

OHA AT 150**Fallen soldiers
return home**

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

The remains of seven soldiers of the 149th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment are returned to Syracuse. These Onondaga County men were killed in the fighting around Chattanooga, Tenn., between Oct. 28 and Nov. 27.

Upon arrival by railroad in Syracuse, they were placed in seven horse-drawn hearses, draped with the national flag, and taken to City Hall, where they lay in state for several hours under the watch of a guard of honor.

Thousands of people accompanied the procession from the Central Depot in Vanderbilt Square through Warren, Jefferson, Salina and Genesee streets, and finally to City Hall.

Their names were:
Color Sgt. William C. Lilly
Sgt. John H. Johnson Jr.
Sgt. Jeremiah McCarthy
Corp. James Hines
Pvt. Moses Rothschilds
Pvt. James R. Mills
Pvt. Frank VanAtten

"These bodies have been brought home at the instance of the friends of the deceased, for the purpose of permanent internment, and that they may have the mournful satisfaction of paying the last sad rites to the memory of the gallant departed who have given their lives in the noblest cause for which man can die." – The Syracuse Daily Journal

— Daniel Connors of the OHA