United States Colored Troops and Sailors associated with Morris County, New Jersey

On June 9, 2018 a Juneteenth celebration occurred in Morristown.

Part of the festivities included a display with biographies of all known Civil War men of color with Morris County affiliations.

Visitors reading the biographies expressed a desire to have them on-line.

For many, this was an unknown chapter in Morris County history.

This document has been prepared using excerpts from the displays.

If you have additional information, or note errors or omissions, please contact Jan Williams, Cultural and Historic Resources Specialist

jwilliams@co.morris.nj.us

To veterans reading this, Thank you for your service.

Welcome Home.

"Heroism is latent in every human soul-However humble or unknown, they-the veterans-have renounced what are accounted pleasures and undertaken toils, dangers, sufferings, sicknesses, mutilations, life-long hurts and losses, death itself-for some great good, dimly seen but dearly held."

Joshua Lawrence Chamberlain

Alexander Heritage Newton

Rev. A. H. Newton published a book in 1910, sourced from his diaries, letters and recollections of one who had reached 72 years of age. Republished in 2007, the title:

Out of the Briars

"I have named my book "Out of the Briars" because the figure is a befitting one in my life. Although free born, I was born under the curse of slavery, surrounded by the thorns and briars of prejudice, hatred, persecution and the suffering incident to this fearful regime.

I, indeed, came out of the briars torn and bleeding…"

His book is divided into an orderly flow of his life, it is filled with recollections of childhood in North Carolina, what it was like to be the son of a free woman and enslaved father in a slave state.

Rev. Newton put down his experiences as a Commissary Sergeant in the Civil War, deep in the heart of enemy territory, of life at camp, of fallen comrades, of his witnessing a burial at sea, of raids and privations. He wrote of what it meant to go back down south…..

"And, at this time, I was in the full realization of what it meant to be again in the South, not a cringing black man, but a proud American soldier……"

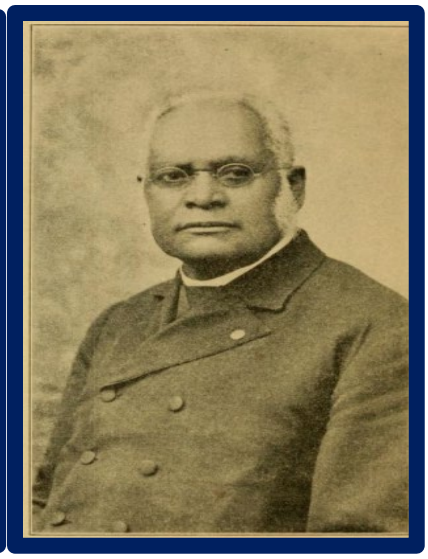
He wrote of Morristown, recounting his impressions of the first night he came to Bethel A.M.E. as its new pastor:

"I arrived at Morristown with my daughter, Ada. It was midnight and very cold.

Reverend Newton mentions familiar places; the Y.M.C.A., Drew Seminary, The First Presbyterian Church, of his founding of Bethel A.M.E. in Madison.

Reverend Newton wrote names you will see today, many of the familiar Bethel Morristown names, matching the names on pews, at rest in Evergreen Cemetery and displayed on the walls:

"Mr. Henry Ader, Lansing Furman, Nicholas Miller, Henry Johnson, Robert Gale, Preston Garland, together with their wives were indeed a noble band of workers."



COMMISSARY SERGEANT

ALEXANDER HERITAGE NEWTON

Minister at Bethel, Morristown, 1881-1884.

Established the A.M.E. Church in Madison, Morris County, New Jersey.

On May 24, 2022, The Morris County Office of Planning & Preservation received an email from Ms. Dolly Marshall, Trustee of Mt. Peace Cemetery, Lawnside, Camden County, New Jersey.

