#), which had served for years as passage and a link with the [slave states](#) of [Virginia](#) and [Kentucky](#). The culture of southern Ohio was closer to those states than it was to northern parts of the state, owing to many settlers coming from the South and being formerly territory of the state of Virginia as part of the [Virginia Military District](#). Most of the state's population was solidly against [secession](#) and in favor of a strong central government. During the [1860 Presidential Election](#), Ohio voted in favor of [Abraham Lincoln](#) (231,709 votes or 52.3% of the ballots cast) over [Stephen Douglas](#) (187,421; 42.3%), [John C. Breckinridge](#) (11,406; 2.6%), and [John Bell](#) (12,194; 2.8%).^[7]

A number of men with Ohio ties would serve important roles in Lincoln's Cabinet and administration, including [Steubenville's Edwin M. Stanton](#) as [Attorney General](#) and then [Secretary of War](#), and former Ohio [U.S. Senator](#) and Governor [Salmon P. Chase](#) as [Secretary of the Treasury](#). Prominent Ohio politicians in [Congress](#) included Senators [John Sherman](#) and [Benjamin F. Wade](#).^[8]

During the war, three men would serve as Governor of Ohio— [William Dennison](#), [David Tod](#) and [John Brough](#). Without being asked by the [War Department](#), Dennison sent Ohio troops into western [Virginia](#), where they guarded the [Wheeling Convention](#). The convention led to the admission of [West Virginia](#) as a [free state](#). Tod became known as "the soldier's friend," for his determined efforts to help equip and sustain Ohio's troops. He was noted for his quick response in calling out the state [militia](#) to battle Confederate raiders. Brough strongly supported the Lincoln Administration's war efforts and was key to persuading other Midwestern governors to raise [100-day regiments](#), such as the [131st Ohio Infantry](#) in early 1864, to release more seasoned troops for duty in Gen. [Ulysses S. Grant](#)'s spring campaign.^[9]

[edit] Copperheads

Through the middle of the war, the [Copperhead](#) movement had appeal in Ohio, driven in part by noted [states rights](#) advocate, Congressman [Clement Vallandigham](#), a leading Peace Democrat. After General [Ambrose E. Burnside](#) issued [General Order Number 38](#) in early 1863, warning that the "habit of declaring sympathies for the enemy" would not be tolerated in the Military District

of Ohio, Vallandigham gave a major speech charging the war was being fought not to save the Union, but to free blacks and enslave whites.^[10]

Burnside ordered his arrest and took Vallandigham to Cincinnati for trial. At the trial, Vallandigham was found guilty. The court sentenced him to prison for the duration of the war. President Lincoln attempted to quiet the situation by writing the [Birchard Letter](#), which offered to release Vallandigham if several Ohio congressmen agreed to support certain policies of the Administration. To try to prevent political backlash and preserve authority of Gen. Burnside, Abraham Lincoln changed Vallandigham's sentence to banishment to the South. The threat was imprisonment if Vallandigham returned to northern soil. The South allowed Vallandigham to migrate to Canada, from where he ran an unsuccessful campaign for governor against Brough in 1863. Vallandigham's campaign bitterly divided much of southern Ohio.^[11]

[\[edit\]](#) 1864 election

Public sentiment shifted more in favor of the Lincoln Administration, particularly as Ohio generals rose in prominence, with military successes in the [Atlanta Campaign](#), the [Siege of Petersburg](#), and [Sheridan's Valley Campaigns](#). In the [1864 Presidential Election](#), Ohio strongly supported Lincoln's reelection. The state gave the president 265,674 votes (56.4% of the total) versus 205,609 votes (43.6%) for General [George McClellan](#).^[12]

En route to [Washington, D.C.](#) for his inauguration, President Lincoln passed through Ohio by train, with brief stops in numerous cities. His first formal speech given after his election was in [Hudson, Ohio](#), a stop he made in route to [Cleveland](#). Although Lincoln had visited the state several times before the war, he would not return during the Civil War. In 1865 his funeral train carried his body through the state, bound for [Springfield, Illinois](#).

Newspapers engaged in very lively discussion of war issues, from the Republican, War Democrat and Copperhead perspectives.^[13]

[\[edit\]](#) Military recruitment



 Camp Dennison.

