

*Herzliche Grüsse aus Webster,  
Massachusetts, USA*

*Frederick H. C. Berger,  
ein Auswanderer aus Wiedelah*

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MASSACHUSETTS

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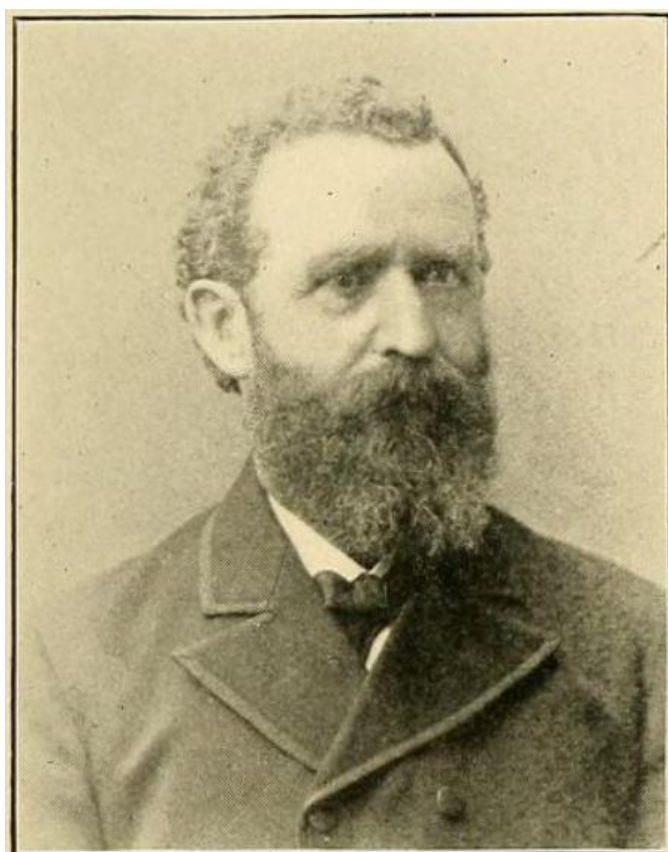
Who among men art thou, and thy years how many, good friend? — XENOPHANES.

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**F**REDERICK H. C. BERGER, a well-known resident of Webster and the foreman of the burling department of the Slater Mills, was born in Wiedelah, Hanover, Germany, February 17, 1836, son of Henry and Caroline (Dietrich) Berger. His father was also a native of Hanover. Of his parents' three children, Frederick is the only one living. He was educated in the German public schools. At the age of thirteen years he entered his father's shop and served an apprenticeship to weaving lasting four years. In 1853 he came to America. After landing in New York City he came to Webster, reaching this place on June 9, 1853. Securing employment in the finishing department of the Slater Mill, he worked there for some time. Subsequently he was transferred to the weaving department, remaining until 1859, when the factory closed. After that he was employed in a shoe shop until 1861. On July 25 of that year he enlisted as a second-class musician in the band of the Twenty-first Regiment, Massachusetts Volunteers, and went to the front at Annapolis. He was with General Burnside during his memorable expedition and later in Virginia with the Army of the Potomac. In August, 1862, the band was discharged. Returning to Webster then, Mr. Berger built the house which has since been his home. Afterward he was engaged in shoemaking until December 17, 1863, when he again enlisted, this time in Company D of the Fifty-sixth Massachusetts Infantry, under Captain George S. Todd and Colonel Griswold. Going at once to the front, he took part in the battle of the Wilderness, and was subsequently at Spottsylvania Court House, Cold Harbor, and the siege of Petersburg, remaining with the Army of the Potomac until the surrender of Lee. He was then mustered out at Alexandria, Va., and, after the Grand Review at Washington in June, 1865, returned home. Here he had charge of the weaving department of the Slater Mills, which were again in operation, until 1889. Then he removed to Conway, Mass., in order to take charge of a weaving-room there. After remaining in Conway a year he returned to Webster and assumed his present position, in which he has since rendered his employers important service.

