Onondaga’s Connection to Gettysburg

The Onondaga Historical Association presents paintings, photos, artifacts, diary entries and quotes to illustrate the experience of ten veterans who served at Gettysburg in one of the following locally based regiments: the 3rd Onondaga (122nd NY Infantry), the 4th Onondaga (the 149th NY Infantry) and Battery B of the 1st NY Light Artillery.

The exhibit is free and open to the public and will be available until August 11, 2013.

Visitors can read excerpts from books at the exhibit, like the following from G.K. Collin’s book, Memoirs of the 149th Regt. N.Y. Vol. “About eleven o’clock in the forenoon the men were surprised and delighted to learn that the 122nd N.Y. joined them in the trenches on the right .... The two regiments coming from the county of Onondaga so near one another in point of time gave to them a mutual pride and confidence that rendered them under the circumstances almost invincible. If there was ever a moment when the courage and enthusiasm of the 149th was bubbling over it was then, and it is presumed that the feeling was reciprocated by its sister regiment.”

Onondaga Historical Association (OHA) is a private, nonprofit association of museums, a research center, historic sites and retail stores in Onondaga County. Officially chartered by the New York State Regents in 1863, OHA has been collecting, preserving and interpreting the community’s history for the past 150 years, providing to the public exhibits, research opportunities, and educational programming, publications and media productions. For more information, visit cnyhistory.org.