
169th New York Infantry Newsletter

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Dear All,

Research continues apace on the 169th New York State Volunteer Infantry Regiment, and I thought you may be interested in reading a newspaper article that appeared in the *Albany Times Union* on Presidents' Day, this past Monday, that describes the search for the stained glass memorial window to the regiment, the only known memorial specifically dedicated to the 169th N.Y. Please see the links below:

- Times Union article: <http://www.timesunion.com/default/article/A-tale-of-sacrifice-in-glass-3343173.php>
- Hardcopy article: <http://www.mediafire.com/?8o69l88vzkym667>
- Dedication of the window in 1894: <http://www.mediafire.com/?dfpnofbdh3pqm4f>

As we approach the 150th anniversary of the formation of the 169th, the thought has occurred to me that it would be a good idea to start sending a bi-monthly update about interesting developments concerning research of the regiment, and you are reading the inaugural edition!

"When will the history of the 169th be published?" With the explosion of data concerning the 169th being made available by Google Books and other sources on the Internet, as well as a continuing robust level of inquiries from descendants of the soldiers and other interested parties, I think I still have another 3-5 years to go, but it is hard to say. The history of the 169th, along with

the biographies of Colonel and Brevet Brigadier-General John McConihe, and Brigadier-General Alonzo Alden, will be about 2,000 pages each, far larger in scope than the average regimental history or biography of a regimental commander, principally due to the fact that these books will be self-published in a digital format.

One of the goals of the bi-monthly updates will be to ensure that everyone is equally up-to-speed in terms of general information about the regiment. Accordingly, I have posted links below to two important documents concerning the history of the 169th. Hopefully, this information will provide you with a good overview of the 169th as I continue my task.

- Short History of the 169th N.Y.V.: <http://www.mediafire.com/?fmzefacwsr3wjku>
- The "Gold Collection" of Newspaper Articles: (*Available to subscribers only.*)

If you have any new information regarding your Civil War ancestor, I am always interested in getting updates. Additionally, if you would like to see if I have come across any new information about your ancestor in my ever-expanding archives, I would be happy to check for you.

Cheers,

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