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**FROM THE HERKIMER COUNTY REGIMENT.**

EDWARD'S FERRY, Oct. 21, 1861.

To the Editor of the Utica Morning Herald.

Day before yesterday our regiment was ordered to break camp at Seneca Mills and go to Edward's Ferry. Accordingly we left our encampment this morning at seven and a half o'clock, and have just arrived here. But there was more in the wind than simply a change of place. Having arrived here we find that two regiments of General Gorman's brigade and Gen. Stone's division have just crossed over upon the old Virginia shore. There are the New York Second and the Minnesota First. Two companies of the Minnesota First crossed the river yesterday, reconnoitered and returned. A smart skirmish has occurred this morning between our advance corps and that of the enemy. Some prisoners and captured guns have been brought in from the enemy. Gen. Baker's brigade, we learn, has crossed above. Orders have come, we understand, from Gen. McClellan, from which it appears that our whole line is once to move.

While I write a company of Berdan's sharpshooters is embarking. All is activity with the 34th, as we are at once to embark. Our Lieutenant Colonel, J. Suiter, and Major Byron Laffin are sick at home. This we much regret, but the regiment is in high spirits, expecting soon to meet the enemy. We are ordered to take three day's rations, which implies quite a march including doubtless a battle. We hope to do our best. God Almighty prosper the right.

**Returning Regiment.**—The 34th New York volunteers, numbering four hundred men, arrived in Philadelphia this morning at eight o'clock, where they partook of a warm breakfast furnished by the citizens of that city, and left for New York in a special train at half past ten o'clock. The regiment will arrive at the foot of Courtland street, at half past three o'clock, where a committee will escort them to the Park, and furnish the men with refreshments.

**WELCOME TO THE 34TH.**—Preliminary arrangements are being made in this village for the proper reception of the 34th regiment. We have also received a call for a meeting to be held at Herkimer as follows:

**THE 34TH.**—The time of service of this noble regiment will soon expire; and it is fit and proper that the County of Herkimer, should express in a suitable manner the estimate they put upon the conduct of its officers and soldiers.

That there may be a union of feeling and concert of action, let us meet at Herkimer on Thursday the 28th, at 12 M. to prepare for their return. Let every town be represented.

Herkimer, May 18th 1863.

Trusting that these two projects may be consolidated into one and that there may be a perfect unity of sentiment in regard to it, we have thought best to merely advise the prominent men in different localities come together as soon as possible and secure this unity of action. Our own idea is that there should and can be but one reception which should be given by the county. We shall of course be pleased if our village shall be designated as the place in which to give the brave fellows the welcome they deserve and trust that it can be so arranged.

## HOME MATTERS

**ARRIVAL OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH REGIMENT.**—The Thirty-fourth Regiment reached this city early yesterday morning. After breakfast at the Delevan House, they formed and took up a line of march through some of the principal streets for the Capitol, where they were welcomed by the Governor, in an appropriate speech, complimenting them for their distinguished services in the field. Lieut. Col. Beverley responded in a few brief and appropriate remarks. The Regiment then proceeded to the Barracks.

A committee, consisting of Senator Hardin, Canal Commissioner Skinner, Hon. H. P. Alexander and Oliver Ladue, are here to escort the regiment to Little Falls, where a reception awaits the gallant veterans equaling even that with which Utica recently honored her brave sons. The reception takes place on Saturday. In the evening the regiment will return to this city to be mustered out of service.

The Thirty-Fourth regiment was recruited mainly in Herkimer county, and was mustered into the State service in this city May 1, 1861, and the United States service the 15th of June following. It then mustered 800 men, under command of Col. Ladue.

Since leaving the city they have had added to their number about one hundred recruits, and return four hundred and twenty-seven strong.

The following are the present officers of the regiment:

## FIELD OFFICERS.

Colonel—Byron Laffin.  
Lieut. Col.—John Beverley.  
Major—Wells Sponable.

## STAFF.

Adjutant—John Kirk.  
Quartermaster—Nathan Easterbrooks.  
Surgeon—B. F. Manley.  
Assistant Surgeon—J. Hurley Miller.  
Chaplain—S. Franklig Schoonmaker.