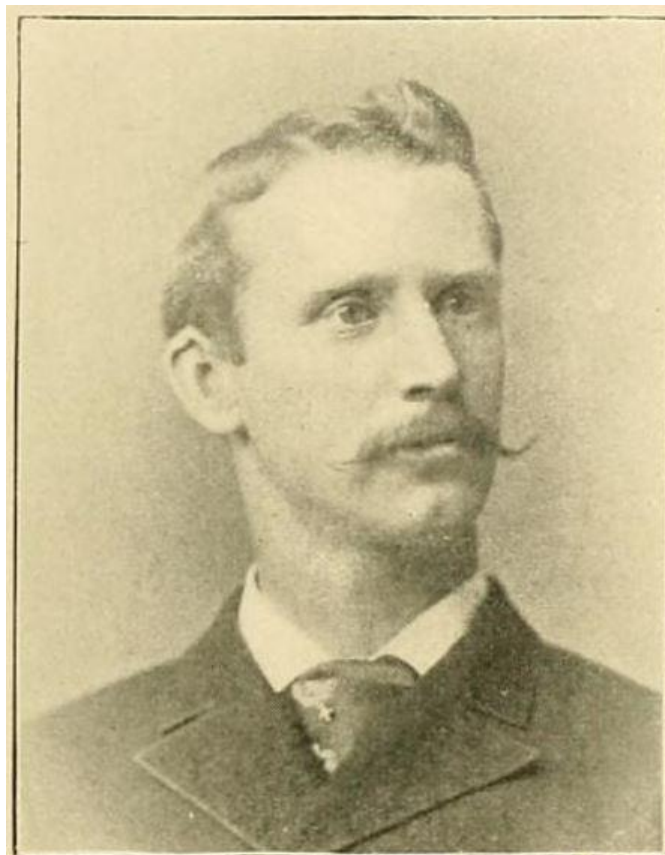
The maiden name of Mr. Berger's wife, whom he married on September 29, 1863, was Louisa Elizabeth Redemann. She is a daughter of Godfrey and Joanna (Link) Redemann, of Webster. Her children were born as follows: Frederick Henry, on May 12, 1866; Elizabeth Matilda, May 1, 1868, who died August 3, 1893; Augustus Joseph, June 26, 1870, who is now a compositor on the Webster *Times*, residing with his parents; Henry John, April 16, 1874, who graduated from the Webster High School and is now a student in Dartmouth College, class of 1899; and Joseph William, April 24, 1879, who is now a student in the Webster High School, class of 1898. Mr. Berger has always taken a great interest in music, especially in vocal music. For thirty years he was the choirmaster in St. Louis's Catholic Church, of which he is a member, and for two years in the French Catholic Church. He is a comrade and the Quartermaster of Nathaniel Lyon Post, No. 61, G. A. R.



FREDERICK H. C. BERGER.

**F**REDERICK H. BERGER, eldest son of Frederick H. C. Berger, is a well-known lawyer in this town. After graduating from the Webster High School in 1882, he spent a year at Nichols Academy in Dudley, and then until 1889 assisted his father. In that year he began the study of law with P. T. Carroll, of Worcester, and about a year later entered Boston University Law School. He graduated from the latter institution in June, 1892, having been admitted to the Suffolk County bar in December, 1891. Afterward he followed his profession in Webster with P. T. Carroll, his former preceptor, until the death of the latter in July, 1894. Mr. Berger has a general practice, having clients from Worcester, Webster, and the surrounding towns. He has been Register of Votes and up to the present time from 1894 chairman of the Board of Overseers of the Poor. He is a member of the Worcester County Bar Association. On June 19, 1895, he married Minnie E., daughter of Redmond and Mary (Farrington) Roach, of Pawtucket, R.I. During 1896, 1897, and 1898 Mr. Berger was Town Counsel for Dudley, and he is now serving Webster in the same capacity. Appointed May 11, 1898, he has been Clerk of the First District Court of Southern Worcester since June 1, 1898.

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FRED. H. BERGER, L. L. B.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

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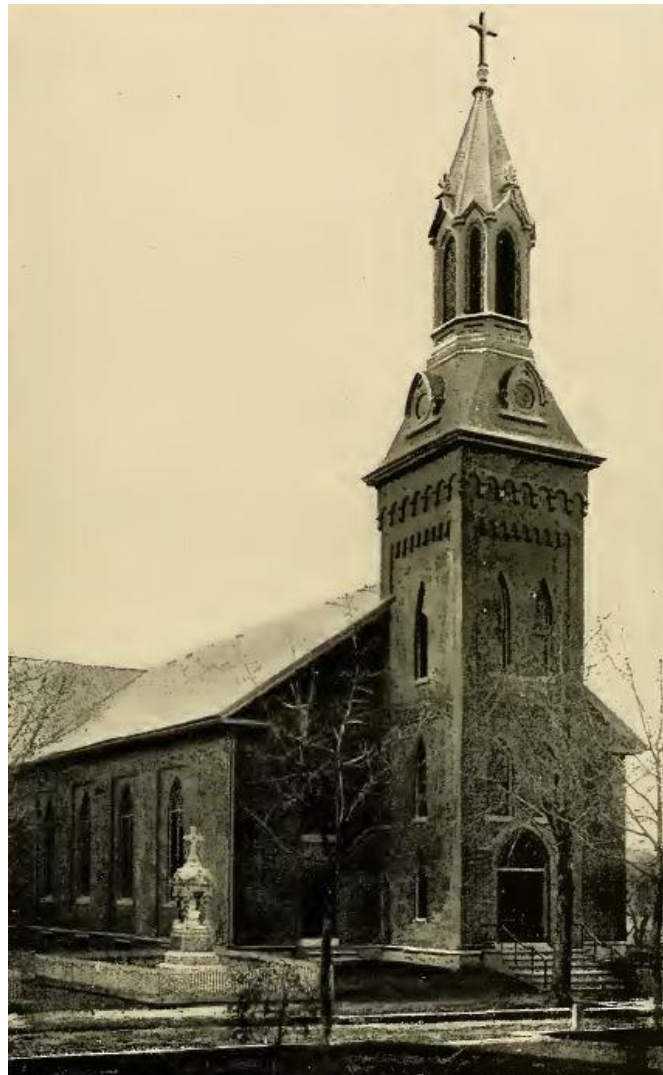


