

More History About The Soldiers' Orphans' Homestead

General O.O. Howard, in command of the 11th Corps used the building during a portion of the battle as his headquarters.

On the ground of the Homestead was located part of the Third Division of the 11th Corps under General Carl Schurz. Part of the Second Brigade of this Division being on the Homestead land and part in the National Cemetery..

The celebrated Hummiston children whose father, Orderly Sergeant Hummiston of the 154th New York Regiment, was found on the battlefield tightly grasping their photograph, were enrolled in the Homestead and remained several years.

The Homestead did not receive help from the State. In the first place all persons paying \$5 Or \$50 as a life contribution to the Homestead were to be considered members of the Association or Corporation. It was supported largely by Sunday Schools, nearly two thousands in 18 states having sent contributions. Appeals for help were occasionally sent out. It was national in its aim, as a home and school for the orphans of soldiers and sailors of the whole country. About 200 orphans from 16 states of the Union attended the Homestead during its existence.

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