**SOLD.**—The Barge John T. Lee, of West Troy, has been purchased by Lieut. John Morey, late of Co. A, 34th regiment. Lieut. Morey gets his commission as Captain by virtue of a pile of "green backs" amounting in the aggregate to about \$5,000. Capt. M., who distinguished himself in thirteen battles in the present war, has the well wishes of his numerous friends in West Troy for the successful career of his new craft.

**ON THEIR WAY HOME.**—The Thirty-fourth N. Y. regiment, Col. Laffin, which has served faithfully for some two years, is on its way home. They bring back four hundred men, out of twelve hundred that have been mustered into their regiment. Before leaving they cheered loudly for "Little Mac," and said they were all for the Union, and ready to go back if he would only take the command. This is the Regiment which made the decisive charge at Fair Oaks when the Hampton Legion attempted, under command of General Magruder, to flank Rickett's battery, formerly commanded by General Magruder. They have probably seen as much active service as any Regiment in the field. It was mainly recruited in Herkimer county, and left this city for the war, in June, 1861.

Testimonial to Hon. S. N. Sherman.

At a meeting of the Commissioned officers of the 34th Regiment N. Y. Volunteers, at their camp near Falmouth, Va., April 6th, 1863, Col. Byron Laffin in the chair, and Chaplain S. Franklin Schoonmaker, as Secretary, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That while we are gratified that Dr. Socrates N. Sherman, the late esteemed Surgeon of this Regiment, has received from the Government the appointment of Surgeon in the United States Army, we yield with deep regret to the necessity that compels us to part with his professional services as well as the benefits we have derived from the many social and noble qualities with which he is endowed.

*Resolved*, That we recognise throughout the whole period of his connection with this Regiment, the principles of patriotism which have inspired him, and the love of country which prompted him, while a representative in Congress from the seventeenth district, to leave the comforts of his home and the profits of a lucrative practice, to endure "without pay or reward" the hardships of the camp, and the toils of the battlefield.

*Resolved*, That we can offer no more fitting testimonial of our appreciation of his devotion to the principles of his professional skill which saved, with timely aid, so many lives and limbs, than the assurance of the devoted attachment of every officer and man of the Regiment.

*Resolved*, That our gratitude is due to Providence that it has been our lot under the trying circumstances and dangers of a time of war, to enjoy the society and professional services of such a man, who like Howard "lives not for himself but to bless his fellow men."

*Resolved*, That in taking his leave of us he will carry with him to his new field of duties our hearts' love and gratitude—a love which has been prompted by no idle fancy—a gratitude which in these resolutions, bears no fictitious import.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to Dr. Sherman and also furnished to the journals of the counties of Herkimer and St. Lawrence for publication.

Colonel BYRON LAFFIN, Char.  
Chaplain S. F. SCHOONMAKER, Secy.

**RECEPTION IN WEST TROY.**—There was a complete Fourth of July time in West Troy yesterday afternoon, on the occasion of the reception of Company A, Thirty-fourth Regiment. It was a most creditable demonstration on the part of the residents of the village—evinced a patriotic spirit and a warm sympathy with the cause of the Union and its brave defenders. The streets of the place and many buildings, public and private, were profusely decorated with flags, evergreens and banners. The turn-out of people was immense, and evidences of a grand ovation were visible on every side. West Troy did itself proud.

At half-past two o'clock, Company A, with Engine Co. No. 8 of Albany and Doring's Band, reached the Arsenal dock, where they were received with a salute of thirty-four guns and welcomed by firemen and citizens who were in waiting. The procession was then formed in the following order:

Doring's Band.  
Chief Engineer and Assistants.  
Rip Van Winkle No. 1.  
D. D. Tompkins No. 8, of Albany.  
Protection No. 2.  
Conqueror No. 3.  
Volunteer Engine Co., manned by operatives from ROY'S FACTORY

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Volunteer Hose Company.  
 Sullivan's Band.  
 Hercules Hook and Ladder Company.  
 Oswald Hose Company.  
 Hall Hose Company, of Troy.  
 Company A, under command of Lieut. Oothout.  
 Citizens in carriages.