ST. LOUIS IN PUBLIC LIFE.

“One honor won is a surety for more.”  
—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Frederick H. C. Berger was born in Germany on the 17th of February, 1836, came to America and arrived in Webster on the ninth day of June, 1853. For a number of years he has been overseer of the burling department in Slater's Mills. When the war broke out he enlisted and won for himself an enviable war record. He is adjutant of Lyon Post, G. A. R. For twenty-five years he was director of St. Louis' Choir, and has been a member of St. Louis' School Corporation since its organization.

Fred. H. Berger, LL.B., was born May 12th, 1866, at Webster, Mass. He attended the local schools and is a graduate of Webster High School. He made his legal studies at the Boston University School of Law, graduating from that Institution June 1st, 1892. He was made a member of the Bar of the Commonwealth February 2d, 1892. Mr. Berger was elected as one of the Overseers of the Poor in 1894, and re-elected in '97 and 1900, and has held the office of Chairman of the Board the entire time. He was appointed Clerk of the First District Court of Southern Worcester County, May 11th, 1898, and still holds that position. He was admitted to the Bar of the Circuit Court of the United States February 16th, 1900.







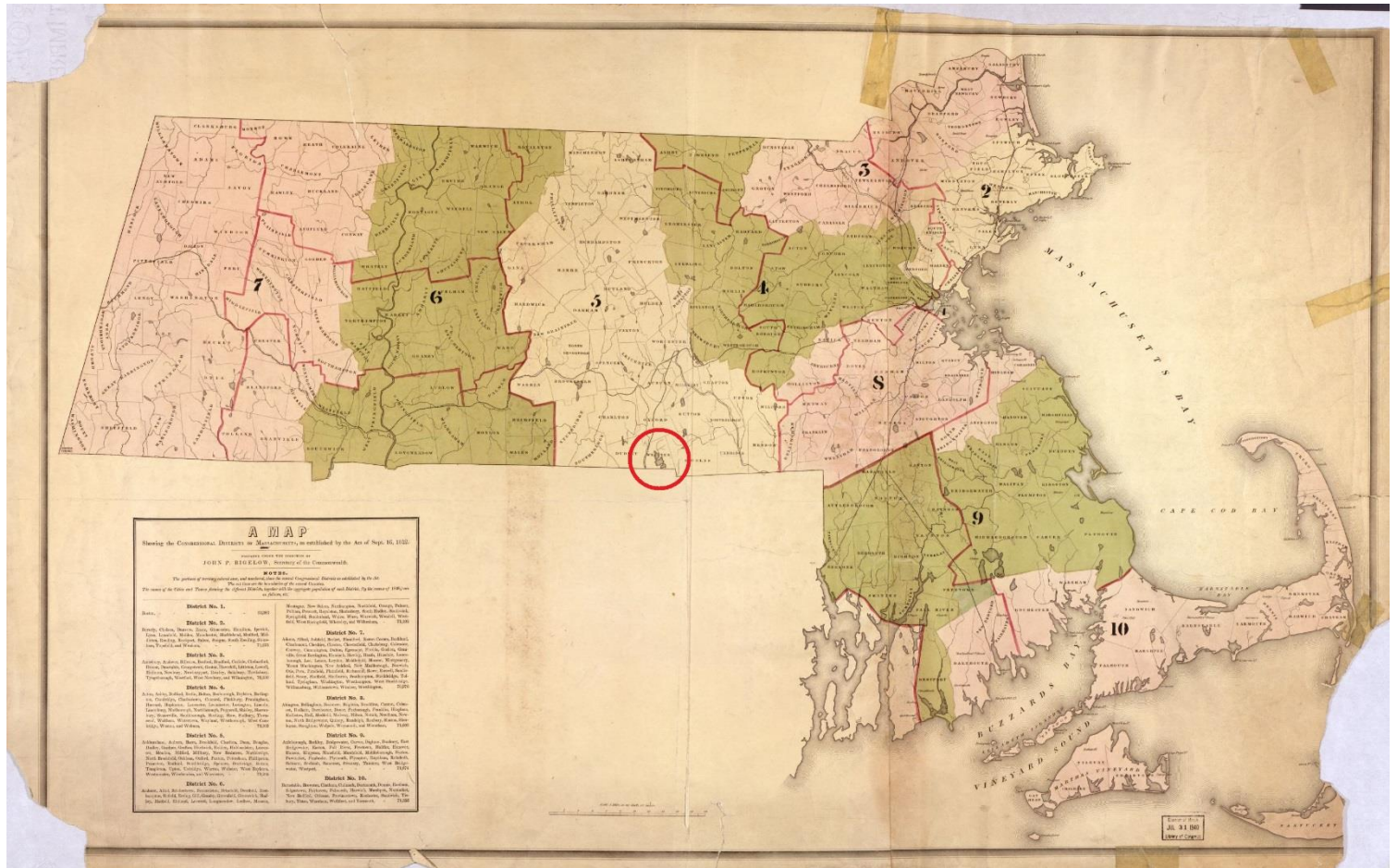
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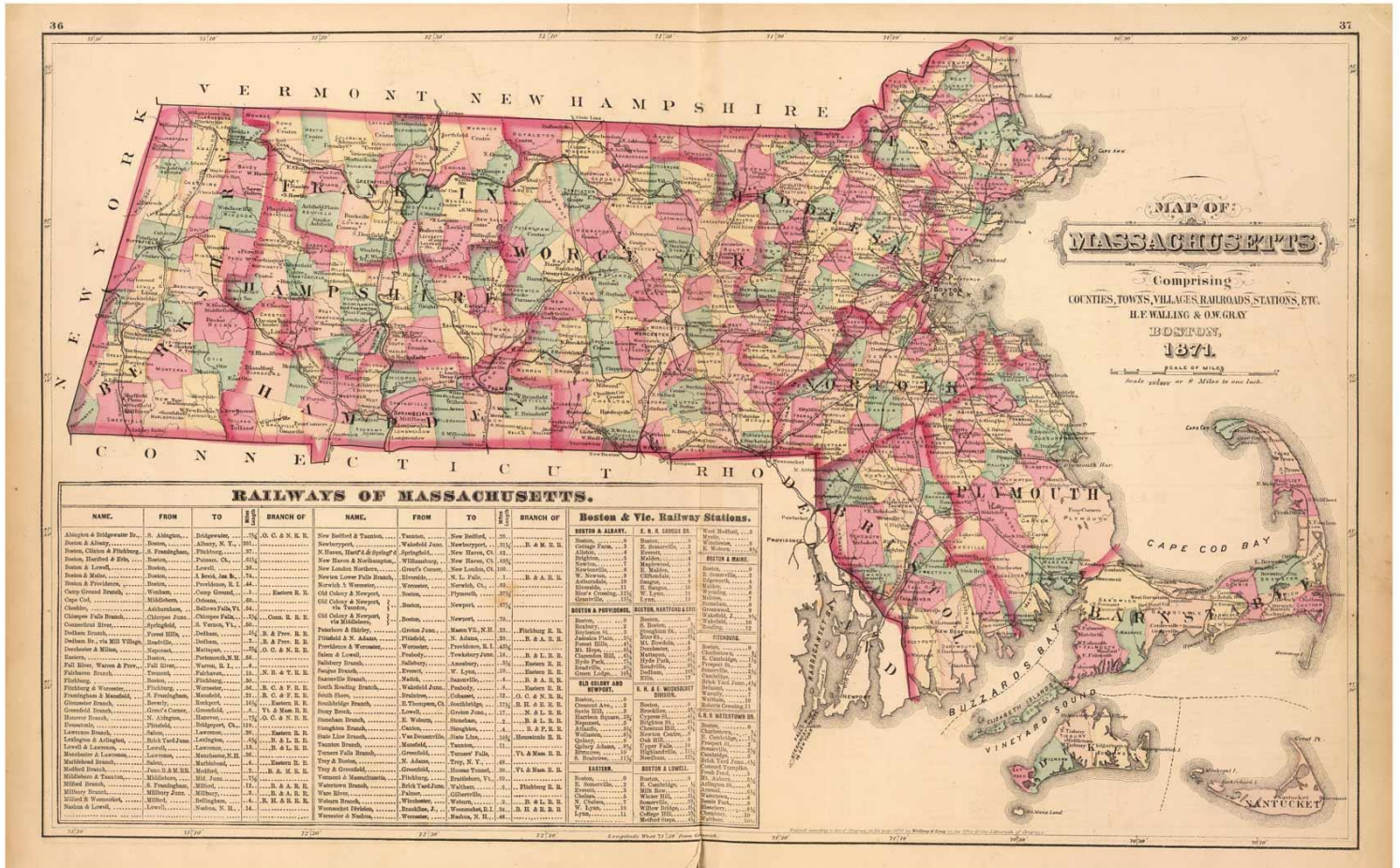
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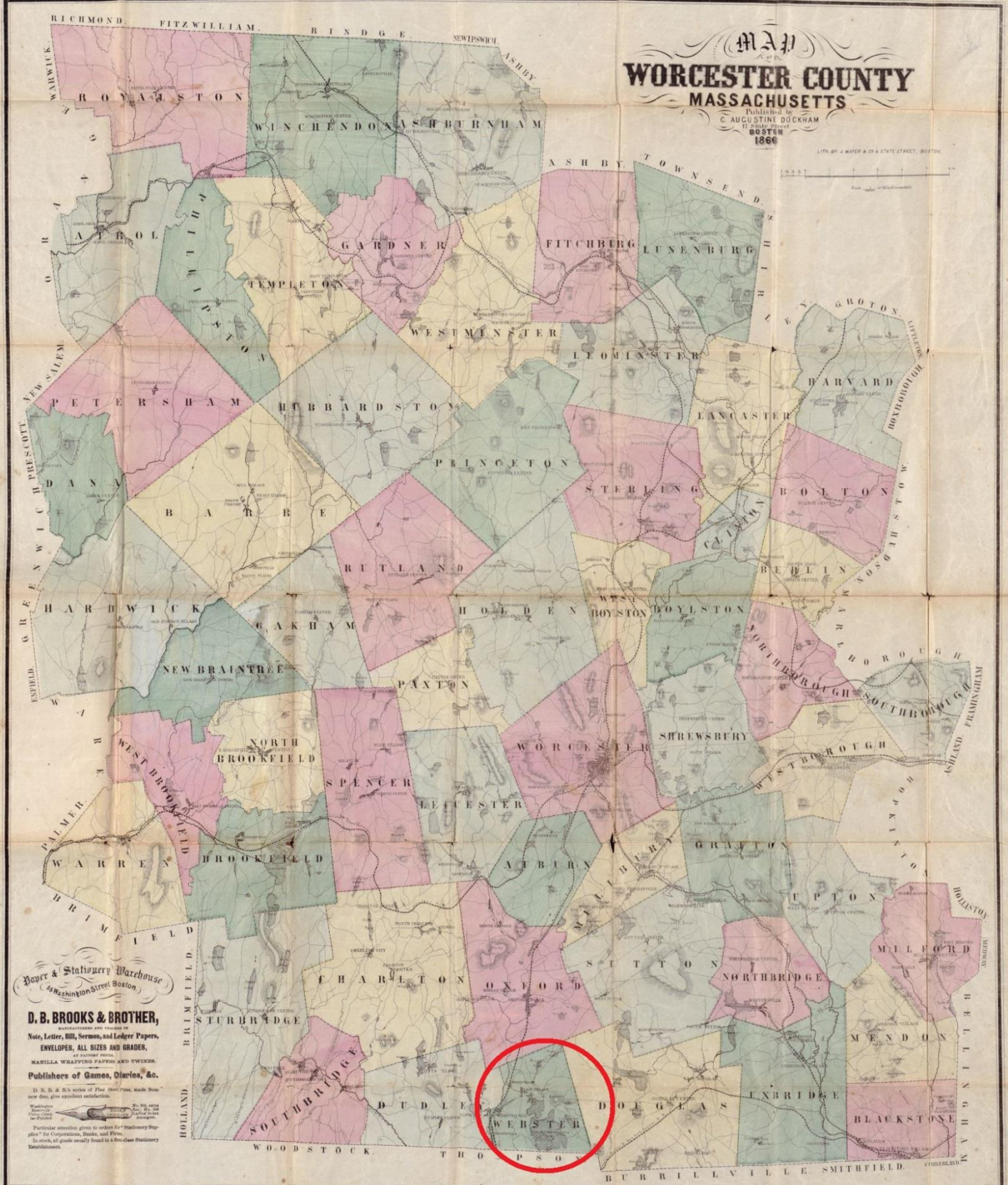
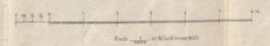




