Amherst's Most Prominent Civil War Veteran
Col. Charles E. Hapgood of the Fighting Fifth

By Eileen Holland

About 108 Amherst men served in the Civil War, not counting non-veterans who supported the soldiers by the thousands. (The number varies a bit depending on who is counting and who counts those who never made it out of recruiting stations.)

Col. Charles Edward Hapgood, then a resident of Amherst, was appointed captain of the company formed in Hillsborough County of the 5th New Hampshire Regiment, light infantry, command- ed by Col. Edward E. Cross of Lancaster, N.H. of Army where he had ex-

Hapgood immediately opened a local re-

ing office. Fourteen other Amherst men joined the 5th N.H. Regt.

On Oct. 29, 1861, the 5th N.H. Regt. left the state with 100 men to, which 150 were subsequently added, then 240 in Aug. 1862. Col. Hapgood—who had been promoted in Dec. 1862 after the battle of Fredericksburg and had commanded the regiment in the battles of Chickamauga and Gettysburg—was the only one of the original ten captains left and the regiment had squeezed to the size of a small company. Of the original 973 men, only 327 were on the roll Oct. 3, 1863. Twenty-five were killed in battle, 30 had been honorably discharged, and 56 served until the war ended. More than 1000 were wounded in action. Hapgood himself had a close call in May 1863 when the Bible over his heart stopped a bullet. These killed in battle included Amherst's own, 23-aged Edward Vose, the first officer killed in battle of the regiment. The battle raged from 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. on the day of the war. The 3K Fun Run begins at 9:30 a.m. At 10:00 a.m., register now and get ready to run.

Turkey Trot 2010, November 26

Come run with the Amherst Ju-

ior Women’s Club at their 11th Annual Turkey Trot. The race will begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Amherst Village Green, near the corner of Main and 9th Streets and 11 Church Street. Come run or walk off from the turkey this year, our 3K or 3K Fun Run. Free 1000 to 10,000 entrants get a commemorative t-shirt.

Disney Junior Women’s Club Turkey Trot
Bring the Whole Family to the 3K and 5K Fun Walk/Run

Registration:
• Entries on line at www.active.com/DisneyJuniorWomen’sClub
• On site on race day.

Packet Pick-up: Sunday, November 28, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Race Day Registration:
• 3K Fun Run: $20
• 5K Fun Run: $35

For more information, contact Alyson124@gmail.com or call 413-579-9726.

The Milford Hospital Association, established in 1865, is dedicated to supporting local medical and health related services in the community. Contributions of Milford, Amherst and Mont Vernon.

Historic Amherst: Thanksgiving at the Cross Family Home

BY EILEEN HOLLAND

Frank Cross was the son of early Amherst settler William Cross and is buried at the Cross Family Cemetery off of College Street.

During the Civil War, Frank Cross, who lived at Cross & Bro. Hardware, was drafted and served as a private in Co. B of the 5th New Hampshire Regiment, light infantry, commanded by Col. Edward E. Cross of Lancaster, N.H.

The Cross family had served Amherst in a variety of roles. George Cross, Amherst’s first settler, was a farmer and owned land on which Col. Cross was mortally wounded and it is considered to be the site of the Cross Family Homestead.

The first Cross family home was located on North Street near what is now the Col. Cross Park. After the Col. Cross Park burned to the ground in 1810, the Cross family moved to North Street, where they lived until 1815, when they moved to the “Cross and Bro. Hardware.”

Col. Charles E. Hapgood, 5th N.H. Regiment

Hapgood, who had served as the regiment’s adjutant, was wounded in the Battle of Cold Harbor in June 1864. Hapgood was mustered out the following October, along with several other captains, including Col. Charles H. Turtle and his loved, located south of the community between the streets of Main and Handy Street. Five months later the partners became brothers-in-law when Abbott married Hapgood’s oldest sister, a house wife. When the town purchased a new fire engine in 1845, Captain Hapgood commanded the 50 men of Lancaster Engine Co. No. 2. He was the oldest man in the town at the time of his death. He was the last of the two driving the fire engine.

Charles Edward Hapgood, in whose name the state of New Hampshire erected a monument to the 5th N.H. Regiment south of Amherst and Mont Vernon.

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