W. L. OSWALD

After marching through the principal streets of the village, the procession halted at the park in front of the Exchange Hotel, where the reception exercises took place. President Duffy made an appropriate address of welcome. W. L. Oswald, formerly Captain of Co. A, followed in a really eloquent speech. He referred to the promptness with which the soldiers had rallied to sustain their imperiled country, not waiting for a second call or high bounties. He alluded feelingly to their thinned ranks, their arduous labors, their conspicuous bravery, and thrice welcomed them home. Mr. Oswald spoke of "the arbitrary order of the tyrannical old scoundrel, Gen. Gorman, transferring the company from the first to the ninth place in the line"—an outrage that they resisted, and for which resistance he was punished—not that he considered that he had thereby received any disgrace. He was thankful that this General had been caught in the act of selling cotton and stealing negroes, and was in a fair way to receive his deserts. Mr. O. closed his fifteen-minute speech by another cordial welcome.

Samuel Stover, on behalf of Lieut. Oothout, in command of the company, returned thanks for the reception and delivered a panegyric upon Gen. McClellan.

Col. Latta, commander of the regiment, who was called upon, said that he was a man of action, not of speech. He was glad to witness the reception of Co. A. They richly deserved such a welcome at the hands of their townsmen. He had fought by their side in ten battles, and braver men never trod God's footstool.

Another soldier made a pithy and epigrammatic speech. Said he: "Boys, I'm glad you're home."

The scene, during the speaking, in front of the platform, was worthy the pencil of a painter. The sun-burned faces of the soldiers, the red, white and blue shirts of the firemen, the shining engines and glittering guns—all formed a picture in which the paraphernalia of peace and war were strangely mingled.

After the exercises the procession resumed its line of march, under the marshalship of Smith Waterman, assisted by Messrs. Vicle, N. F. Witbeck and others, and paraded the principal streets of the village. The soldiers had a collation at West Troy, while the firemen were also cared for. Late in the afternoon the visitors from abroad wended their way homeward, and "all was quiet" in West Troy.

**NOTICE.**—All persons subscribing towards the expense of the Reception of the 34th regiment, are requested to call at the Herkimer County Bank and pay the same to A. G. Story, Treasurer, without further invitation. By order of the Committee.

M. W. PRIEST, Chairman.

**NOTICE.**—All persons having claims against the Committee of Reception of the 34th regiment, (that have been audited by said committee,) will present the same to A. G. Story, Treasurer, for payment, on and after July 20th, 1863. By order of the Committee.

M. W. PRIEST, Chairman.

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**COMING HOME.**—We learn that the Thirty-Fourth Regt. N. Y. Vols., Col. Laffin—to which is attached our West Troy Co., Capt. B. H. Warford—expect to leave Virginia on their return home about the 10th of June, and will probably arrive in Albany about the 13th of that month. Our West Troy soldiers have fought as heroes only can in nearly every hotly contested battle in which the Army of the Potomac has been engaged, and a proper reception is therefore due them upon their arrival home. The following appeal, from a correspondent, should be promptly acted upon:

**MR. EDITOR:**—Are the patriotic inhabitants of our village aware that in a few weeks Company A, 34th Regiment, the first company raised for the war in our midst, and composed almost entirely of residents of the village, will be home? During the two years of their enlistment, it has fallen to their lot to have been in nearly all the serious engagements under McClellan, Burnside and Hooker in the Army of the Potomac, and bravely have they sustained the honor and reputation of our village. With decimated ranks, careworn, and weary, these men who have "fought the good fight" will soon return. Surely, our public spirited citizens will not allow this opportunity to pass away without giving to these noble men a welcome which will gladden their hearts and cause them to feel that they have indeed a home, and friends who can appreciate the arduous duties they have so gloriously performed.

Why cannot our Common Council make a move in this matter? In Lansingburgh and Cohoes large sums of money have been voted to defray the expenses attendant upon the reception of companies belonging in these places. Is there any reason why the same should not be done here? Let our village fathers take this matter in hand, and if necessary, let a meeting of citizens be called to make all suitable and necessary arrangements to give a fitting welcome to our brave boys who have so nobly represented our village on so many bloody battle fields.

**THE 34th COMING HOME.**—The 34th Regiment New York State Volunteers, Col. Laffin, has arrived in Washington on its way home. It has seen much service and borne itself bravely on many a hard fought field. It left with 1,000, it comes back with 409. It was recruited in Herkimer county, and left this city for the seat of war in June 1861.