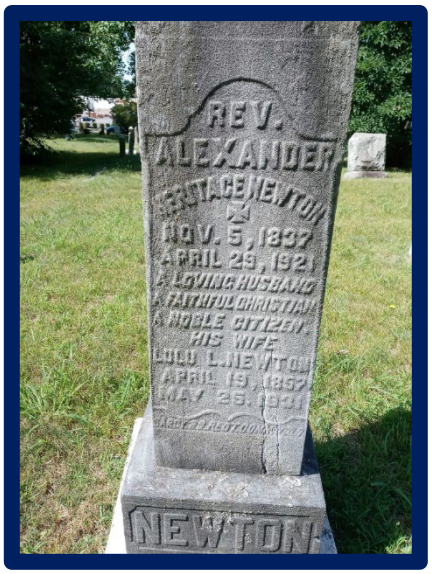
Ms. Marshall advised that Rev. Newton is buried in Mt. Peace Cemetery and provided an image of his stone and additional information.

A historically African American cemetery, Mount Peace was established in 1900 and is on the NRHP list. Rev. Newton was an influential pastor at both Macedonia A.M.E. Church and Hosanna A.M.E. Church in Camden, New Jersey. He authored the autobiographical Out of the Briars (1910) during his last pastorage there. Rev. Newton was one of ten prominent Black men from the city of Camden who incorporated the cemetery.

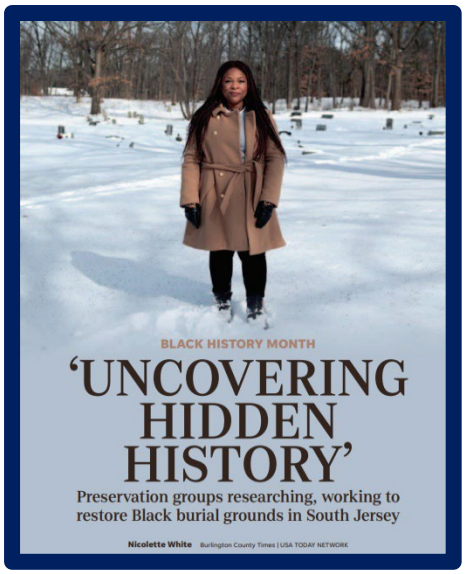
Ms. Marshall's diligent research rediscovered information. Mount Peace Cemetery will commemorate this significant history with an interpretive sign featuring the National Park Service National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom designation. The NPS Network to Freedom program seeks to map sites associated with the UGRR. The sign is anticipated to be dedicated later this year.

Ms. Marshall further advised that Rev. Newton's brother, Stephen, was a member of the 54th MA Infantry. Not yet 20 years old, he was Killed in Action at the second assault on Ft. Wagner.

In respectful memory of Private Stephen Newton, July 18, 1863.



Rev. Newton Tombstone



Ms. Dolly Marshall

Ms. Dolly Marshall is a Trustee of The Mount Peace Cemetery Association, is a member of the Association of Black Women Historians and of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

She is the recipient of the 2022 Public Service Award from the Preservation Alliance for greater Philadelphia, the 2022 Chancellor's Award for Diversity, Inclusion and Civic Engagement, Rutgers University-Camden and in 2021, winner of the David H. Knights New Preservation Initiatives Award.

She was featured in The Burlington County Times, February 20, 2022 edition, seen above.

Ms. Marshall continues her devoted stewardship of Mt. Peace and considers her work with young people at the cemetery critically important.

Dolly Marshall contact@mtpeacecemeteryassociation.org

https://www.mtpeacecemeteryassociation.org/

Network To Freedom project

https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1205/index.htm

Morristown

Evergreen Cemetery

The Colored Soldiers Lot

Juneteenth, 2018

Re-enactors pose with Morris County Civil War veteran images.

BELOW, THE LIST OF SOLDIERS AND SAILORS ASSOCIATED WITH MORRIS COUNTY.

Chauncey B. Horton

Corporal, Co. G, 54th MA Infantry U.S.C.T

Corporal Horton was a member of perhaps the most well-known of all the troops;
The 54th Massachusetts Infantry.

The 54th MA Infantry was the first Northern black volunteer regiment enlisted to fight in the Civil War, organized in March of 1863. The stellar combat record of the 54th led to the general recruitment of African Americans as soldiers.

Chauncey Horton was born c. 1843 in New Jersey. Residing a great portion of his life in Sussex County, Mr. Horton worked as a Boatman on the Morris Canal and as a Farmer.
Enlisting at Newton, New Jersey on April 9, 1863, he was attached to Co. G..

