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Abstract

Letter of Henry Thurlow Bartlett (1839-1898), formerly a bugler in Companies H and F, 1st Massachusetts Cavalry during the American Civil War and later vice-president of the Cavalry Corps in the Society of the Army of the Potomac (S.A.P.), written to Samuel E. Chamberlain, president of Cavalry Corps, S.A.P., in 1888, urging the nomination of a cavalryman as the next S.A.P. president and describing the importance of cavalry at the Battle of Gettysburg.

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Bartlett, Henry T.

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Biographical Note

Henry Thurlow Bartlett, son of Samuel W. and Caroline J. Bartlett, was born in Holliston (Middlesex County) Massachusetts on November 19, 1839. Bartlett married Jennie G. Farquhar (1839-1924) in Medford, Massachusetts on August 1, 1862. On August 18, he enlisted in the Union Army at Holliston. That same year, he married Jennie Grant Farquhar (1839-1924). Bartlett served as a bugler in companies H and F of the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry and was mustered out in Washington D. C. on June 26, 1865. By 1876, the Bartletts were living in Brooklyn, New York, where Henry Bartlett worked for George W. Read & Co. lumber dealers. Succeeding the Read Company around 1883, Bartlett entered into a partnership before liquidating the business in 1891. Throughout his later life, Bartlett remained active in post-war veterans organizations and commemorations. He served as vice-president of the Cavalry Corps in the Society of the Army of the Potomac and as president of the 1st Massachusetts Cavalry Association. Henry Thurlow Bartlett died in Montclair (Essex County), New Jersey on October 24, 1898, and was buried in Lake Grove Cemetery, Hollister, Massachusetts.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter from Henry T. Bartlett, formerly a bugler in companies H and F, 1st Massachusetts during the American Civil War, written in 1888 to Samuel E. Chamberlain, of Wether[s]field, Connecticut, president of the Cavalry Corps, Society of the Army of the Potomac (S.A.P.). Writing as vice-president of the S.A.P. Cavalry Corps, Bartlett urges Chamberlain to nominate a cavalryman as the next S.A.P. president at the upcoming S.A.P. meeting and describes the role of the cavalry at the Battle of Gettysburg. Bartlett mentions having failed to interest General Henry Eugene Davies in the nomination and suggests General Pleasanton. The letter is written on the stationery of MacAlister and Bartlett, New York lumber dealers.

Keywords

Civil War

Gettysburg, Battle of, Gettysburg, Pa., 1863
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

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