**THE HERKIMER REGIMENT.**—The following is a copy of Corporal Gracey's accounts of his imprisonment at Fairfax:

While at Drainesville, a large force of the Rebels were understood to be shelling our forces at Great Falls, and twenty-two of the Tigers and several citizens went thither to see the shells, but did not remain long. A man named Gracey, who lives in sight of the Thirty-fourth at Drainesville, and wanted to have Gracey at once. He will be remembered by the Thirty-fourth, for his kind intentions.

Everything published by our journals was copied into the Richmond papers in detail. The Rebels and citizens think the Thirty-fourth a terrible and unconquerable set of "Yankees," and to go near the river in front of the encamp-

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**Arrival of the Thirty-Fourth Regiment**

This Regiment which was recruited mainly in Herkimer county, under Colonel M. Ladue, and which was mustered into the United States service in June, 1861, reached here yesterday morning, on its way home, under command of Colonel Laffin. It then numbered over 800 men. Since then it received about 100 recruits, and now comes back with only 427.

The Regiment took breakfast at the Delavan House, as guests of the city authorities, after which they paraded through several streets.— They carried with them a framed portrait of Major General McClellan, and this brought out from the people, all along the route, the heartiest cheers, which were responded to by the soldiers with great gusto. As with all the other returned regiments McClellan is their idol, and they avail themselves of every opportunity to testify their unbounded admiration of him. Marching up State street they filed in the Park, and paid their respects to Governor Seymour. His Excellency, after the cheers with which the soldiers greeted him, had subsided, welcomed them home in a happy little speech, in which he gave them full credit for their distinguished services and great sacrifices, and expressed the hope that they would long live to enjoy the honors and laurels they had so bravely won. Lieut. Colonel Beverly responded in a few appropriate remarks, and then the regiment marched to the Barracks, where they will remain until mustered out.

After the evacuation of Yorktown the Thirty-Fourth embarked for West Point, reaching there in time to act as a reserve for Franklin's Corps in that engagement. On the arrival of Gen. McClellan's army from Williamsburg they joined the advance on Richmond, and acted as a reserve in the battle at Hanover Court House. On the morning of the 31st they crossed the Chickahominy on a bridge of detached logs floating in the stream, jumping from one to another, and many wading most of the way, and after a forced march arrived just in time to intercept the famous Hampton Legion and other South Carolina regiments, on their way to reinforce General Johnston in his attack on General Casey at Seven Pines. They immediately attacked the enemy, and after a terrific fight of two hours put them to flight with immense loss, killing Col. Ward Hampton, of the Hampton Legion, and wounding and capturing the Brigadier General. The battle was decided by a bayonet charge, ordered and led in person by General Sumner, which was made alone by the 84th, supported by other regiments. In this charge the Regiment won imperishable laurel for itself.

They were actively engaged in nearly all the battles on the Peninsula, in the battles of South Mountain and Antietam, and in the Burnside and Hooker disasters.

The following are the present officers of the regiment:—

- FIELD.
- Colonel—Byron Laffin.
- Lieutenant-Colonel—John Beverley.
- Major—Wells Stonable.

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STAFF.

Adjutant—John Kirk.  
Quartermaster—Nathan Easterbrooks.  
Surgeon—B. F. Manley.  
Assistant-Surgeon—J. Hurley.  
Chaplain—Augustin Schoonmaker.

LINE.

Company A—(from West Troy)—Captain, B. H. Warford; First Lieutenant, E. L. Brown; Second Lieutenant, John Oathout.

Company B—(from Little Falls)—Captain, Mying D. Clark; First Lieutenant, Francis N. Usher; Second Lieutenant, William Burns.

Company C—(from Norway, Herkimer co.)—Captain, Thomas Corcoran; First Lieutenant, Stinson P. McIntyre.

Company D—(from Champlain)—Captain, John O. Scott; First Lieutenant, vacant; Second Lieutenant, Byron Opats.

Company E—(from Steuben county)—Captain, Henry Baldwin; First Lieutenant, Henry W. Sanford; Second Lieutenant, Melville S. Dana.