On July 18, 1863 the Assault on Ft. Wagner by the 54th began and they captured the rifle pits surrounding the fort. Reduced to hand-to-hand combat, Col. Robert Gould Shaw and many of the 54th were killed. The Confederates buried Shaw and his men in a mass grave, thinking to insult the Union by having a white officer buried with black men. This grave back-fired, as decomposition fouled the Confederate water supply, forcing them to abandon Ft. Wagner.

Efforts to exhume Col. Shaw and return his remains to Boston were refused by the Colonel's parents. His father sent instructions to the officers of his son's regiment, writing, *"We would not have his body removed from where it lies surrounded by his brave & devoted soldiers, if we could accomplish it by a word. Please to bear this in mind & also, let it be known, so that, even in case there should be an opportunity, his remains may not be disturbed."*

Private Horton survived Ft. Wagner and was promoted Corporal. Mr. Horton had health difficulties after the war and spent the last 10 years of his life as a resident of "Greystone", where he died on June 11, 1895.
Corporal Chauncey B. Horton is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.

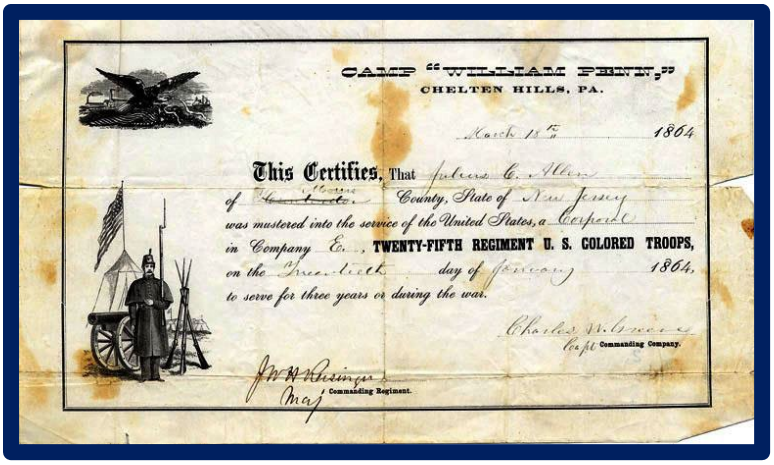
In respectful memory of the 54th MA Infantry, killed at Ft. Wagner

Julius C. Allen

Corporal Co. E, 25th U.S.C.T

Born in New Jersey c. 1832, his last known residence was Morristown.

Corporal Allen's date of death and burial unknown.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

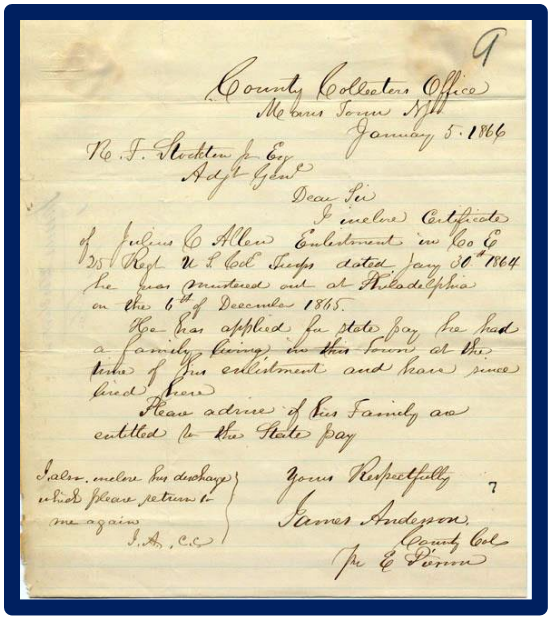
March 15th 1864

This Certifies, That Julius C. Allen of ~~[illegible]~~ County, State of New Jersey was mustered into the service of the United States, a Corporal in Company E., TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT U. S. COLORED TROOPS, on the Twenty-first day of January 1864, to serve for three years or during the war.

Charles W. Brewer
Capt. Commanding Company.

J. H. Kissinger
Maj. Commanding Regiment.

Enlistment certificate



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County Collectors Office
Morris Town N.J.
January 5. 1866

Mr. T. Stockton Jr Esq
Adjt Genl

Dear Sir

I incline Certificate of Julius C Allen Enlistment in Co E 25th Regt U S Col Troops dated Jany 30th 1864 he was mustered out at Philadelphia on the 6th of December 1865.

