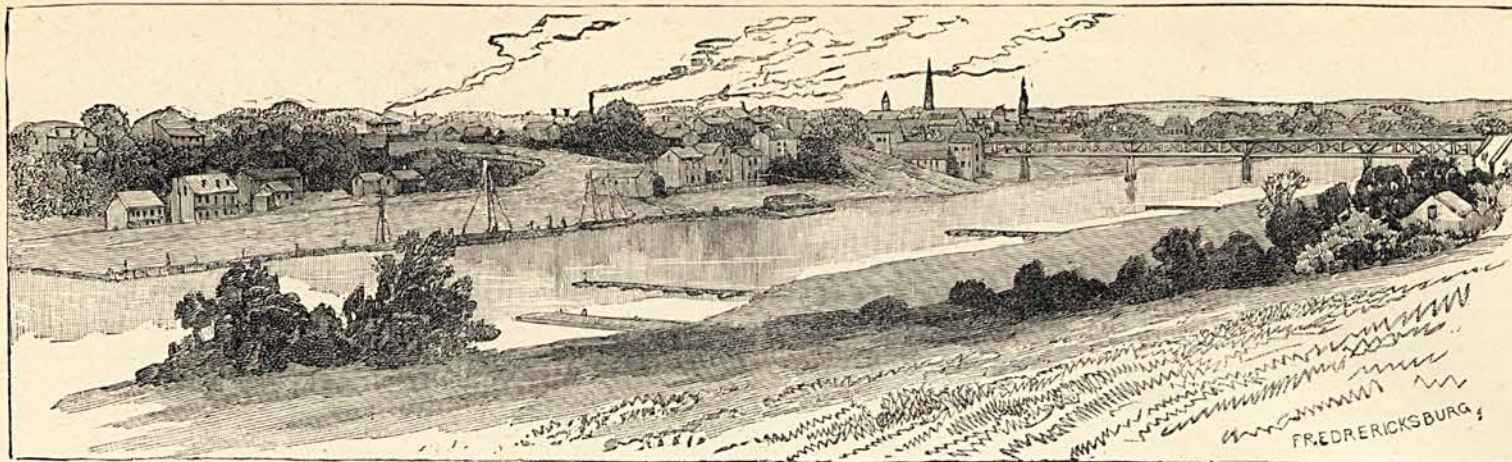




FREDERICKSBURG, VA., IN 1885.



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REVISITING THE BATTLEFIELDS OF VIRGINIA IN 1884.

The fraternal relations established between the Northern and Southern military chieftains after the war was a noble exhibition, a recognition of the respect that one brave man has for another, and the most potent factor in the slow process of the genuine pacification of the country. This reconciliation did not become general until the pathetic scenes that were witnessed about Grant's death-bed at Mount McGregor set an example which the country was quick to imitate. Grant's services in the field were magnificent; his last service in re-establishing fraternal feelings among his estranged countrymen were not less so. In the early summer of 1884 the veterans of the Army of the Potomac visited the battlefields along the Rappahannock, and among their guests were many of the Southern generals who had opposed them on those fields. As a resumption of friendly intercourse the spectacle was an interesting one. But it had great value also as a contribution to the truth of history. At Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Spottsylvania and the Wilderness, the former military opponents compared notes and contributed each his knowledge of the operations on these battlefields, settling many disputed points and clearing up many misunderstandings.