

WILLIAM H. R. NEEL

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Captain William Neel, 31 North Ashmead Place [Germantown], a Civil War veteran, celebrated his 90th birthday on Saturday. Captain Neel is the only surviving member of a group of staff officers who served under Major General Winfield Scott. He is one of two surviving officers out of a staff of thirty-eight who were attached to the Ninety-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry. He is a past commander of the Baker Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and is now chaplain of the post.

Obituary, 1932

CAPT. WM. H. R. NEEL DIES

Was Last Survivor of 38 Officers of Army of the Potomac

Captain William H. R. Neel, the only surviving member of the staff of 35 officers of the Army of the Potomac, died yesterday at his home, 31 W. Ashmead Place, North, Germantown. He was employed until last January at the Oliver H. Bair, Co., 1820 Chestnut st., and he worked for the concern nearly 40 years. During the Civil War he served as signal officer of the Battle of Gettysburg, and was on the staff of General McClellan. He is credited as being the man giving the first warning of a Confederate attack and thereby saving the lives of hundreds of Union soldiers at the battle of Gettysburg. He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth; a son, William J. Neel, and a daughter, Mrs. Reginald N. Hall.