

CW/VFM-142: *Program from Antietam National Cemetery, 1931*

This printed program reads on the front cover “In Memoriam: A program of exercises at Antietam National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Maryland on Saturday, May 30, 1931.”

To commemorate the 69th Anniversary of the Battle of Antietam/Sharpsburg, the G.A.R. Officers of the Memorial Committee are credited with organizing the musical and oratorical commemoration of the battle past. An Order of Procession listed on the second page of the program lists eighteen groups and individuals who were involved in a procession that formed at the west end of Sharpsburg, “promptly at 1 o’clock P.M.”

The Battle of Antietam took place September 17, 1862, with 40,000 Confederate troops pitched against the 87,000 Federal forces. The fighting on this day marked the bloodiest single day of battle fought on American soil, and neither side was able to declare a decisive victory, though Federal losses were greater.

For more on the Battle of Antietam, see the Official Records of the Union and Confederate Armies, Series 1, Volume 19.

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