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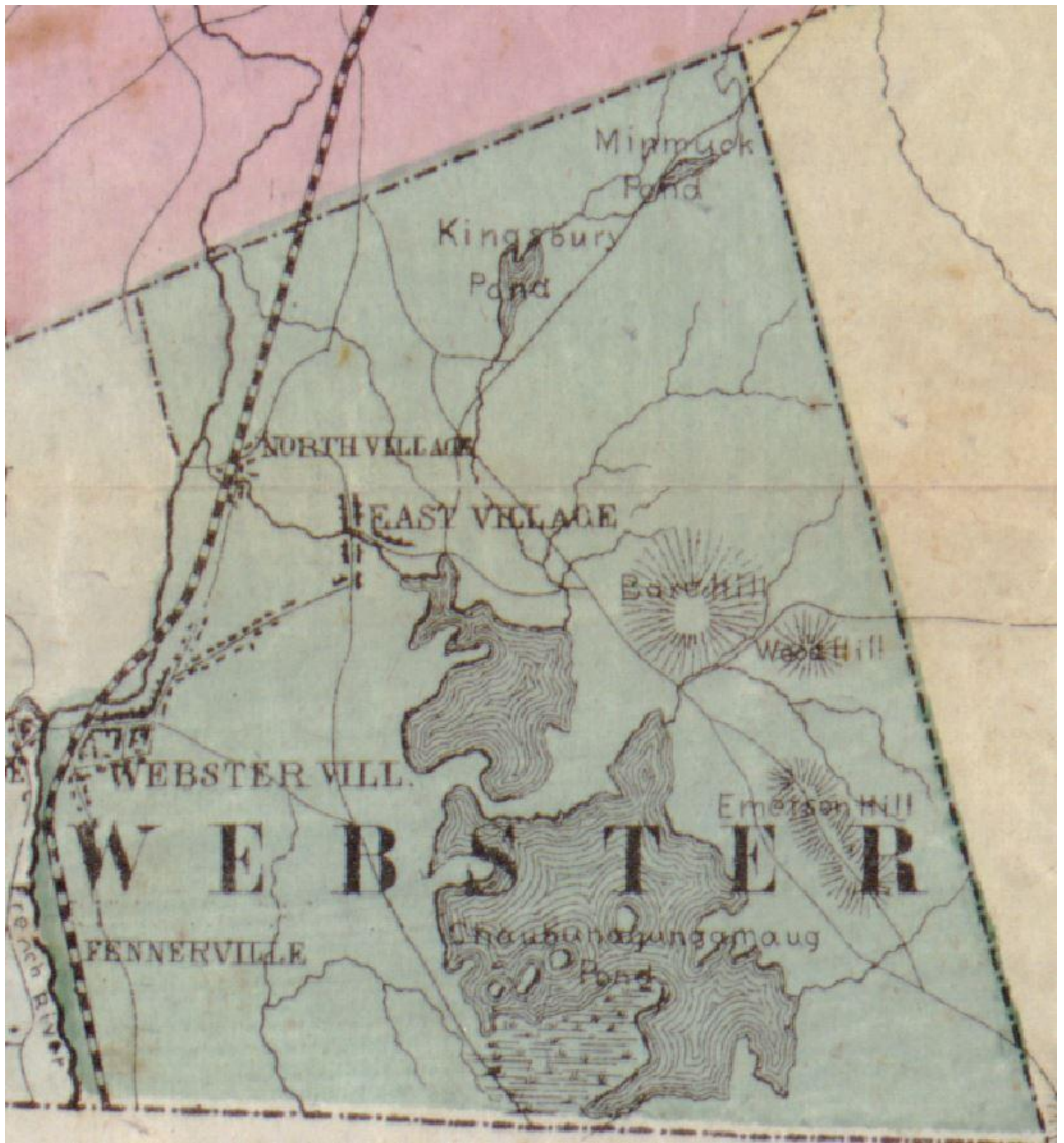
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# Frederick H. C. Berger

