

**OHA AT 150****Funeral for  
a major general**

The Onondaga Historical Association is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Here's what was going on in 1863:

At least 20,000 people viewed Major General Sumner's body as it lay in state at City Hall. Flags flew at half staff for Sumner, who had recently been appointed to command the Department of the West., and was preparing to leave for St. Louis when he died. The national colors were hung from houses and buildings around the city, and businesses closed the day of the funeral.

After a short ceremony at the home on Fayette Park, the procession accompanied by thousands of citizens advanced to the First Presbyterian Church for the service then continued down Salina and Castle streets to Oakwood Cemetery.

— *Daniel Connors, of the  
Onondaga Historical  
Association*

