

## GETTYSBURG

### THE HUMISTON CHILDREN

After the battle there was found on the lot opposite St. James Lutheran Church the body of a Union soldier who held in his hands the ferrotype of three lovely children. A copy of a newspaper containing a description of the picture found its way to a little town in western New York. The affecting tale was told throughout the village, and a lady carried the paper to a friend who had not heard from her husband since the battle. The narrative recalled with dread accuracy a picture which she had sent her husband. Thus did she learn that she was a widow and that her children were fatherless. The name of the soldier was Amos Humiston, Sergeant, 154th New York Volunteers. He is buried in the National Cemetery at Gettysburg.

### GETTYSBURG AND WATERLOO

"There are striking points of resemblance between the battlefields of Gettysburg and of Waterloo. On both, the hostile armies were drawn up on two parallel ridges, separated by a shallow valley about three-quarters of a mile wide. The Union salient at the Peach Orchard, occupied by Sickles on the Second Day, corresponds to the farm of Hougomont, held by the British at Waterloo. The Codori buildings, near the center of the field, are similar to the farm of La Haie-Sainte.

"The chief point of dissimilarity is that the main highway at Waterloo ran perpendicular to the two lines of battle, while at Gettysburg the Emmitsburg Road was nearly parallel to the lines. This road was bordered on either side by a five-rail post-fence which proved almost as formidable an obstacle to the charge of Pickett's men as did the 'sunken road' at Waterloo to the assaults of Napoleon's Old Guard. When the Confederates reached these fences, they were forced to climb over, under a heavy short-range musketry fire, before advancing."

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THE PLACE  
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THE OUTCOME

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