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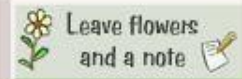
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## Louisa Elizabeth Redemann Berger

Birth: Aug. 23, 1840  
Hanover  
Hannoversche Landkreis  
Lower Saxony (Niedersachsen),  
Germany  
Death: 1930

From the "*Webster Times*," 23 Aug 1923:  
Mrs. Louise E. (Redemann), widow of Frederick H. C. Berger, is today celebrating her 83rd birthday anniversary, and the day is being made especially pleasant by a family party at the home tonight, where three of the four sons will be present to assist in the observance of the day.

Mrs. Berger is the oldest member of Nathaniel Lyon Woman's Relief corps, and members of the corps took occasion this afternoon to visit the home on East Main street and present a bouquet of flowers, together with their felicitations, on the occasion of her birthday.

Atty Frederick H. Berger, clerk of First District Court, August J. Berger, employed at the East Village office; Henry J. Berger editor of the Lockwood Paper Trade Journal, New York, and Joseph W. Berger, of Beacon N. Y., are the four sons. Because of press of business at just this time, Henry J., was unable to be present at the family gathering tonight.

At the little home, 22 East Main street, built by her husband soon after they were married, and where all the years of her subsequent life were passed, Mrs. Berger is today receiving the congratulations of the townspeople, scores of friends and neighbors joined in their felicitations.

Mrs Berger was born in Hanover, Germany, and came to the United States with her parents when 13 years old, coming to Webster where the family settled. They lived in what was known as the Cody place on East Main street, almost opposite where their present home is located.



She was married to Frederick H. C. Berger September 22, 1862. Mr. Berger had returned from an enlistment during the war, was married and reenlisted again, serving another reenlistment, returning to Webster when the war was over.

The father of Mrs. Berger, Godfred Redemann, was killed at the battle of Antietam in 1862. Her husband was one of the most prominent of the German born residents of Webster during his life here, died five years ago.

Mrs. Berger enjoys health that is considered excellent for her four score and three years of age, and the anniversary today was made a pleasant and informal affair, no big celebration being planned. Three grandchildren will be present at the family gathering tonight. Margaret E. and Louise Helen, of Webster, and Joseph W., Jr. of Beacon, N. Y.

Family links:

Parents:

[Godfrey Redemann \(1816 - 1862\)](#)

[Johannah \*Link\* Redemann \(1808 - 1898\)](#)

Spouse:

[Frederick H. C. Berger \(1836 - 1918\)\\*](#)

## UNION MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS

### 21st Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry

**OVERVIEW:** Organized at Worcester July 19 to August 19, 1861. Moved to Baltimore, Md., August 23-25; thence to Annapolis, Md., August 29; and duty there till January 6, 1862. Attached to Reno's 2nd Brigade, Burnside's Expeditionary Corps, to April, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, Dept. of North Carolina, to July, 1862. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to April, 1863. 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 9th Army Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to June, 1863. Unassigned, 1st Division, 23rd Army Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to October, 1863. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 9th Army Corps, Dept. of the Ohio, to April, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac, to June, 1863. 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, to September, 1864. 2nd Brigade, 1st Division, 9th Army Corps, to October, 1864.

**SERVICE:** -Burnside's Expedition to Hatteras Inlet January 6-February 7, 1862. Battle of **Roanoke Island** February 8. At Roanoke Island till March 11. Moved to New Berne March 11-13. Battle of **New Berne** March 14. Expedition to Elizabeth City April 17-19. Battle of **South Mills**, South Mills, April 19. Duty at New Berne till July 6. Expedition to Pollocksville to relief of 2nd Maryland, May 17. Moved to Newport News, Va, July 6-9; thence to Fredericksburg August 2-4. March to relief of Gen. Pope August 12-15. Pope's Campaign in Northern Virginia August 16-September 2. Battles of **Manassas** August 29. Bull Run August 30, and **Chantilly** September 1. Maryland Campaign September-October. Battles of **South Mountain** September 14, and **Antietam** September 16-17. At Pleasant Valley, Md., till October 27. Movement to Falmouth, Va., October 27-November 17. Warrenton, Sulphur Springs, November 15. Battle of **Fredericksburg** December 12-15. "Mud March" January 20-24, 1863. At Falmouth till February 19. Moved to Newport News, Va., and duty there till March 26. Moved to Covington, Ky., March 26-April 1. At Paris, Ky. April 1-5. At Mt. Sterling till July 6, and at Camp Nelson till September 12. March to Knoxville September 12-20. Operations in East Tennessee October 22-November 4. Knoxville Campaign November 4-December 23. Campbell's Station December 16. Siege of Knoxville November 17-December 4. Pursuit of Longstreet December 5-29. Re-enlisted December 29. Veterans absent on furlough January to March, 1864. Moved to Annapolis, Md., and join 9th Army Corps. Campaign from the Rapidan to the James May-June. Battles of the **Wilderness** May 5-7. Spottsylvania May 8-12. Ny River May 10. **Spottsylvania Court House** May 12-21. Assault on the Salient May 12. **North Anna** River May 23-26. **North Anna** May 24. Line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. **Totopotomoy** May 28-31. **Cold Harbor** June 1-12. Bethesda Church June 1-3. Before **Petersburg** June 16-18. Siege of Petersburg June 16-October 21. **Mine Explosion**, Petersburg, July 30. Non-Veterans left front August 18 and mustered out August 30, 1864. **Weldon Railroad** August 18-21. **Poplar Springs Church**, Peeble's Farm, September 29-October 2. Veterans and Recruits transferred to 36th Massachusetts Infantry October 21, 1864.

