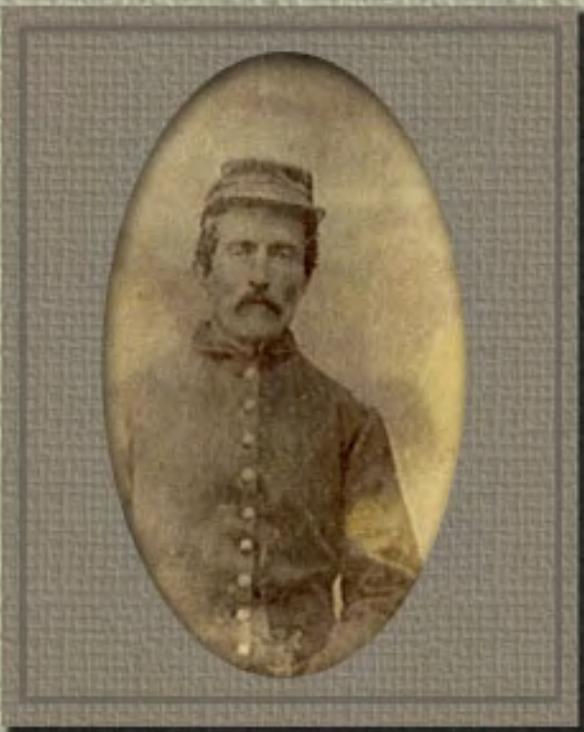


A Tribute to the
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42 Infantry Regiment
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Joseph Farley
Company C, Cameron County



Bucktail Re-enactor

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"THE BUCKTAILS"

At the call of Col. Thos. L. Kane, 100 Civil War volunteers assembled here on Apr. 24, 1861, to go to Harrisburg. Tails of buck deer, worn as distinctive insignia, provided the name of the famed 42d Regiment, of which they were the core.

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The Bucktails were formed in Smethport, Pennsylvania on April 24, 1864 and soon gained fame on the bloody battlefields of the American Civil War. Feared as excellent marksmen that dropped numerous Confederate soldiers, the very mention of their name aroused fear in the Confederate regiments that they apposed.

The regiment proudly fought in most major battles of the war and played a pivotal role in saving the defeat of the Union forces at the battle of Gettysburgh in 1863.

The Bucktails arrived on the battlefield in the evening of the second day of the battle. After marching all day, they were hurriedly sent into the battle to save Little Round Top from a repeated and intense Confederate assault. Had the Confederates not been repulsed, they would gain command of the battlefield and the Union Army would have lost the battle.

The Bucktails hurried to Little Round Top to join several other Pennsylvania Reserve units and a battered regiment from Maine that had barely held off two Confederate charges up the hill.

The Bucktails and other Pennsylvania Reserves charged down the hill and drove the Confederates back and the Bucktails capturing the colors of the 15th Georgia Infantry.

The regiment was mustered out of service in Harrisburg on June 11, 1864, its ranks depleted by countless battles in which they continued to play a pivotal role.

While returning to their homes in Pennsylvania, they were treated to a heroes welcome in Harrisburg with colors flying, bands playing, crowds cheering and words of praise from Governor Curtin.

Today, the Bucktails are remembered by the Bucktail Re-enactors group with Co. I being from around the Smethport area. The group takes an active role in many community events.

The McKean County Historical Society has an extensive collection of information and items of interest on the Bucktails.

Additional resources can be found on line at:

<http://pabucktail.com/>

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A living history event of the Bucktail muster at the Courthouse in Smethport by community residents and Co. I, Buktail Re-enactors Group





A Re-enactor cuts the hide from a deer that gave the Bucktails their unique isignia.



Bucktail Re-enactors await the mustering in ceremony.

Bucktail re-enactors actively participate in special community events in the Smethport area.



