

non which were there, and the military stores, were taken to Detroit by Capt. Jacob Wilkison, in the schooner Black Snake. Since that time, Ft. Meigs has been left to the sole care of those who owned the estate upon which it is located.

#### REUNION OF VETERANS OF THE WAR OF 1812 AT FT. MEIGS.

In June, 1870, there was an excursion of veterans of the war of 1812 to Ft. Meigs, and quite a number were in attendance. The reception given them by the citizens of Perrysburg was governed by the most unbounded hospitality and reverence for the old heroes, many of whom were then in the neighborhood of 80 years of age. At the head of the column which marched to the fort was borne an old flag which had waved over the battlements during the siege. It was torn and stained with the smoke of battle, and on its lower border was inscribed in gilt letters, "2d Com'd, 1st Squad, 3d Brigade, 1st Div., O. Militia." It was owned by David McChesney, of Warren County, O., and was in charge of his father-in-law, Col. Irvine, during the war. Forty-four of the old heroes were present upon this interesting occasion, among whom were the following: Gen. Leslie Coombs, one of Dudley's men who successfully ran the gauntlet; Peter Navarre, Harrison's celebrated scout; Col. Chas. S. Todd, Harrison's aide-camp, and others more or less distinguished.

From these veterans, at the time of their reunion on the old fort, was obtained much of the information contained in the foregoing description. Unfortunately the only plan of Ft. Meigs on file in the War Department at Washington is a sketch made by Joseph H. Larwell, July 19, 1813 (the day prior to the opening of the second siege), which is manifestly, in part, incorrect, although reproduced and adopted by Lossing in his "Field Book of the War of 1812-15," by Henry Howe, in his Ohio Historical Collections, and by H. S. Knapp, in his history of the Maumee Valley. The accompanying diagram is drawn from descriptions given by old soldiers under Harrison, who participated in the siege, and from an inspection of the outlines, as they still exist.

An earnest and well directed effort is being made by the people of Northwestern Ohio, and by prominent citizens in every portion of the State, to locate upon the site of the old fort, a