Regiment lost during service 11 Officers and 148 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 2 Officers and 89 Enlisted men by disease. Total 250.

## Berger , Frederick H. C.

**BATTLE UNIT NAME:** 21st Regiment, Massachusetts Infantry

**SIDE:** Union

**COMPANY:** F&S

**SOLDIER'S RANK IN:** Musician

**SOLDIER'S RANK OUT:** Musician

**ALTERNATE NAME:** M544 ROLL 3

**FILM NUMBER:** Company Note - Band

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**NOTES:**



HISTORY  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT  
MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS  
IN THE  
WAR FOR THE PRESERVATION OF THE UNION  
1861-1865

WITH  
STATISTICS OF THE WAR AND OF REBEL PRISONS

BY  
CHARLES F. WALCOTT  
CAPTAIN IN THE REGIMENT; COLONEL SIXTY-FIRST REGIMENT MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEERS;  
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BATTLES IN WHICH THE TWENTY-FIRST REGIMENT MASS. VOLS. WAS ACTIVELY ENGAGED WITH THE ENEMY, AND ITS LOSSES THEREIN.

Name and Date of Action.	No. of muskets taken into action. Approximate.	Killed and died of wounds in the service.	Otherwise wounded.	Prisoners, not wounded.
Roanoke Island, Feb. 8, 1862 . . . . .	700	13	44	
Newbern, March 14, 1862 . . . . .	675	23	35	
Camden, April 19, 1862 . . . . .	500	4	11	1
Manassas (2d), Aug. 29 and 30, 1862 . . . . .	425		7	
Chantilly, Sept. 1, 1862 . . . . .	400	38	76	26
South Mountain, Sept. 14, 1862 . . . . .	225		5	
Antietam, Sept. 17, 1862 . . . . .	150	10	35	
Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862 . . . . .	200	13	52	1
Campaign in E. Tenn., Oct., Nov., Dec., 1863 Battles of Blue Springs, Oct. 10. Campbell's Station, Nov. 16. Siege of Knoxville, Nov. 17—Dec. 4. } Wilderness, May 6, 1864 . . . . .	200	4	11	2
Spottsylvania, May 10, 12, 18, 1864 . . . . .	210	3	7	8
Shady Grove Road, May 31, June 1, 1864 . . . . .	*	5	32	2
Bethesda Church (Cold Harbor), June 2, 1864 . . . . .	*	3	3	
Petersburg, assault of June 16, 1864 . . . . .	*	13	21	13
Petersburg, assault of June 17, 1864 . . . . .	*	2	2	
Battle of the Mine, July 30, 1864 . . . . .	*	4	25	2
Siege of Petersburg, June 18 to Aug. 18, 1864 . . . . .	*	7	14	3
Weldon R. R., Aug. 19, 1864 . . . . .	75	3	4	
Poplar Spring Church, Sept. 30, 1864 . . . . .	75	4	10	11
<b>Total . . . . .</b>		152	408	69

December 19th. General Burnside had a grand review of all the troops at Annapolis, — ten or twelve thousand men. The 21st, proud of being a regiment again, marched, wheeled, and drilled with remarkable steadiness and accuracy. There never was a regiment where a larger proportion of the men were more anxious to appear at their best, for it was our first review, and we were no longer to be used for “conciliatory” purposes, *but were going on the Burnside Expedition.*

December 20th. We were subjected to a long and tiresome inspection in the selection of the brigades of Burnside's Division, but were well repaid for our pains by the high honor done us, being the first regiment which the gallant veteran, General Jesse L. Reno, selected for his brigade (the 2d). In that selection were involved the most glorious memories of our military service, and very many pleasant associations hallowed by his death: never forgetful of the wants of his command; always setting a high example in his honest soldierly nobility of speech and action and devoted courage, we soon learned to love and respect him for the truth of his manly character no less than we confided in his military discretion; cool, cautious, and slow till the moment came to strike quick and hard, and then *with* his men, inspiring them with his own magnetic irresistible daring. A man without fear and without reproach! Well may we be ever proud of the fact that we were the right flank regiment of Reno's old brigade, and that he was not only content with but proud of us.