Robert Bruce Ricketts (1839-1918) is perhaps mostly known for his service during the Civil War, when “Ricketts Battery,” Battery F, 1st Pa. Light Artillery, defended Cemetery Hill against a Confederate attack on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg. Ricketts enlisted as a private and was discharged a Colonel.

Here in NE PA, he is also known for “Ricketts Glen State Prk,” one of the most scenic areas in Pennsylvania, on land Ricketts owned in 1871 and was purchased from his heirs by the Commonwealth.