At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, in response to a call to arms by President Lincoln, Ohio raised 23 volunteer infantry [regiments](#) for three months' service, 10 more regiments than the state's quota. When it became evident that the war would not end quickly, Ohio began raising regiments for three-year terms of enlistment. At first the majority were stocked with eager volunteers and recruits. Before the war's end, they would be joined by 8,750 draftees.^[14]

Nearly 320,000 Ohioans served in the Union army, more than any other northern state except [New York](#) and [Pennsylvania](#).^[15] Of these, 5,092 were free blacks. Ohio had the highest percentage of population enlisted in the military of any state. Sixty percent of all the men between the ages of 18 and 45 were in the service. Ohio mustered 230 regiments of [infantry](#) and [cavalry](#), as well as 26 light [artillery](#) batteries and 5 independent companies of [sharpshooters](#). Total casualties among these units numbered 35,475 men, more than 10% of all the Buckeyes in uniform during the war. There were 6,835 men killed in action, including 402 officers.^[16]

Dozens of small camps were established across the state to train and drill the new regiments. Two large military posts were created: [Camp Chase](#) in [Columbus](#) and [Camp Dennison](#) near [Cincinnati](#). The [1st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry \(OVI\)](#) would eventually be joined on the muster rolls by more than 100 additional infantry regiments.^[17]



 1st Ohio Infantry in action, June 1861.

Ohioans first had military action at the [Battle of Philippi Races](#) in June 1861, where the 14th and 16th Ohio Infantry participated in the Union victory. Ohioans comprised one-fifth of the Union army at the April 1862 [Battle of Shiloh](#), where 1,676 Buckeyes suffered casualties. Ohio would suffer its highest casualty count at the [Battle of Chickamauga](#) in September 1863, with 3,591 killed or wounded. Another 1,351 men were taken [prisoner of war](#) by the Confederates. Among these prisoners, 36 men from the 2nd Ohio Infantry would perish in the infamous [Andersonville prison](#), as did hundreds more Buckeye soldiers there.^[18]

Several Buckeye regiments played critical roles in other important battles. The 8th OVI was instrumental in helping repulse [Pickett's Charge](#) at the [Battle of Gettysburg](#). At the same battle, the 66th OVI flanked repeated Confederate assaults and helped secure the crest of [Culp's Hill](#). George Nixon, great-grandfather of President [Richard Nixon](#), died at Gettysburg in the 73rd OVI.^[19]

[John Clem](#), celebrated as "Johnny Shiloh" and "The Drummer Boy of Chickamauga," became the youngest person to become a [noncommissioned officer](#) in [United States Army](#) history. More than 100 soldiers from Ohio units earned the [Medal of Honor](#) during the conflict. Several were awarded it for the ill-fated [Great Locomotive Chase](#).

President Lincoln had a habit on the eve of a battle of asking how many Ohio men would participate. When someone inquired why, Lincoln remarked, "Because I know that if there are

many Ohio soldiers to be engaged, it is probable we will win the battle, for they can be relied upon in such an emergency."^[20]

Small-scale riots broke out in ethnic German and Irish districts, and in areas along the Ohio River with many Copperheads. [Holmes County, Ohio](#) was an isolated localistic areas dominated by [Pennsylvania Dutch](#) and some recent German immigrants. It was a Democratic stronghold and few men dared speak out in favor of conscription. Local politicians denounced Lincoln and Congress as despotic, seeing the draft law as a violation of their local autonomy. In June 1863, small scale disturbance broke out; they ended when the Army send in armed units.^[21]

Military actions in Ohio

Unlike its neighbors [West Virginia](#), [Kentucky](#), and [Pennsylvania](#), Ohio was spared from serious military encounters. In September 1862, Confederate forces under [Brig. Gen. Henry Heth](#) marched through northern Kentucky and threatened Cincinnati (see [Defense of Cincinnati](#)). They turned away after encountering strong Union fortifications south of the [Ohio River](#). Not long afterwards, Brig. Gen. [Albert G. Jenkins](#) briefly passed through the extreme southern tip of Ohio during a raid.

It was not until the summer of 1863 that Confederates arrived in force, when [John Hunt Morgan](#)'s cavalry division traversed southern and eastern Ohio during [Morgan's Raid](#). His activities culminated in Morgan's capture in [Columbiana County](#). The [Battle of Buffington Island](#) was the largest fought in Ohio during the Civil War.^[22]

[[edit](#)] Notable Civil War leaders from Ohio

Numerous leading [generals](#) and army commanders hailed from Ohio. The General-in-Chief of the Union armies, [Ulysses S. Grant](#), was born in [Clermont County](#) in 1822. Among the 19 [major generals](#) from Ohio were [William T. Sherman](#), [Philip H. Sheridan](#), [Don Carlos Buell](#), [Jacob D. Cox](#), [George Crook](#), [George Armstrong Custer](#), [James A. Garfield](#), [Irvin McDowell](#), [James B. McPherson](#), [William S. Rosecrans](#), and [Alexander M. McCook](#) (of the "[Fighting McCook](#)" family, which sent a number of generals into the service). The state would contributed 53 [brigadier generals](#).^[23]

