

MONUMENT UNVEILING
Memorial To Confederate Dead
Of Clarke County.
ERECTED AT BERRYVILLE, VA.

The Exercises Will Take Place To-day—The Ceremonies Will Be Of An Interesting Character.

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]
BERRYVILLE, Va., July 20.—The monument now being erected in the Court green here and to be unveiled tomorrow erected by the people of Clarke county as a memorial to its citizens who lost their lives in the war between the States. The monument is composed of a base and pedestal of granite, quarried from one of the battle fields around Petersburg, Va., standing 12 feet in height; surmounting these is a pedestal of Richmond granite, 8 feet high, the total height, with foundation, being 24 feet. On the sides of the pedestal are inscribed the names of the men it is intended to commemorate, over 100 in number, and consisting of members of the Clarke Cavalry, Company D, Sixth Virginia Regiment; the Clarke Rifles, Company I, Second Virginia Infantry, and the Nelson Rifles, Company C, Second Virginia Infantry, Stonewall Brigade, and of such citizens of the county who were members of military companies recruited beyond the limits of the county as lost their lives in the struggle.

The figure is that of an unarmed Confederate soldier, standing with arms folded, with bare head and eyes cast down, the embodiment in stone of one who, after having given up home, friends and country in defense of principles he believed right, now that the struggle is over and all lost, almost as in a dream begins to realize the situation, and yet, there is something of hope in the expression of the face—a hope which has found fruition in the part the soldiers of the Lost Cause have played in the progress and advancement of our united country since the close of the war. It is a historical fact that of the companies which went to the war from Clarke county that known as "The Clarke Cavalry" was organized and served in the War of 1812 and its organization kept up, with the exception of brief intervals, down to and through the war between the States, while on its roll in 1861 were many names identical with those who participated in its organization in 1812 and who were descendants of the latter.

The location of such a monument here is most appropriate in a town to which the name of "Battletown" was given in Revolutionary days, and which served as a headquarters for the men who, although one of the smallest in the State, was conspicuous for the allegiance of its citizens to the cause of the South. A few miles west of the site was waged the battle of the 19th of September, 1864, and but a few hundred yards distant stands a tree from whose branches Mosby, in retaliation for the murder of a number of his men by Custer's command at Front Royal, hanged three of the latter's men. In sight of the monument passes the turnpike, over which time and time again the forces of both Confederates and Federals marched and fought, while the town itself, and the very ground upon which the monument stands, were fought over again and again during the years from '61 to '65.

Prominent in the movement which has culminated in the erection of this monument were the following organizations in Clarke county: The Association of the Survivors of the Clarke Cavalry, J. E. B. Stuart Camp, Camp of Confederate Veterans, J. E. B. Stuart Camp, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and Stonewall Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy.

The ceremonies will be participated in by a number of visiting Confederate and civic organizations, and the day will be a gala one in every respect. An original poem will be read by Capt. William Page Carter, the soldier-poet of Clarke, and the orator of the day will be Hon. J. W. Marshall ("Cyclone Jim"), of Craig county.

THE QUARANTINE AT THOMAS
Trouble Between Lithuanians And
Town Officials Still Continues.
[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]
PRIGONOV, W. VA., July 20.—The trouble

Clipped By:



archives509
Mon, Jun 22, 2020