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Born: Hancock's Bridge, NJ, February 8, 1840

Died: Atlantic City, NJ, December 31, 1927

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Wishing to do her part, 23-year-old Cornelia Hancock traveled to Gettysburg from her home in New Jersey shortly after the battle in order to help the wounded. When she arrived, she saw countless wounded soldiers; many in field hospitals, and some waiting on the train platform to go to larger hospitals in cities, or to their homes. She remained in Gettysburg for months, helping to feed and care for the wounded and dying, and forming strong bonds with those to whom she attended. When it was time to move on she wrote it was like "parting with one's own family." Cornelia Hancock served as a nurse throughout 1864 and continued her humanitarian work well after the war.



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