

Held in Gloversville
Annual Reunion of the 153rd Regiment in That City Today.

September 19, 1900.

The annual reunion of the One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment, U. S. V., was held in Canby Post headquarters in Gloversville today. George C. Potter of Gloversville is the president, and William Harris of the same city, secretary. It is now thirty-five years since the regiment was mustered out of the service, and the ranks of the old warriors are greatly depleted. Today's reunion was given over to social reunion and the exchange of reminiscences with a midday dinner and some impromptu toasts. The dinner was provided by the ladies of the relief corps, in the post headquarters.

The One Hundred and Fifty-third regiment was raised in the northern counties of the state, seven of its companies being from Fulton and Montgomery counties, and three from Essex, Warren and Clinton. The Fulton county men were chiefly in companies A and D, which were enlisted at Johnstown, while the greater part of companies F and K was also from this county. The regiment was mustered into service at Fonda, October 14, 1862. Immediately after its organization it was ordered to Alexandria, and subsequently served at Washington. In February 1864, it was transferred to Louisiana and attached to the nineteenth army corps, being assigned to the first brigade, first division, commanded by General Franklin. In July of that year the regiment was sent with other troops to the defense of Washington, then menaced by Early's invasion. The troops were hurried through the city amid deep public excitement and general alarm to a position at Fort Stevens, where they went into immediate action. After the repulse of the enemy, the One Hundred and Fifty-third joined in the pursuit across the Potomac, penetrating into the Shenandoah valley, but was suddenly recalled to the vicinity of the capital of the enemy.

The One Hundred and Fifty-third soon afterward engaged in the battle of Winchester in which the Fulton county companies again did good service. It also participated in the engagement at Fisher's Hill, and in the pursuit of the defeated confederates. The regiment was also engaged in the battle of Cedar Creek, and suffered heavy losses incident to the surprise and early catastrophes of that bloody field.

The regiment also formed a part of the picket line which surrounded Washington after the assassination of President Lincoln, and performed guard duty at the military court which tried the assassins. In June 1865, the regiment was ordered to Savannah, where it did provost duty until its discharge.

Duncan McMartin was the first colonel of the regiment and upon his resignation, April 25, 1863, he was succeeded by E.P. Davis. Other regimental officers were Major Stephen Sammons and Quartermaster D.C. Livingston of Johnstown. The first captain of company D was David H. Cuyler who was succeeded by John J. Buchanan of this city, who was among the surviving members of the regiment in attendance at today's reunion.

The members of the regiment in attendance at today's reunion were presented with a neatly printed history of the regiment from its muster to the day of discharge, which took place at Albany on October 16, 1865.