**Vietnam Veterans
Memorial Moving Wall**



Bucktail Re-enactors during Victorian Weekend of 2006



Bucktail Encampment at Hamlin Lake Park



2002 Bucktail
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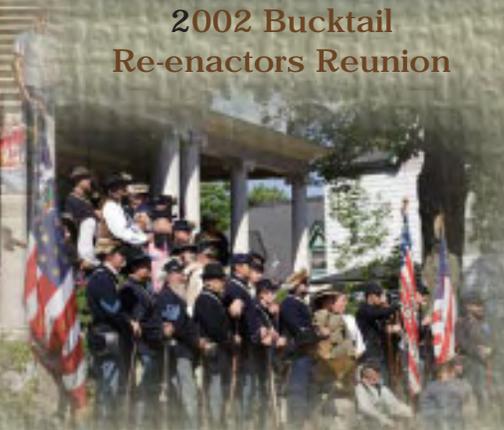


2002 Bucktail
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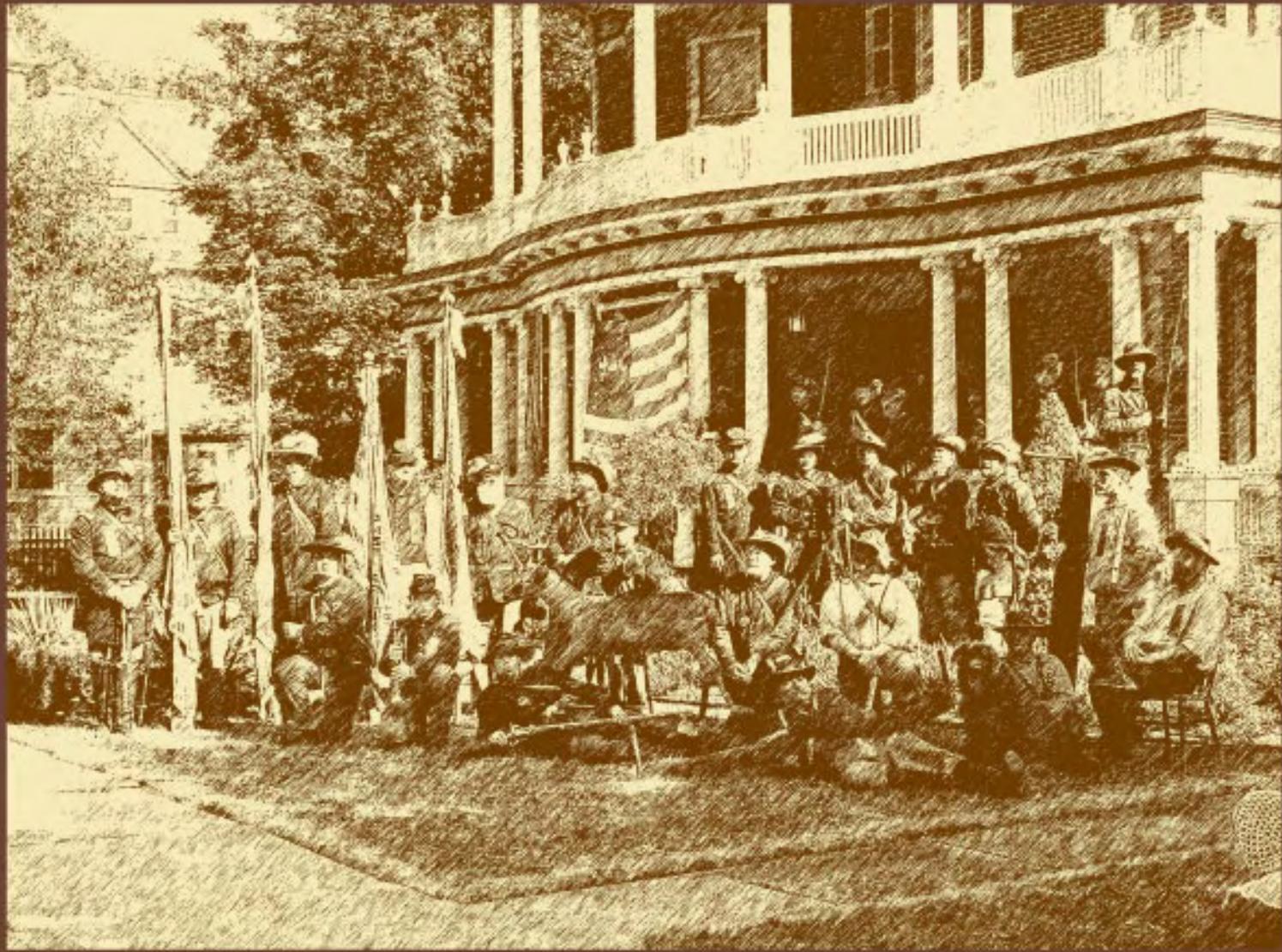


2007 Bucktail
Re-enactors Reunion

2006 Memorial Day Parade



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The End