The date of the following incident is not definitely known, but we do know it must have been in the "Good Old Days"

Captain Cheney is very popular with everybody and especially so with the members of his old company, Co. D, 154th Regt. - and we do not wonder at it since attending the happy reunion which the genial captain arranged for them at his pleasant summer home at Crystal Lake Tuesday. The Captain generously furnished dinner and supper for his old comrades and many friends and everybody seemed to be included so unlimited is his hospitality.

After dinner the procession formed in front of Mr. Cheney's residence and headed by the Sandusky Band, marched to Mr. Graves Grove where a platform had been built and handsomely furnished and decorated.

A large number of seats had been provided but the crowd was so great that many were standing. Wm Charles was chairman and the following program was rendered.

    Three Cheers for the Red, White and Blue
    Song- Brave Soldiers of Freedom   Prof. Jones & Choir
    Address of Welcome and Roll Call - Capt. Cheney
    Response by Wm. Charles
    Song - Miss Ellen Jones
    Recitation - On the Way to the Soldiers Home - Miss. L. Phillips
    Song - Miss Pluma Baker
    Song - Miss Bertha Jones
    Address of the Day - A. W. Litchard
    Recitation - Somebody's Darling - Miss Pritchard
    Song - Prof. Jones and Choir
    Recitation - After the Battle - Miss B. Owens

The comrades presented their host with a beautiful gold-headed cane and a gold watch and chain, and also presented Mrs. Cheney with a handsome chain in token of the high esteem in which they are held.

A campfire was arranged for at Captain Cheney's home in the evening. Mr. Gamble's dance platform and croquet grounds were kept busy and every barn fence and tree was used for a horse stable.

(Capt. and Mrs. Cheney both died in 1921)

Taken from an old clipping

(This was in a bunch of old clippings, etc. received from the family of a previous historian, Mrs. Orrel Howlett. One of the singers, Pluma Baker, my greataunt, moved from the area in 1895)LJS