Company F—(from Herkimer)—Captain, Charles Riley; First Lieutenant, William Van Valkenburgh; Second Lieutenant, B. F. Minor.

Company G—(from Herkimer)—Captain, Joy P. Johnson; First Lieutenant, John Morey; Second Lieutenant, A. Rounds.

Company H—(from Crown Point)—Captain, William S. Walton; First Lieutenant, vacant; Second Lieutenant, William Kirk.

Company I—(from Weedsport, Cayuga county)—Captain, Eugene B. La Rue; First Lieutenant, A. T. Atwood; Second Lieutenant, Orrin W. Beach.

Company K—(from Sautebury)—Captain, Emerson S. Northup; First Lieutenant, James McCormick; Second Lieutenant, Lewis M. Chapin.

A committee, consisting of Senator Hardin, Canal Commissioner Skinner, Hon. H. P. Alexander and Oliver Ladue, are here to escort the Regiment to Little Falls, where a reception awaits them. The reception will take place Saturday. In the evening the regiment.

Welcome to the 34th

The time of service of this noble regiment will soon expire, and it is fit and proper that the County of Herkimer should express in a suitable manner the estimate they put upon the conduct of its officers and soldiers.

That there may be a union of feeling and concert of action. Let us meet at Herkimer on Thursday the 28th, at 12 o'clock m., to prepare for their return. Let every town be represented.

Herkimer, May 15, 1863.

Since receiving the above notice we are informed that preliminary arrangements are being made for holding a meeting in this village for a like purpose. We are pleased to see that a public feeling is awakened in the county, and hope those moving in the matter may confer together, and with unity of intention, agree upon a plan that will best subserve the end in view.—The County has reason to feel proud of the Regiment, and every citizen will feel a deep interest in rendering its return home, the occasion of hearty and cordial welcome.

## The Mohawk Courier.

LITTLE FALLS, June 4, 1863.

### The 34th Regiment.

In another column will be found the proceedings of the convention held at Herkimer last Tuesday, for the purpose of making arrangements for the reception of the 34th regiment. Oneida county has set us a noble example in the welcome given her returned soldiers, and we feel certain that old Herkimer will greet the men of the noble 34th as heroes should be greeted.

At Ball's Bluff they crossed the Potomac in the face of an overwhelming rebel force, and at Yorktown and Williamsburgh they went into battle as heroes. At Fair Oaks their conduct elicited special praise from the Commanding Division Generals. At Malvern Hill, at White Oak Swamp, at Gaines' Mills, South Mountain, Antietam and Fredericksburgh, they fought as patriots and heroes only can fight, and now, with ranks decimated in battle, and by sickness contracted while on duty, the remnant of those forming the regiment when it left this village, a little over two years ago, are coming back to the homes of their childhood. They have time and again perilled life to defend the laws that have so benignly governed and protected us, and having won honor themselves, and conferred it upon the county; let us receive them with open hearts. Aside from the ties of blood and old acquaintance which binds most of them to us, the sight of their battle torn ranks would repay every visitor. Let the people of the county generally, make preparation to participate in the exercises of the reception, and contribute liberally of their means to assist in defraying the expenses.

**THE HERKIMER CO. REG'T.**—The 34th Reg't arrived this morning in Albany, and were enthusiastically received by the citizens. The regiment paraded through several streets, bearing a framed portrait of McClellan, which was loudly cheered along the route.

After calling on the Governor, and being welcomed in an eloquent address by him, they marched to the Barracks. They will be received in Little Falls, on Saturday or Tuesday next.



## Local.

**THE RECEPTION OF THE 34TH.**—Arrangements are finally completed which promise such a reception to this gallant regiment as their heroism and sacrifices deserve. We give elsewhere the proceedings of the county Convention held at Herkimer last Thursday, by which it will be seen that the reception is to be given at this place and that every town in the county is expected to participate. On Tuesday the County Executive Committee met here and concluded upon a plan of arrangements. The citizens here are already at work and a local committee for work, whose names we publish, has been appointed.

With proper co-operation on the part of our sister towns we hope to make this a grand affair that shall creditably reflect the gratitude and love of the entire county. It is not yet ascertained upon what day the regiment will reach here, but it will be so near the anniversary of our National Independence that in all probability there will be no county celebration on the latter day and therefore, for the greater reason, we urge that the people, *en masse*, may feel like making this a glorious holiday, ever to be remembered by all participants in its festivities.

