

Cyremius or Cornelius Gunn in Plattsburgh, NY on 8 November 1864

The federal election on 8 November 1864 was particularly contentious, since it posed Abraham Lincoln for re-election against George B. McClellan in the midst of the ongoing American Civil War. The impact of that election in Plattsburgh NY is discussed in the book *Three Centuries in the Champlain Valley*, George Fuller Tuttle, published by Saranac Chapter DAR, Plattsburgh, NY, 1909, pages 370-371 (those pages are attached). A Home Guard of "thirty men, good and true" was formed by order of the Sheriff of Clinton County, NY to patrol the streets of Plattsburgh to maintain order from 9:00 PM on 8 October 1864 until dawn of the following day. The name "C. Gunn" is listed as one of the privates who was chosen to be a member of that Home Guard. Based on their ages, this was almost certainly either Cyremius or Cornelius Gunn.

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log meeting house was built on the shore near the Mosher Hoag (now Vantine) place, and this was also used for a school. At the time of the battle on Cumberland bay, the Friends, at the regular hour, gathered in this building to hold "first day services," apparently oblivious to the roar of battle from three to six miles away, since their faith prevented any participation in the conflict.

1813 Evening of the 7th. The first artillery train arrived, when Gens. Bloomfield and Mooers discussed with me the plans of coming engagements. Orders sent out in various directions to the Rangers, and information to the Indians.—*Williams*.

1835 The Young Men's Association for Mutual Improvement was formed in Plattsburgh. The officers were: George Moore, President; John H. Sanborn, Vice-President; I. W. R. Bromley, Corresponding Secretary; R. G. Stone, Recording Secretary; T. P. Cady, Treasurer; Lucius Boardman, L. D. Brock and Caleb Nichols, Executive Committee; Ways and Means, etc., Bela Edgerton, Dr. Edward Kane and H. Boardman; Constitution and By-Laws, I. W. R. Bromley, Horace Boardman and R. G. Stone.

NOVEMBER 8

1775 A committee consisting of Robert R. Livingston Robert Treat Paine and J. Langdon was sent by the Continental Congress to Ticonderoga to consult with Gen. Schuyler as to the condition of the fortifications and reinforcements needed for Canada.

1813 Williams "started for Albany, arriving there on the 10th, dined with the Commander-in-Chief, received his instructions." He wrote in his diary, "St. Regis

is taken, prisoners secured and the first flag captured from the British."

1864

Orrel Town, Sheriff of Clinton county, ordered from Capt. B. M. Beckwith of Co. A, Home Guard, a detail for patrol duty "of thirty men, good and true, to patrol the streets within the corporation of the town of Plattsburgh, commencing at the hour of nine o'clock P. M. till sunrise of the morning of the ninth of November, under the following orders, that no guns or pistols shall be fired during that time unless imperative necessity requires it." That election night was one of the quietest ever known in Plattsburg for, after 9 o'clock not a person other than the guards was to be seen upon the streets.

The guard that night was F. H. Cramer, officer of the guard; H. A. Woodruff and E. C. Miller, sergeants; E. G. Moore and G. E. Barber, corporals; privates, M. F. Parkhurst, Henry C. Sanborn, F. Hoag, James A. Hagar, Julius D. Beckwith, C. H. Cottrill, J. H. Towne, T. S. Rogers, F. E. Booth, George W. Watson, W. E. Reed, James Delany, H. M. Witherill, E. Crosby, O. C. Gregg, H. W. Cady, Thomas Shields, T. E. Derochers, Peter J. Tormey, Fred E. Sanborn, J. K. Myers, William Myers, W. H. Griffin, C. Gunn, W. H. Durkee, G. H. Webb, H. W. Brown, E. W. Pierce, H. Walworth, John McCadden, E. S. Ames, Giles Morrill.

NOVEMBER 9

1713

Capt. John Stoddard and the Rev. John Williams reached Northampton, having left Boston the 5th, and were joined by Capt. Thomas Baker and Martin Kellogg, who had been captured with Eunice but had succeeded in escaping. There were two others in the party as they set out for Albany on their Canadian mission.