

SAVE CAMP LETTERMAN

Please help the Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association in the fight to save the site of Camp Letterman, a General Hospital set up at Gettysburg to treat the wounded of both sides after the battle. Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated. For Round Tables and Reenactment Units, at your next meeting, if you could "pass the hat", even \$1 per person would help us. We will make work whatever we are able to raise, which not only goes toward the fight but towards archaeology to find the cemetery. The G.B.P.A., founded in 1959, is a non-profit, all volunteer group. All donations are tax deductible. For 4 years the G.B.P.A. has fought to stop development at Camp Letterman. With the public's help we have made great strides. A nationwide letter writing campaign caused Target Stores to pull out of the project. Another thing we ask you to help with is to contact the congressmen and senator's from your state to ask their help to try to save Camp Letterman. Last summer staff member's from Sen. Arlen Specter (R-PA) & Sen. Robert Casey (D-PA) office came to Gettysburg and were given a tour of Camp Letterman. If you could please also contact these two senator's to ask their help to try to save Camp Letterman. Their address is listed below. Together we will do all we can to preserve Camp Letterman so future generations who visit Gettysburg will be able to walk the site of this historic part of the Battle of Gettysburg. Thank You for any help you can give.

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Photo found in a rations can in a trash pit at Camp Letterman, Gettysburg in 1949. The soldier has 1st Sgt. stripes and a 1st Corps badge. Scratched in at top of photo is S L 147. Photo is of 1st Sgt. Samuel Lesage Co. A 147 N.Y. wounded July 1, died Sept. 8. Buried Section 9, Grave 4 at Letterman. Reburied Section E-46, New York plot National Cemetery. Age 29 from Oswego, New York.

SGT. LESAGE AND 369 OTHER UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S DIED AT CAMP LETTERMAN. OVER 4,000 WOUNDED OF BOTH SIDES WERE TREATED IN THE 4 MONTHS CAMP LETTERMAN WAS IN OPERATION. CAMP LETTERMAN, AS ONE NURSE SAID, "IN TRUTH, CONTAINED THE VERY DREGS OF BATTLE OF BOTH ARMIES." TODAY, THE SITE OF CAMP LETTERMAN IS THREATENED BY DEVELOPMENT. FOR 4 YEARS THE GBPA HAS FOUGHT TO PRESERVE THE SITE OF THIS HISTORIC PART OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG. THE CEMETERY, WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN LOCATED, MAY CONTAIN THE BODIES OF OVER 20 UNION AND CONFEDERATE SOLDIER'S WHO WERE NEVER REMOVED. PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN, AND DO WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP SAVE THIS HISTORIC SITE. IT IS UP TO US TO PRESERVE CAMP LETTERMAN SO FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN VISIT THIS HISTORIC SITE AND NOT READ IN A HISTORY BOOK ABOUT A PLACE THAT NO LONGER EXISTS.