So far as the refreshments are concerned, the plan is to provide one large table for the regiment for which donations should be sent in from all sections of the county. Besides this there will be prepared a table for each town, where all those who desire may partake of such refreshments as they may provide, thus joining in one grand picnic. About two weeks are probably left in which to complete these preparations and we entreat that every family feel called upon to do something for the occasion. Thoughts of ornamental decorations and substantial estates fill our minds, and earnest active exertions occupy our hands!

**LOCAL COMMITTEE.**—The following persons have been named as a committee to prepare suitable decorations for the street and public grounds of the village for the reception of the 34th Regiment. It is expected that the work will be commenced immediately. Other names will be added to the Committee as circumstances may require.

### LADIES.

Miss C. Skinner, C. Feeter, G. Feeter, F. Thompson, A. Zimmerman, M. Zimmerman, J. LaDew, A. House, A. Vanslyke, E. Scott, S. Churchill, F. Rust, H. Rust, C. A. Richmond, M. Richmond, A. Loomis, M. Loomis, L. Loomis, M. Spaulding, Mrs. P. Greene, Miss R. Greene, M. Greens, H. Brooks, M. Brooks, M. Usher, A. Beach, Hill, K. Stebbins, M. Ingham, H. Heath, M. Eaton, A. Green, K. Girvan

S. Howard, M. Whitman, E. Whitman, S. Story, M. Barnard, D. Cole, R. Cole, S. Chase, A. Cressy, M. Shaw, H. A. Wright, H. Waite, N. Case.

## GENTLEMEN.

Arnold Petre, Albert Story, J. R. Stebbins, H. L. Greene, R. S. Whitman, R. H. Smith, G. A. Hardin, D. Warcup, B. K. Houghton, G. S. Houghton, J. L. Simonds, Henry Skinner, C. Beach, W. T. Loomis, H. A. Petrie, H. Uhle, Lox. Chase, P. Turner, Geo. S. Ransom, W. G. Milligan, I. Snell, P. Reed, Geo. Warcup, W. H. Klock, A. H. Greene, E. S. Briggs, L. P. Knapp, E. D. Manchester, Geo. Waters, W. S. Young, G. G. Stebbins, Fred. Phillips, H. H. Gray, T. Sheard, Geo. Ransom, G. B. Beach, Ed. Klock, A. Richmond, Will. Wheeler.

#### Reception of the Twenty-fourth Regiment.

The old braves of the 24th regiment are about to be mustered out of the United States service, where they have done faithful duty from the 17th of May, 1861. In order to give them an appropriate welcome, the citizens have united upon a general demonstration to take place upon their arrival at Oswego, the time of which is uncertain. They are now in Elmira, and arrangements have been made to have intelligence at the earliest moment their homeward movement is determined on. On their arrival at Syracuse the City bells will be rung for half an hour; and as the train approaches Oswego a National salute will be fired from near the depot.

A procession will be formed at the depot under the Marshal and his assistants, in the following order:

Military Band of the 49th Regiment.  
The Forty-eighth Regiment as an escort, under command of Lieut.-Col. A. B. RANDALL.  
The Twenty-fourth Regiment.  
Wounded soldiers of the Twenty-fourth and other Regiments, in carriages.  
Union Band.  
The Firemen under the command of Chief Engineer A. F. SMITH.  
Orator and Clergymen,  
Common Council and Committee of Arrangements, in carriages.

Invited guests and citizens in carriages.

The Military and Firemen will assemble in the West Public Square at the ringing of the bells.

The wounded soldiers, orator and clergy, Common Council, Committee of Arrangements, and invited guests, will assemble at the City Hall, where carriages will be in waiting to receive them.

The above arrangements will be under the direction of ROBERT OLIVER, Marshal, and Lieut.-Col. A. B. RANDALL, and CHAS. PARKER, Assistant Marshals.

#### THE ROUTE OF PROCESSION

Will be as follows:—From the West Public Square down Cayuga to First Street, up First to Oneida, up Oneida to Second, up Second to Utica, down Utica to First street, and down First street to the Post Office.