

A FINE AND ORNATE G.A.R. PRESENTATION BADGE, AWARDED TO A VETERAN CAPTAIN OF THE 112TH NEW YORK INFANTRY (CHAUTAUQUA) REGIMENT WHO WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED AND BREVETTED MAJOR FOR HIS GALLANTRY AT THAT BATTLE OF COLD HARBOUR, 1 JUNE 1864.



GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC (G.A.R.) PRESENTATION BADGE AWARDED TO COMMANDER E. A. CURTIS BY THE E. H. HOLT POST NO. 403. THIS 1.75" X 5" FOUR-PART BADGE, IS MADE UP OF BRASS, SILVER, GOLD AND GOLD-PLATED COMPONENTS. THE UPPER SHIELD ENGRAVED 'E. H. HOLT POST NO. 403', THE LOWER SHIELD ENGRAVED 'PRESENTED TO COM'D'R E. A. CURTIS MARCH 25TH 1893 BY THE COMRADES OF THE POST.' Sold in an original leatherette holder which is in poor damaged condition.

Enoch A. Curtis, aged 31 enlisted into the Union Army at Harmony, New York on 25 July 1862. Recruiting a Company of men in Harmony, he was Commissioned Captain of 'D' Company, of the then forming 112th New York Infantry (Chautauqua) Regiment on 27 October 1862. He was wounded in action at the battle of Cold Harbour, 1 June 1864. The Regimental history notes that both Curtis's and his 1st Lieutenant were wounded during the battle:

“.... This left Col. Drake's command in a very unfortunate position. The enemy holding the rifle pits on their flank, were able to pour in a severe enfilading fire , while they were also exposed to the front fire of the advanced line of works. At this point the carnage was terrible, the 112th from its position suffering most severely, its casualties nearly equalling the sum of those in the rest of the Brigade. Here Col. Drake, while attempting to rectify the line, was shot through the body and borne from the field . His Assistant Adjutant General, Lieut. G. L. Pierce, as brave a soldier and competent an officer as any in the Regiment, was last seen quite in the advance, waving his sword. When and how he fell is not known. Capt. E. A. Curtis was wounded severely in the shoulder and leg. His 1st Lieutenant, R. A. Corbett, was wounded severely in the thigh; 1st Lieut. Henry Hull , on whom devolved the command of Company K, Capt. Ludwick having been left behind sick, was wounded through the shoulder, the ball passing into his body. Capt. J. G. Palmiter fell wounded before reaching the works. He was on the left of the line, and after the order had been given to charge, he saw several men not of his Company, a little distance back, loading and firing from behind some trees. Going to them he said, "Men, this is useless; fix bayonets and charge ; I will lead you. " They obeyed, and just as they reached the ditch , the Captain fell . A ball struck him on the arm, and flattened itself on the bone, without breaking it. Forty men of the Regiment, and some of the best men in every respect the Regiment contained, were killed upon the field. The total casualties in the Brigade were: 112th N. Y., 153; 169th N. Y. , 94 ; 9th Maine , 62 ; 13th Indiana, 11. Col , McConihe, of the 169th, was killed , and Lieut. Col. Alden severely wounded..”



Curtis was discharged due to wounds on 15 September that year, the Regimental history adding:

“Captain Curtis, after a faithful service of nearly two years, while bravely leading his men in the assault at Cold Harbor, was hit by a bullet in the shoulder, inflicting an ugly wound, and so disabling him for future service that with reluctance he threw up his commission and was honorably discharged September 13, '64.”

For his services, he was brevetted Major by Governor Fenton on 27 June 1867, for his Gallantry at Cold Harbor. Post War, he became a very successful architect practicing in Fredonia, New York

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Holt Post No 403, to which Curtis belonged, was located in Fredonia, New York. Holt, who the Post was named after, had also served as a Captain in the 112th Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry and like Captain Curtis, was also wounded at Cold Harbor.

