

## Gettysburg Source Review



Negative by T. H. O'SULLIVAN. Entered according to act of Congress, in the year 1862, by A. GARDNER, in the Clerk's Office of the District Court of the District of Columbia. Positive by A. GARDNER, 311 7th St., Washington.

### *Incidents of the War.*

**A harvest of death, Gettysburg, July, 1863**

What do you see in the photograph?

How does what you see in the photograph relate to what was observed in the illustration of the Battle of Gettysburg?

What do you think or feel about the Battle of Gettysburg now that you have looked at both the picture of the fighting and the photo taken after the battle?

What questions do you still have?

**Excerpts from *John Brown's Body*, a narrative poem by Stephen Vincent Benét published 1928**

They say the noise was incessant as the sound  
Of all wolves howling, when that attack came on.  
They say, when the guns all spoke, that the solid ground  
Of the rocky ridges trembled like a sick child.<sup>1</sup>  
The men who fought there  
Were the tired fighters, the hammered, the weather-beaten, The very hard-dying men. They came  
and died And came again and died and stood there and died,<sup>2</sup>

In what ways do these poem excerpts help you to better understand the Battle of Gettysburg?

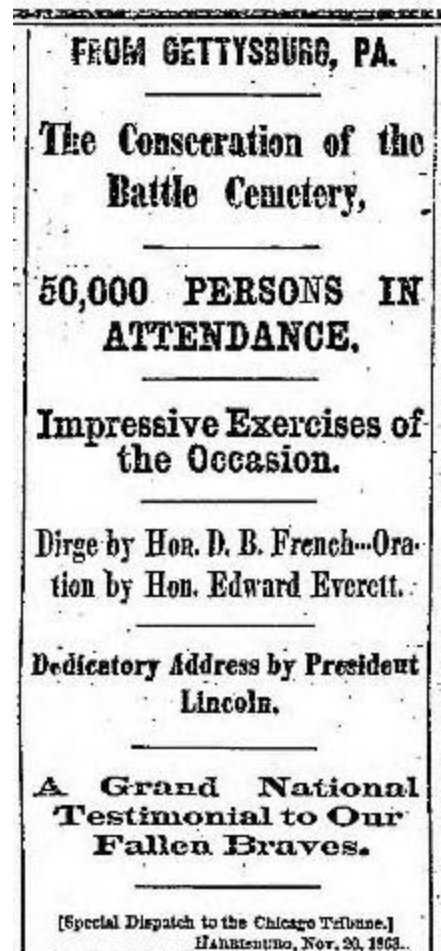
What questions do you still have?

**National Cemeteries Were Authorized by the U.S. Government:  
July 17, 1862**

What happens to soldiers when they die during a battle? During the Civil War, soldiers who died on the battlefields, in field hospitals, or in prison camps were buried where they fell. On July 17, 1862, President Lincoln signed legislation authorizing the creation of national cemeteries by the U.S. government.

What do you learn from reading the headlines for this special dispatch from November 20, 1863?

What questions do you still have?



<sup>1</sup> Benét, Stephen Vincent. *John Brown's Body*. 1928. Garden City, N. Y., Doubleday, Doran and Compay, Inc. P. 299 accessed 06/17: <https://archive.org/details/johnbrownsbody1928bent>.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p. 300.