

# TIMOTHY DONOVAN

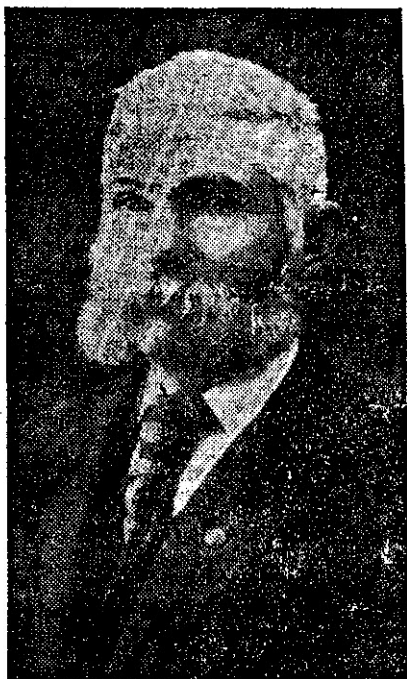
## One of Few Survivors of Sixth Vermont Infantry

Timothy Donovan, aged 76 years, of Pelham, N. H., color bearer for Post 185, G. A. R., attracted considerable attention at the patriotic services held Wednesday at the First Congregational church, when in the midst of the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, he arose and waved the old "Stars and Stripes." Mr. Donovan was called to the front by the pastor and among loud cheers from the audience he again held high and and waved the National colors.

Mr. Donovan is one of the few survivors of the Old Sixth Vermont Infantry and is the possessor of one of the finest relics of the war. It is the gun he carried during the battles and is a precious souvenir for him, for it saved his life.

During the battle at Petersburg, on April 2, 1865, Private Donovan was loading his gun and had the weapon up against his side when a bullet crashed into it between the stock and the barrel. The bullet lodged itself in the rifle and has been there ever since. "If it hadn't been for the old rifle," says Mr. Donovan, "I would not be here to tell the story." The gun is still in his possession and he would not

part with it for any amount of money. The same weapon has the reputation of killing the largest deer ever shot



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in the state of New Hampshire. This happened two years ago when Mr. Donovan's son Steve was out hunting.

Mr. Donovan had many thrilling experiences during the Civil war, being shot twice, once in the cheek and an-

other time under the foot. "When the latter bullet struck me," said Mr. Donovan, "it was the first and last time that I turned a somersault."

The veteran likes to talk of his war experiences and also of his marine life, for previous to his enlistment in the army, he served Uncle Sam in the navy for four years. He is now making his home in Pelham, N. H., with his son Steve. Wednesday he was the guest of his other son, Edward J. Donovan of 47 Walnut street. A third son, Joseph H., resides at Alton Bay, N. H.