



Chaplain Francis B. Hall

Francis Bloodgood Hall was an Army chaplain who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his Civil War Service.

After the war he came to Plattsburgh, founded and was pastor of the Peristrome Presbyterian Church Plattsburgh. He and his wife were active in charity and temperance works. He was also an inventor.

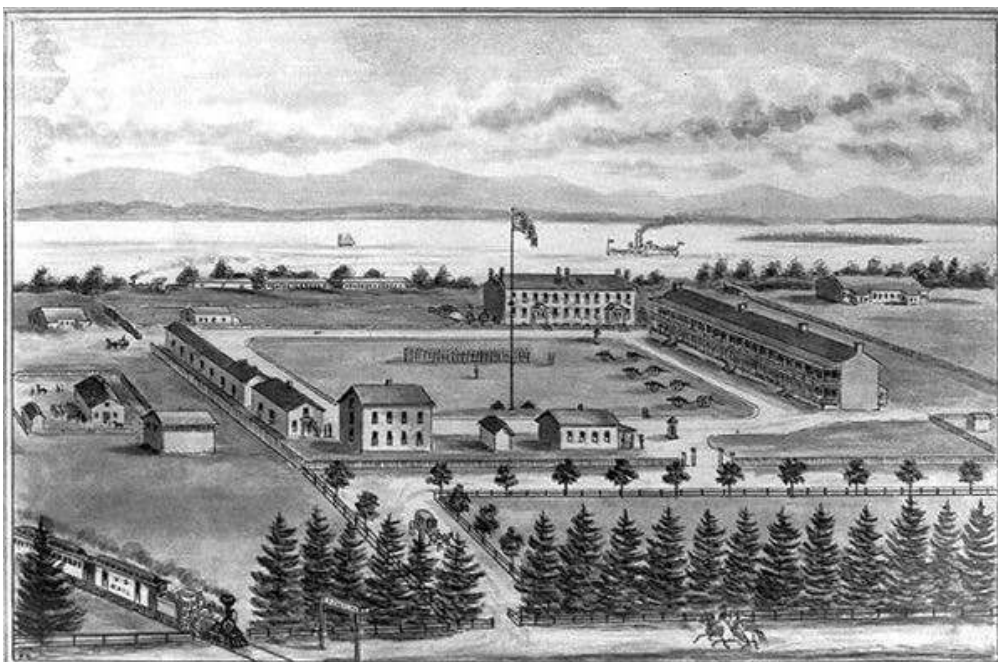
The Kent-Delord House Museum and Special Collections at Plattsburgh State University are repositories for his papers.

Mr. Hall and Miss **Frances Delord Webb**, who had connections to Plattsburgh, were married in 1856 and eventually lived at 9 Cumberland Avenue. His last sermon was preached two weeks before his death in September of 1903. Rev. Hall was born into a military family in New York City, on Nov. 16, 1827, a graduate of Union College and Princeton Theological Seminary and ordained in 1856.

He left his first church to assume the duties of chaplain of the 16th NY Volunteers on Oct. 17, 1862, at 35 years of age, and was mustered out with the regiment on May 22, 1863. Mr. Hall's services as chaplain were such as to give him

the respect and love of the officers and men of the regiment. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery at the Battle of Salem Heights, VA, May 3, 1863 because he returned repeatedly to get men off the battlefield with no thought of danger to himself. He said that his service was strictly out of patriotism and refused any compensation from the government.

After coming to Plattsburgh to supply at the Presbyterian Church, he continued to act as chaplain to the men stationed at the Barracks.



Old Stone Barracks - About 1870-75 - Occupied by Battery G of the 5th U.S. Artillery