

George S. Beavers

A native of Mendham, he enlisted at 18 and served as a Private in Co. A, 15th NJ Vol. Private Beavers participated in Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor and Gettysburg, where he was wounded in the foot. Returning to Mendham, Mr. Beavers owned and operated The Black Horse Inn for 37 years; the business still exists as The Black Horse Tavern.



He was a member of the Torbert Post in Morristown and a member of the Mendham Fire Company. Mr. Beavers was a speaker many times at the Mendham Decoration Day (Memorial Day) events. George S. Beavers died on November 4, 1922, and is buried in Hilltop Cemetery, Mendham.



Solomon G. Cannon

Mendham
Co. H 11th NJ Vols.

Private Cannon was wounded at Gettysburg and again at the Battle of the Wilderness.

Not yet recovered from his wounds, he was captured at Boydton Plank Road and sent to Libby prison.

Released from captivity on February 16, 1865, he remained in the U.S. Army Hospital at York, Pennsylvania until July 1866.

Mr. Cannon was a member of the Torbert G.A.R. Post in Morristown, New Jersey.

Solomon Cannon died in 1929 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.

John L. Denton

Born July 29, 1843, Mr. Denton lived in the Mendham area. In 1860, he resides in Mendham Township.

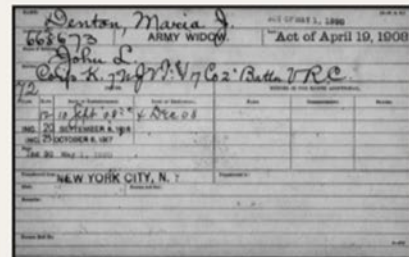
A Corporal in Co. K, 7th NJ Vol Inf., he was Wounded in Action at Gettysburg.

The corporal served additionally in the Veteran Reserve Corps.

Returning to Mendham after the war, on October 28, 1868, he married Maria Jane Melick in the Hilltop Church in Mendham.

Mr. Denton died on April 20, 1899, and is buried in the Hilltop Church Cemetery, Mendham.

Maria received a widow's pension.



NAME		RANK		RESIDENCE	
Denton, Maria J.	ARMY WIDOW			NEW YORK CITY, N. Y.	
Act of April 19, 1908					
NAME OF THE WIDOW					
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General Abner Doubleday

A native of Ballston Spa, New York, he attended school in Cooperstown and was appointed to West Point in 1838.

On July 1, 1863, he was sent to Gettysburg to support Buford's Cavalry.

Upon the death of General Reynolds, General Doubleday took command until the arrival of General Howard.

The third day of the battle finds Doubleday's forces repulsing the enemy during Pickett's charge.

When President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, General Doubleday accompanied him.

America's Sport: Baseball

General Doubleday's legacy includes the legend that he invented baseball.

Not entirely correct, Doubleday played an important role in the development of the game.

In Cooperstown, New York, the Mills Commission was appointed in 1905 to determine the origin of the sport. Evidence provided by Abner Graves, a school friend of Doubleday, advised that he was present when Abner Doubleday made changes to a version of a game, known as "Town Ball".

The committee's final report on December 30, 1907, reads:

"The first scheme for playing baseball, according to the best evidence obtainable to date, was devised by Abner Doubleday at Cooperstown, N. Y. in 1839."



Doubleday Field at the Baseball Hall of Fame is named in his honor.

Abner Doubleday was a resident of Mendham until his death in 1893. His home stood on Hilltop Road until it was demolished in 1937.

General Abner Doubleday is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