A handful of [Confederate](#) generals were Ohio-born, including [Bushrod Johnson](#) of [Belmont County](#) and [Robert H. Hutton](#) of [Steubenville](#).^[24] [Charles Clark](#) of Cincinnati led a [division](#) in the [Army of Mississippi](#) during the [Battle of Shiloh](#) and then became the late war pro-Confederate [Governor of Missouri](#). Noted Confederate guerrilla Capt. [William Quantrill](#) was also born and raised in Ohio.

In addition to Grant and Garfield, three other Ohio Civil War veterans would become [President of the United States](#) in the decades following the war: [William McKinley](#) of [Canton](#), [Rutherford B. Hayes](#) of [Fremont](#), and [Benjamin Harrison](#) of the greater Cincinnati area.^[25]



Lt. Gen.
Ulysses S. Grant



Maj. Gen.
William T. Sherman



Maj. Gen.
Philip H. Sheridan



Sec. of War
Edwin M. Stanton



Maj. Gen.
James B. McPherson



Maj. Gen.
James A. Garfield



Maj. Gen.
Rutherford B. Hayes



Maj. Gen.
George A. Custer

Civil War sites in Ohio

The only battlefield of significance in Ohio is [Buffington Island](#). Today it is threatened by development. This was the site of the largest fight of the July 1863 dash across Ohio by Confederate cavalry under John Hunt Morgan.^[26] The incursion was immortalized as "Morgan's Raid". A lesser engagement was the [Battle of Salineville](#), which resulted in the capture of General Morgan. He and a number of his officers were incarcerated in the [Ohio Penitentiary](#) before escaping.^[27] Extreme south-central Ohio had previously been briefly invaded in early September 1862 by cavalry under [Albert G. Jenkins](#).^[28]

Two important cemeteries for the dead from the [Confederate States Army](#) can be found in the Buckeye State. One is at the [prisoner-of-war camp](#) on [Johnson's Island](#), the most significant Civil War site in the state and intended mostly for officers. Estimates are that 10,000-15,000 Confederate officers and soldiers were incarcerated during the camp's three years of operations, with 2500-3000 at any one time. About 300 Confederates died and were buried there. A museum about Johnson's Island is located in Marblehead on the mainland. The Civil War buildings were dismantled shortly after the war. Archeological work by Heidelberg University has revealed the boundaries of the camp and new materials. At one time part of the island was used for a pleasure resort.^[29] Another cemetery is located at Camp Chase, where more than 2,000 Southerners were interred. Union Cemetery in [Steubenville, Ohio](#), is the final resting place of Civil War soldiers, including several generals and colonels, including several of the "[Fighting McCooks](#)".^[3]

