



From the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society: Ransom Chadwick's Andersonville Prison Diary.

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Reunion of the 85th New York.

At an early hour on the fourth of September 1912, the comrades of the 85th N. Y. began to assemble at Friendship, N. Y. for their annual reunion and by ten o'clock, many were visiting earnestly and interestingly and from that time until the dinner hour nothing else was done but to again get acquainted and rehearse events and incidents of the long ago. Fifty years ago the regiment was encamped at Newport News recruiting from the enervating effects of White Oak swamps and Harrison Landing and all found incidents enough to make the time pass all too swiftly. At a little after twelve, a good dinner was furnished by the W. R. C. for all who were present. Many faces were missed from our assembly, who in former years have helped to make our festive board merry. The Secretary reported at the business that fourteen had passed to the *Great Camping Ground*. H. D. Helmer and A. J. Spees of A; Jas. B. Robinson of B; A. J. Armstrong, Lewis C. Burdick and W. S. Walls of C; Lieut. A. T. Kinney of D; J. Albert Brown of E; A. L. Hendee and Leonard Hicks of F; Erwin Bloss and J. D. Jacobs of H; Chas. H. Mattoon of I; and Jacob Brock of the Unassigned: our hearts were made sad as we thought of the noble comrades who had answered their last roll call on earth and further our hearts went out in sympathy as we heard the report of the many who so gladly would have been with us to make cheer but were detained on beds of pain and sickness. They all write how much they desire to meet again with us and greet us with good cheer. Our hearts were made glad by the opportunity of again shaking the hands of Comrades J. C. Knapp, M. V. Scott and Daniel West from Nebraska; Frank L. Wight from Missouri; and P. C. Maxson from Minnesota. It certainly lifts one out of the ruts of every day life to meet and greet again those with whom in the long ago we stood shoulder to shoulder in the mortal fray. To see the eye dilate, to hear the voice strengthen, to feel the warmth of the friendly greeting, as one meets Comrades of the battlefield, is incentive

enough to cause one to go a goodly distance. The business meeting of the Association in the absence of the President, was called at one fifteen by O. E. Fuller, the Vice-President. The Secretary gave his report saying among other things that this year he would read the proof sheet of his report and see that not so many errors are made in names and addresses of Comrades as occurred last year. The Treasurer then made his report saying he now had \$35.00 on hand, which was accepted. Comrade Jordan reported he had an expense account of \$5.05 which on motion was paid. The Secretary reported that fourteen dollars and forty cents had been received as dues and that his expenses for printing and distributing reports of the meeting would be \$7.50. A motion was made that the office of President be declared vacant and on motion of Comrade Alfred Bradley, O. E. Fuller was unanimously elected as President for the ensuing year and Alvia Jordan as Vice-President. Three places were spoken of for the reunion for 1913 but on a vote being taken, Friendship was again chosen as the place by an almost unanimous vote and Alvia Jordan, after having been given a vote of thanks for the efficient manner in which he had arranged for this reunion, was elected chairman of the executive committee. The business meeting was then adjourned until the first Wednesday of September 1913. President having arrived, the following program was very successfully carried out: Prayer by Rev. D. C. Irving; Recitation by Mrs. L. M. Waite, which was well received; Song by Mrs. Benedict, which was greeted by cheers; Recitation by Beatrice Stevens was finely rendered; W. H. Merritt then recited an original poem which was followed by a rousing song by Mrs. Benedict. Then came the grand oration by John Sloan of Olean. The band having been called away to attend a wedding, the exercises were closed by benediction. Thus closed one of the most agreeable and successful reunions of the grand old 85th. Out of a living membership of about 186, fifty-five were present. In the roster which follows, those present are indicated by the letter p.

S. G. BURDICK, Secretary.

Roster of the Survivors of the 85th New York.

CO. A.

H. G. Allen, Olean.
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p J. A. Burdick, Portville.
p M. K. Burdick, 507 King St. Olean.
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H. A. Dean, Westons Mills.
Edward Drohan, Pueblo, Col.
William Dinter, Salamanca.
p E. L. Fairbanks, Olean, R1.
p H. S. Griffin, Cuba, R3.
p N. A. Hendryx, Ceres.
Lafayette Holly, Bolivar.
p Lewis Holly, Olean.
Geo. Jordan, Bagley, Ia.
Michael Lewis, Steamburg.
M. V. Link, Sherman.
Thomas McKay, Bolivar.
D. F. Masters, Sherburne.
August Martini, Baraboo, Wis.
Albert Miller, Fullerton, Neb.
p Horace Parish, 601 N. Tioga St., Ithaca.
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Stephen Starks, Olean.
p R. M. Whitney, Galetton, Pa.
Stephen Wilber, Bolivar.
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CO. B.

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CO. C.

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Zalmon Barnes, Honeoye, Pa.
p A. B. Bradley, Friendship.
p S. G. Burdick, Cuba, R2.
p Geo. H. Case, Portville.
p H. S. Corbin, Belmont.
p J. W. Corbin, Belmont.
p Ira S. Crandall, Wellsville.
C. F. Davis, Andover.
Edwin Doan, Bellingham, Wash.

John W. Ford, Clare, Mich.
 p Hiram Grow, Little Genesee.
 John Holcomb, Bolivar.
 p Alvia Jordan, Friendship.
 Nathan Lanphear, Nile.
 L. E. Livermore, Lebanon, Conn.
 p Jas. C. Lord, Friendship.
 p J. C. Maxson, Bolivar, RFD.
 M. L. Maxson, Portville.
 Joseph Parker, Piedmont, Okla.
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 Frank A. Spencer, Wellsville.
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 Andrew Stephens, Shongo.
 Sam'l. Wheaton, Olean.
 p Philo Payne, Whitesville.

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