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Captain of the "Hannibal Guards", the only colored military company at that time in Illinois.

¶ Virginia Union University has lost a distinguished land mark through the death of Professor Joseph Endom Jones, A.M., D.D., who died at his home on the University Campus on Saturday morning, October 14th, one day before his seventieth birthday. Dr. Jones was born October 15th, 1852, of slave parents and was taught to read and write by a Confederate soldier. He was one of the first colored men of Virginia to receive college education, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts from Colgate University (then Madison University), Hamilton, N. Y. in 1876. He was immediately called to the Chair of Greek and Church History at Richmond Institute, subsequently Virginia Union University, where he has since served with distinction. At his death he was Professor of Church Polity and Homiletics. Professor Jones is

survived by his widow, Mrs. Rosa K. Jones, a son, Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary of the National Urban League, and two grandchildren.

¶ Henri W. Shields, New York's newly elected member of Assembly representing the Twenty-first Assembly District, New York County, has spent his 38 years chiefly between Washington, D. C. and New York City. Although a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, he received all his training in the District of Columbia, being a graduate of the public schools there and of the College and Law Department of Howard University. In 1909 he was admitted to practice before the Bar of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of the Capital and three years later he was admitted to practice before the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Since then he has been practicing in New York. Mr. Shields is a member of the Chicopee Democratic Club, the Tammany Hall organiza-

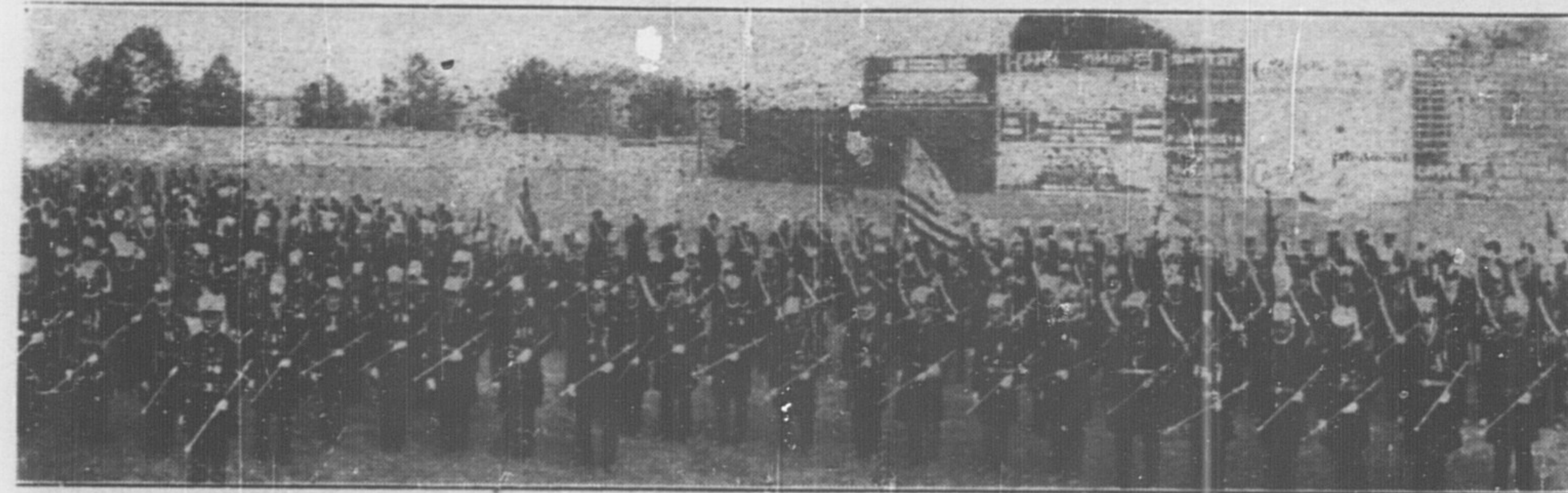


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tion in the 21st Assembly District and the United Colored Democracy of New York County; he also belongs to the Moose and the Elks.

¶ If Miss Inez C. Fields carries out her project Hampton, Va., will soon witness a unique law firm. Miss Fields was graduated last June from Boston University Law School where she had been the only colored girl in the graduating class. Her father G. W. Fields is a graduate of Cornell University, and before that a graduate of Hampton in 1878. Although blind, he is one of the most successful members of the Virginia bar. He welcomes proudly the prospect of having his daughter, after she has received some experience in Boston, return as his law-partner to her native Hampton.

¶ The late Mrs. Hortense Murray Selden was a woman of many accomplishments, with a special interest in French, music, English and history. She was born in 1877 in New Haven, Conn., where she was educated and taught Kindergarten until 1908 when she married Benjamin F. Selden of the Y. M. C. A. and went to New York to live. Here she taught piano until she went to Gary, Indiana, where she became secretary for the Gary Civic Society. Nearly two years ago she went to Boston where she worked earnestly in the N. A. A. C. P. and the Roxbury Civic Club in which she was Chairman of the Women's Committee. She was also a member of the Parliamentary Law Club at the Women's Service Club. ¶ The recently named Comptroller of Customs at New Orleans, Walter L. Cohen, has been a conspicuous figure in Louisiana Republican politics for about 30 years. He was a delegate to national conventions in 1912, 1916 and 1920 and was Register of the

Land Office during Roosevelt's administration. Mr. Cohen's appointment has received much attention because it is the first presidential post given to a colored man since Roosevelt was in power. Mr. Cohen is a rare type of politician; he has been modest and unassuming and of the non-office-seeking class. In particular he worked for cooperation with the whites until the "Lily-whites" sought to oust him. Indeed he has been the great protagonist of the Negroes against the "Lily whites". Mr. Cohen's new position if confirmed by the Senate will pay \$5,000 a year.

¶ Forty-eight years seem a very brief period for a man to build up five flourishing institutions. Yet such has been the achievement of Harry O. Wilson, Baltimore's colored banker, business man and philanthropist. Twenty years ago he founded, on a very small scale, the Mutual Benefit Society which has grown until it occupies a \$72,000 three-story building which houses 125 employees. Mr. Wilson as Secretary-Treasurer has paid out more than \$1,000,000 in sick and death claims. He also operates the Helping Hand Building Association, the largest of its kind in the state. Through his aid 10 churches have been financed and 4 built outright. Everything that Mr. Wilson touches, seems marked for success. Ten years ago he started a small banking concern which has since expanded into the second largest Christmas Savings Club in the state of Maryland, white or colored. His most interesting business experiment, however, has consisted of the purchase of Wilson Park, a 60-acre tract in the suburbs, four blocks from Baltimore's richest colony. Here 85 families live occupying 65 homes all owned by Negroes. Last November he organized the Baltimore Mortgage and Dis-