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The officers of the Fifteenth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry held reunions October 21, 1864 and 1865. October 22, 1866, the regimental association was definitely organized. At the annual meetings of this association, which have been held on the anniversary of the battle of Balls Bluff, the question of preparing a regimental history has often been discussed. As no one was found ready to write such a history, it was many years before anything resulted from this discussion. During this time many of the members of the regiment most capable of telling its story, or furnishing material therefor, had passed away, and the prospects that this ever would be told, by any one who had served in the regiment, had grown exceedingly slight. Still there were many who believed some account of the services of the regiment should be handed down to coming generations.

At a regimental reunion held October 21, 1894, "Captain David M. Earle advocated the immediate adoption of measures for the preparation of a history of the regiment. General John W. Kimball favored the suggestion, and moved that a committee consisting of Colonel John M. Studley, Captains David M. Earle, J. Evarts Greene and Thomas J. Hastings, Sergeant Edward A. Rice, Colonel Edward J. Russell, Sergeant-Major Francis A. Walker, and Captain George W. Rockwood, be appointed to arrange for the preparation of a regimental history.

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