

Proposal
Larchmont Historical Fire Company

Rededication of Hoyt Avenue
in Memory of
Corporal Nicholas H. Hoyt
New York 5th Infantry
Died February 18, 1863

Whereas, **Nicholas H. Hoyt** appears in the 1860 census of Mamaroneck.

2398	Nicholas Hoyt	26	M	Fisherman	✓	Bo	Ms
	Susan "	32	F				
	Adalaide "	14	st				
	James H. "	12	M				
	Melissa "	7	st				
	Susan M. "	4	st				

Whereas, **Nicholas H. Hoyt** appears with his wife Susan and four relatives or children Adalaide, 14, James, 12, Melissa, 7, and Susan, 4. He is 26 years old and his occupation is "fisherman."

Whereas, the census entries for Adalaide and James indicate that they are attending school and probably attended the Weaver Street School.

Pvt. Sig. Hoyt, Nicholas 2237

NOTE	ENLISTED				WHERE	REGISTERED IN						
	YEAR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		YEAR	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TRANS.	COMPY.	RETY.
	26	9	May	1861	New York	2	9	May	61	Co	655	
		27	April	.								24

LEFT THE ORGANIZATION

HOW	WHEN			IN WHAT GRADE	EXPLANATION
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
Died	18	July	1863	Capt.	at camp near Guilford, Va. of disease at Nicholas & Co. Capt.

REMARKS: Paid by the State from April 27/61 to May 14/61 6.12
 App'd Capt. for N.Y. Sept. 26.62.

Born in Mamaroneck N.Y.

Whereas, **Nicholas H. Hoyt** enlisted in the 5th New York Infantry on May 8, 1861, and his service record indicates at the bottom that he was “born in Mamaroneck NY.”

Whereas, during Hoyt’s time as a private, the 5th infantry was engaged in the following battles:

- June 10, 1861 Big Bethel
- April 5 – May 4, 1862 Siege of Yorktown (1862)
- May 27, 1862 Hanover Court House
- June 5, 1862 New Bridge
- June 25 - July 2, 1862 Seven Days (Gaines, Golding...)
- August 28–30, 1862 Second Bull Run (2nd Manassas)
- September 17, 1862 Antietam or Sharpsburg
- September 19–20, 1862 Shepherdstown

Whereas, **Nicholas H. Hoyt** enlisted as a private and was appointed a corporal in September 26, 1862, following the Battle of Shepherdstown.

Whereas, during Hoyt’s years as a corporal, the 5th infantry was engaged in the following battles:

- December 13, 1862 Fredericksburg
- Jan 21-22, 1863 Burnside's Mud March

Whereas, Burnside’s Mud March risked the lives of a large number of 5th Infantry troops in harsh winter conditions and led to President Abraham Lincoln removing Major General Ambrose Burnside of his command of the Army of the Potomac.

Whereas, **Nicholas H. Hoyt** died on February 18, 1863 at the Regimental Hospital in Chancellorsville.



Whereas, Nicholas H. Hoyt is buried in the Fredericksburg National Cemetery in Fredericksburg VA, and his grave marker recognizes that his home was in New York.

Whereas, Susan E. Hoyt appears in the 1870 U.S. Census living in Mamaroneck.

NAME OF SOLDIER:		<i>Hoyt, Nicholas H.</i>			(2-11-6)
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		<i>Widow,</i>	<i>Hoyt, Susan E.</i>		
		<i>Minor,</i>			
SERVICE:		<i>Co 5 N. Y. Inf.</i>			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.	
<i>1871 July 18</i>	<i>Invalid,</i>				
	<i>Widow,</i>	<i>197761</i>	<i>158381</i>		
	<i>Minor,</i>				
ATTORNEY:					
REMARKS:		<i>Had</i>			

Whereas, Susan E. Hoyt applied for benefits on July 18, 1871 as the widow of Nicholas H. Hoyt.



Whereas, today Hoyt Avenue intersects Mamaroneck Avenue near the railroad station, as depicted in the street map from 1872 above.



Whereas, the above map from 1867 does not show Hoyt Avenue, supporting the conclusion that Hoyt Avenue was created in the decade following the Civil War, and that the avenue was named in honor of Nicholas H. Hoyt, but that this memorialization honoring Corporal Hoyt has been forgotten.

Whereas, Hoyt Avenue was created by the Town of Mamaroneck but is today also a part of the Village of Mamaroneck.

Whereas, the Historical Fire Company carries on the *Fire Zouave* tradition of the 5th, 11th and 73rd New York Infantries, recruited primarily from volunteer fire companies in New York City and southern Westchester, and the Historical Fire Company parades in the Fire Zouave uniforms of those infantries, honoring their sacrifice and service.

Therefore, the Historical Fire Company requests that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mamaroneck rededicate the avenue known as Hoyt Avenue in honor of Corporal Nicholas H. Hoyt and his family, and that the Council of the Town of Mamaroneck officially concur in the rededication.