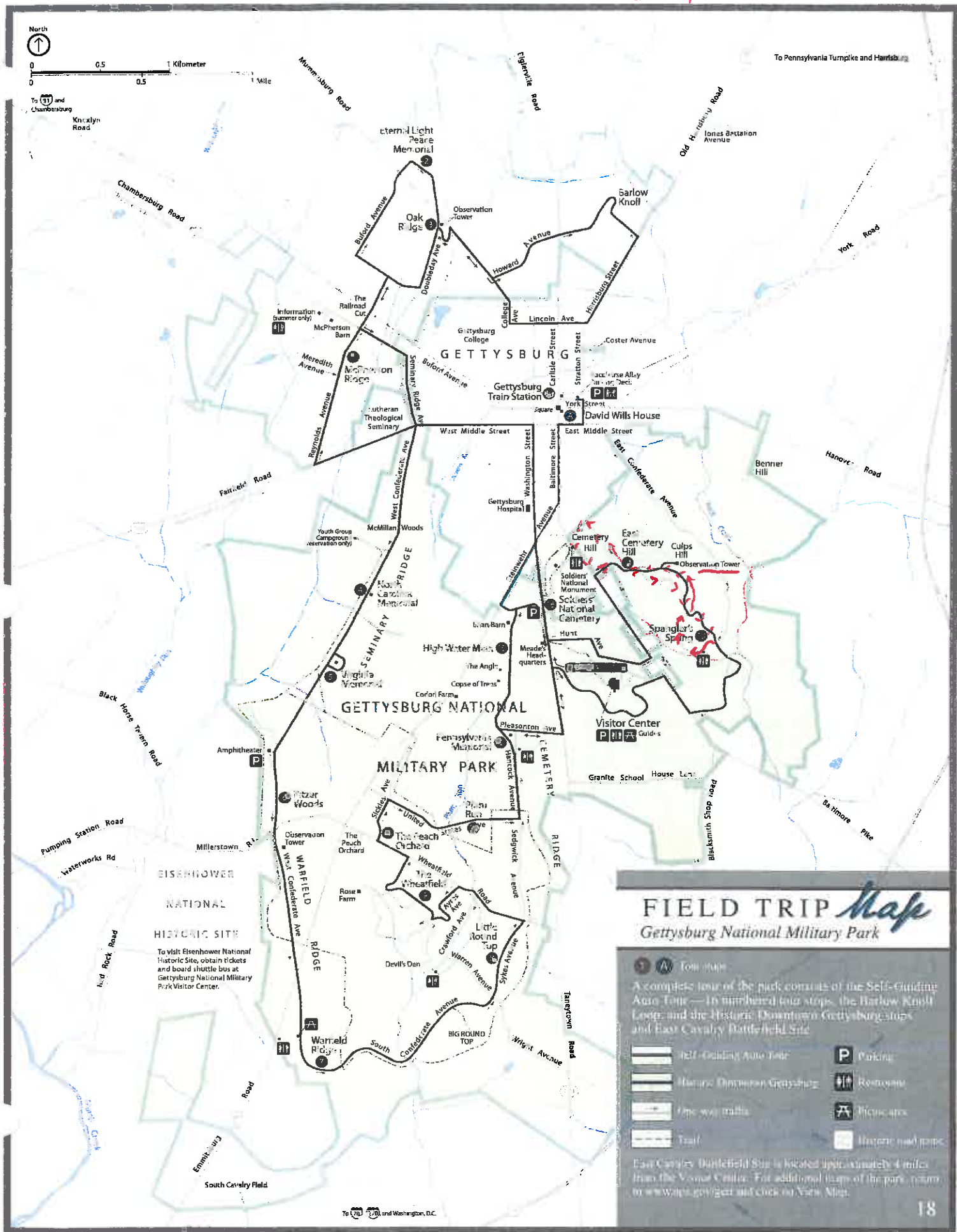
Monuments in [Cincinnati](#) and [Mansfield](#) commemorate the hundreds of Ohio soldiers who had been liberated from Southern prison camps, such as [Cahaba](#) and [Andersonville](#), but perished in the [Sultana steamboat](#) tragedy.^[30] In the aftermath of war, women's groups were instrumental in raising money and organizing activities to create the memorials.

Many Ohio counties have Civil War monuments, statues, cannons, and similar memorials of their contributions to the Civil War effort. These are frequently located near the county courthouses. The [Ohio State Capitol](#) has a display of Civil War guns on its grounds. In downtown [Cleveland's Public Square](#) is the impressive [Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument](#). Other large monuments are in [Dayton](#), [Hamilton](#), and [Columbus](#). A large equestrian statue of General Sheridan is in the center of [Somerset](#). [New Rumley](#) has a memorial to George Armstrong Custer. A number of Ohio Historical Markers throughout the state commemorate places and people associated with the Civil War.^[31]

Some of the homes of noted Civil War officers and political leaders have been restored and are open to the public as museums. Among these are the [Daniel McCook House](#) in [Carrollton, Ohio](#). The [Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center and Library](#) in [Fremont](#) contains a number of Civil War relics and artifacts associated with General Hayes. Similarly, "[Lawnfield](#)", the home of James A. Garfield in [Mentor](#), has a collection of Civil War items associated with the assassinated President.^[32]

The [Ohio Historical Society](#) maintains many of the archives of the war, including artifacts and many battle flags of individual regiments and artillery batteries.^[33] More relics can be found in the [Western Reserve Historical Society's](#) museum in Cleveland

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FIELD TRIP *Map* Gettysburg National Military Park

1 A **Tour stops**
A complete tour of the park consists of the Self-Guiding Auto Tour—16 numbered tour stops, the Barlow Knoll Lodge, and the Historic Downtown Gettysburg sites and East Cavalry Battlefield Site.

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| Self-Guiding Auto Tour | Parking |
| Historic Interpretive Center | Restroom |
| One-way traffic | Picnic area |
| Trail | Historic road |

East Cavalry Battlefield Site is located approximately 4 miles from the Visitor Center. For additional maps of the park, return to www.nps.gov/gett and click on View Map.