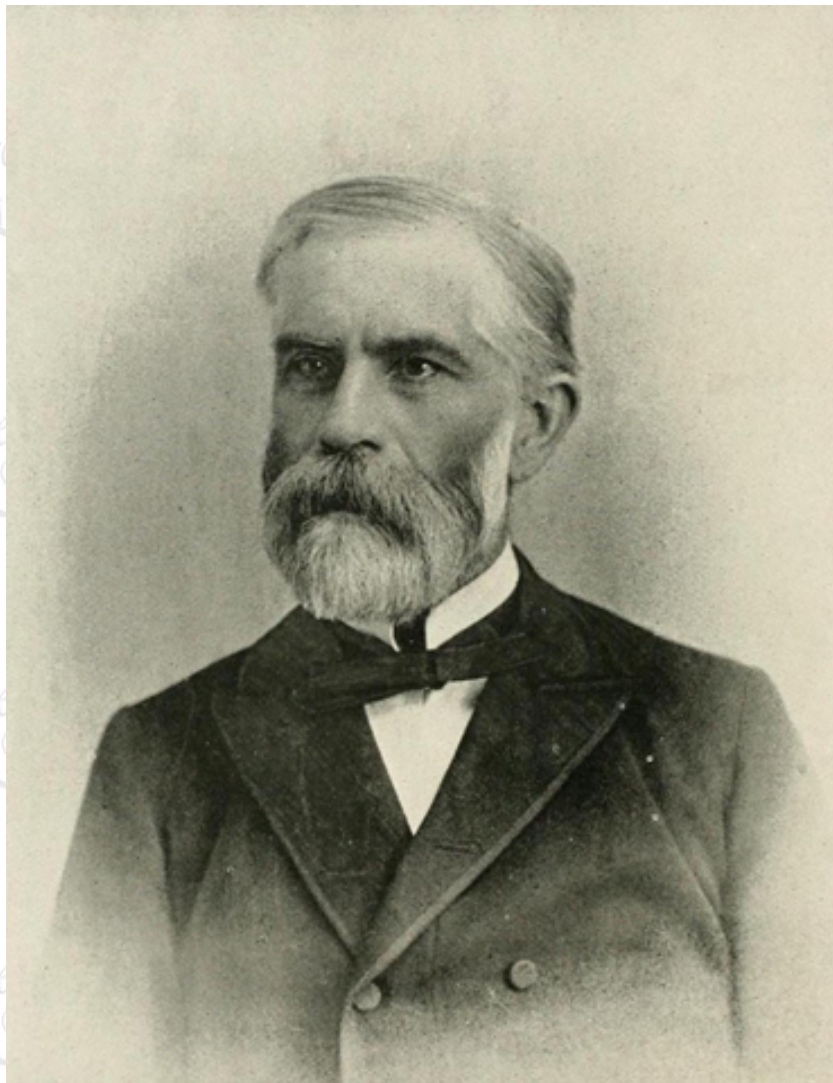


NEW YORK ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH INFANTRY (Three Years)

This regiment, known as the Chautauqua regiment, was raised in Chautauqua county-the 32nd senatorial district. The companies rendezvoused at Jamestown, and were mustered into the U. S. service on Sept. 11, 1862, for three years. Col. Drake at the time of his appointment was a captain in the 49th N. Y. infantry, and was a graduate of Rochester university.

He had left the pastorate of a Baptist church in Westfield, N.Y., to respond to the first call for troops. The regiment left the state Sept. 12, embarking for Fortress Monroe, whence it proceeded to Suffolk, Va. It was engaged at Franklin, Zuni, and Deserted House, having 1 killed, and 1 wounded in the last named action. It shared with credit in the siege of Suffolk in the spring of 1863, where much sickness prevailed and it lost severely by disease. In June, 1863, with Foster's brigade, 7th corps, it participated in the campaign up the Peninsula, a campaign, trying by reason of the heat and the rapid forced marches.

It was ordered to Folly island N. C., in Aug., 1863; shared in the operations about Charleston harbor, including the siege of Fort Wagner and the bombardments of Fort Sumter. In the latter part of Feb., 1864, it sailed for Florida, encamping at Jacksonville until April 21, when it embarked with its division for Yorktown, Va. Here it was placed in Gen. Butler's Army of the James, and assigned to Drake's (2nd) brigade, Ames' (3d) division, 10th corps, with which it took part in the campaign in May against Richmond, via the James river. On May 6, it disembarked at Bermuda Hundred and was engaged during the month at Port Walthall Junction, and Chester Station, Swift creek, Proctor's creek, Drewry's bluff, and Bermuda Hundred, losing 35 in killed, wounded and missing, the gallant and popular Lieut.-Col. Carpenter being mortally wounded in the engagement at Drewry's bluff on May 16.



In the first assault at Cold Harbor it suffered severely, losing 28 killed, 140 wounded and 12 missing. It suffered some loss during the first assaults on Petersburg, and at the mine explosion. At the battle of Fort Harrison it lost 6 killed, 38 wounded and 16 missing, and at the Darbytown road, 7 killed, 28 wounded.



Details of Divisions/Corps served:

Department of Virginia, from September 17, 1862; in Foster's Brigade, 1st Division, Department of Virginia, from November, 1862; in the Provisional Brigade, 4th Corps, from January, 1863; at Suffolk, Va., in Foster's Brigade, from February, 1863; in Foster's Brigade, Getty's Division, Department of Virginia, from March, 1863; in same brigade, Corcoran's Division, 7th Corps, from April, 1863; on the Peninsula, Va., in Foster's Brigade, 7th Corps, in June and July, 1863; in Foster's Brigade, 18th Corps, Department of the South, on Folly Island, S. C., from August, 1863; before Fort Wagner, and on Black Island, S. C., from September, 1863; on Folly Island, S. C., in 10th Corps, from October, 1863; at Jacksonville, Fla., 10th Corps, from February, 1864; in 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 10th Corps, Army of the James, from April, 1864; in 2d Brigade, 3d Division, 18th Corps, from May 30, 1864; in 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 10th Corps, from June 15, 1864; in 1st Brigade, 2d Division, 24th Corps.