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gation and an instinct, early developed, for childish parade
and the mimicry of war. In the schoolboys' juvenile drills
he was always chosen captain; indeed, he was always a
leader among his fellows. But he had the respect and
good opinion of his elders as well as of his playmates; and
it is evidence not only of his proficiency as a scholar, but
of his high standing as a boy that, when only fifteen years
old, he was selected by the people of Norristown to read
in public the Declaration of Independence on his country's
natal day.

A circumstance, characteristic of the boy and of his
magnanimity and manliness, took place about this time.
At school with Winfield was a poor little orphan boy over
whom some of the larger scholars were disposed to tyran-
nize. Winfield at once took the part of the little fellow,
fought his battle, shared with him his pennies, and became
his hero and idol. Little Johnnie Everman was poor and
weak then, and lame as well; but many years later, when
all the world was ringing with the deeds of the dashing
soldier, John W. Everman, the wealthy and honored
citizen of Philadelphia, introduced into the civic council
resolutions granting to Hancock a public reception, and
the freedom of the City of Philadelphia. With his own
hand he presented those resolutions to his former protector
in the presence of the chivalry and beauty of Pennsylvania,
within the sacred precincts of Independence Hall.

To Major Renniman (Denison) we are indebted for an
account of the circumstances which led to Winfield's