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The Fiftieth Anniversary of the wedding of General and Mrs. Oliver Otis Howard was celebrated in New York yesterday by a family reunion of General Howard's relatives and an informal reception to a number of old friends at the Hotel Buckingham, Fiftieth Street and Fifth Avenue, N.Y. City.

General and Mrs. Howard received the guests in the parlors of the Hotel from four to five thirty o'clock and were assisted by their sons and daughter Major and Mrs. J.W. Howard of Newark New Jersey, Mr. and Mrs. C.O. Howard, Washington, D.C., Mr. and Mrs. H.S. Howard of Burlington, Vt., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bancroft, their daughter, of Wilmington, Del. Mrs. Guy Howard and Mrs. James W. Howard presided at the tea tables, where dainty refreshments added to the pleasure of the occasion. Assisting in serving were the nephews and their wives Mr. and Mrs. O.O. Howard, Jr. of Pelham, N.Y., Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Howard of New York City, Rev. and Mrs. L.R. Howard, Plainfield, N.J., Roland S. Howard, East Orange, N.J., & Arthur D. Howard, Cambridge, Mass.

Following the reception the members of the family and relatives gathered for dinner where presents from all were bestowed upon the happy couple.

There were present in addition to those mentioned above, General and Mrs. Charles H. Howard of Chicago, the brother of Gen. Howard, and the latter's grandchildren, Helen and Otis W. Howard, Hildegard, Mary, William, Harvey, Alden Howard and baby Elizabeth Bancroft; Mrs. R.B. Howard, widow of the General's brother, Mrs. S.P. Lee, wife of the late Col. S.P. Lee a cousin, Washington, D.C., Miss Maria A. Rogers, Teacher's College, N.Y.

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Gen. and Mrs. O.O. Howard were married in Portland, Maine,
February 14th 1855. Gen. Howard was born on a farm at Leeds,
Maine, November 8th, 1830 and met his future wife when at the
age of 16 he was visiting a class mate in Bowdoin College at the
latters home in Livermore near Leeds.

Mrs. Howard, then Elizabeth Ann Waite, was born Nov. 4, 1832
at her grandfather's, Ebenezer Waite, house in So. Livermore, Me.
at a time when her parents were visiting the old homestead. She
was the daughter of Alexander Black and Leucetie Strickland (Whit-
man) Waite and their home was in Portland, Maine. where her father
was ship builder.

From this early meeting a mutual ^{attachment} friendship arose and her
father was ^{accidentally killed} by a fall on one of his own ships.
The engagement of the young people was ⁱⁿ announced. She was an only
child and lived with her mother until Mr. Howard completed his
College Course and graduated at West Point some seven years later.
The young officer graduated so high in his course at the Military
Academy, their young married life was spent in the Ordnance Dept.
at the Arsenals at Troy, N.Y. and Augusta, Maine. They were
separated by the Seminole War in 1857 after the two eldest child-
ren had blessed the union. The anxious life of the devoted wife
to ^a successful ~~soldier~~ rapidly advancing *then began* and her
help to him through all the many trials and fearful days to follow
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The young officer graduated so high in his course at the Military
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ment at the Arsenal at Troy, N. Y. and Augusta, Maine. They were
separated by the Spanish War in 1898 after six happiest years.
Gen. Howard missed the nation. The anxious life of the divided wife
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help to his through all the hard trials and fearful days to follow
was always a source of strength and comfort through all the vicis-
situdes of his checkered career. On his return from Florida
the young couple stayed at West Point, N. Y. where Gen. Howard

was instructor in Mathematics, where their son James was born in 1860 and where he resigned the regular army to enter the volunteer services for the Civil War in command of the first three years' regiment from his native state. Much is known of his subsequent Military career and his rights in rank until he reached the supreme command of an independent army, ^{under} ~~one of 200~~, his ^{beloved} commander Wm. T. Sherman. But, few have realized the anxiety of the devoted wife having the entire care of her little flock, now numbering three boys and one girl. Then followed the stormy days of reconstruction with Gen. Howard at the head of Freedman's Bureau, which did so much to alleviate the sufferings of War and tied the time over until the negroes could be accustomed to their new conditions of freedom, but it was a period of ^{bitterness} ~~doubtful~~ when General was much melined by enemies so that only the most intimate knew how much he was sustained and unable to carry the great loads of care by the devotion, keen ~~perception~~ and good judgement of the reserved and quiet little woman who had just passed with him through the dangers of Civil War. At the same time there had been added to their household in Washington, D.C. three children more, in all five sons and two daughters.

Leaving Washington in 1874 they were still to be carried through three Indian Campaigns and subsequently while the General has been carrying on many great and public benefactions the time has seen her children grown to excellent manhood and set them forth all to fill worthy, honorable and successful positions in life. She now resides, these her quiet years, at her beautiful home in Burlington, Vt. while the General comes and goes still in the activities of ^{his} ~~the~~ work, and where she receives the members of

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her numerous family as they journey to visit her. And, from where she keeps in touch by correspondence with all her children scattered throughout this country.

No deaths have come to the family of General and Mrs. Howard excepting that of Lieut-Col. Guy Howard, who was killed in action in the Philippine Islands in 1899, and one grandchild, Elizabeth Howard Grey.

General and Mrs. Howard's children are Col. Guy Howard, U.S.A. deceased, leaving a widow and two children, Miss Grace Ellen Howard, wife of Capt. Jos. T. Grey, Portland Oregon, four children, Major Jos. Waite Howard, Civil Engineer, one daughter, Chancey Otis Howard, four children, Major John Howard, U.S.A., Harry Stinson Howard, lawyer, Burlington, Vt. and Elizabeth Howard, wife of Joseph Bancroft of Wilmington, Del.

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