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what faded, and was made by ladies of Asheville, from their dresses. It is the first flag of the Confederacy, the "stars and bars," with two stripes, one white, one red, with eight stars in a blue field; eight states having seceded at that time.

The flag was given to the Asheville company of the regiment, but was adopted as the flag of the regiment, and the day after the battle, when the news of the decree of the convention as to the inscription came, the name "Bethel" was embroidered upon it by ladies of Yorktown in blue silk.

Strange to say, two of the four men who advanced to burn the barn and were with Wyatt yet live, one of these being Robert H. Bradley, who for twenty-five years has been the marshal and librarian of the North Carolina supreme court, and in the photograph he is shown holding the old flag, which is, beyond question, one of the most interesting of the hundreds of relics of the Civil War.

This flag now rests in the Hall of History of the State Museum at Raleigh. In the same case is what may truly be termed the "last flag of the Confederacy," this being the battle-flag which was displayed at the headquarters of Major General Bryan Grimes at Appomattox, several hours after the formal surrender of Lee's army to Grant.

North Carolina has placed upon the monument to her Confederate dead which stands in the capitol square at Raleigh, the inscription,

FIRST AT BETHEL,

this being followed by another striking inscription,

LAST AT APPOMATTOX.

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