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Out of the Attic

Shuter's Hill

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Image: Looking east from the camp toward the Potomac River. Photo, Library of Congress..

The 44th New York Volunteer Infantry was stationed in Alexandria from January 24 to April 29, 1864, during the Union occupation. The 44th's camp was at Shuter's Hill, the present day site of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. According to the regimental history published in 1911, "The grounds were spacious and the camp was laid out with great regularity... a beautiful arch was created at the foot of each street. All the arches except the central arch were of similar design and construction, elaborately and beautifully trimmed with evergreens, and the letter of the Company suspended from the center of the arch."



"Out of the Attic" is published each week in the Alexandria Times newspaper. The column began in September 2007 as "Marking Time" and explored Alexandria's history through collection items, historical images and architectural representations. Within the first year, it evolved into "Out of the Attic" and featured historical photographs of Alexandria.

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