# LOGAN GRAYS REUNION PHOTOGRAPH 13 JULY 1899

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## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Logan Grays was an independent company of militia organized in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, on 13 July 1874 by Captain Dudley H. Chase. Chase was commander of the company for many years, and then was succeeded by his son, Captain Will Chase, until the organization disbanded on 13 May 1895. During its years of existence, the Logan Grays had a total of 381 members.

The company had its armory in Richardson's Hall at 427 Market Street in Logansport. It regularly drilled in military maneuvers. It was considered the best-drilled and most soldierly appearing company in Indiana. The Logan Grays made many full-dress appearances in parades on occasions such as George Washington's birthday, Decoration Day (now known as Memorial Day), and Independence Day.

In August 1876, Governor Thomas A. Hendricks called on the Logan Grays and others to be in Indianapolis to intervene in possible trouble stemming from striking workers from the Ohio and Mississippi Railway. On 1 December 1885, the company participated in the extensive funeral cortege for Vice President Thomas A. Hendricks in Indianapolis.

On 13 July 1899, a reunion picnic to celebrate the silver anniversary of the Logan Grays' founding was held in Spencer Park, just south of the Eel River, in Logansport. The event was planned by Judge Dudley H. Chase, the organization's founder.

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"Today Is The Big Day: Logan Grays to Revive Old and Pleasant Memories." *Logansport Pharos-Tribune*, 13 July 1899, page 5.

### SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of one mounted photograph that is a group portrait of the Logan Grays militia company's twenty-fifth anniversary reunion held at Spencer Park in Logansport, Cass County, Indiana, on 13 July 1899. The individual members of this group are identified by name on the back of the mat.

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"25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Logan Grays. Held at Spencer Park, July 13, 1899." Outdoor group portrait shows group of men posed with trees and a (blurred) flag-bearer in the background. Four men seated in front hold bugles. The men are identified on the back as follows:

Top row, left to right – Holly McCord, Otto Kraus, W.H. Porter, Charles Rauch, Thos. Quillen, Robert Rodabaugh, H.A. Kraut, William Uhl, Charles Spry, Joe Taylor, E.B. McConnell, Albert Bringhurst, John M. Johnston, Carl Taylor, Seth Velsey, Wm. J. Knight, Frederic Six, Charles L. Woll.

Second row, left to right – Frank Stukey, John A. Lintner, Thomas Meyer, Jay Taylor, Charles Ringleben, Frank M. Kistler, William Chase, Henry Wiler, John T. Flanegin, Benjamin Fisher, John Smith, Harry Lux, Richard Barcus.

Third row, left to right – Wilson Humes, Frank Richardson, Joseph Kreider, George W. Fender, Edward Alexander, George W. Palmer, Edward Gardner, Lon A. Bond, Dudley H. Chase (captain), Asa Coleman, James P. Henderson, Robert McElheny, Hugh Hillhouse, William T. Brown, John C. Beatty, Wm. D. Craig, Charles Stevenson, W.W. Wilson.

Musicians, left to right – William Reed, Reuben J. Powell, John Markley and Mark Miller.

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