He has applied for state pay he had a family living in this town at the time of his enlistment and have since lived here

Please advise if his Family are entitled to the State pay

Yours Respectfully
James Anderson
County Col
Per E Doron

Also. enclose his discharge which please return to me again
J. A., C.C.

Letter January 5, 1866 to the Morris County Collector, attesting to Corp. Allen's family residing in Morristown.

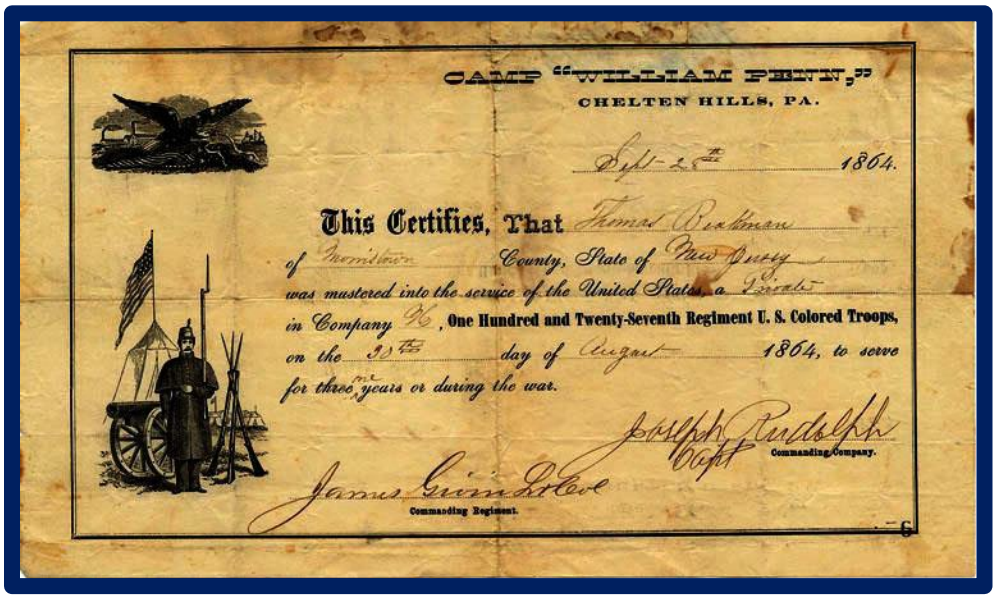
Thomas Beakman

Sergeant Co. H, 125th U.S.C.T

Born in New Jersey c. 1832.

Sergeant Beakman was residing in Morristown at the time of his enlistment.

His date of death and burial are unknown.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

Sept 28th 1864.

This Certifies, That Thomas Beakman
of Morristown County, State of New Jersey
was mustered into the service of the United States, a Private
in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Regiment U. S. Colored Troops,
on the 30th day of August 1864, to serve
for three years or during the war.

Joseph Rudolph
Capt
Commanding Company.

James Grimshaw
Commanding Regiment.

Enlistment certificate

Camp William Penn, Pennsylvania

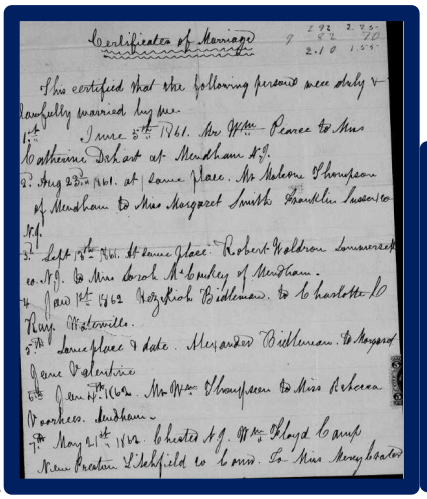
Alexander Bridleman

United States Navy

The photo of Alexander Bridleman is from Cheryl Turkington's book "Building Our Own City".

Alexander was born in March "On St. Patrick's Day", 1838 in German Valley (Washington Township), Morris County, New Jersey.
He moved to Morristown and remained there until he died September 15, 1911.
Alexander Bridleman is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown, near Francis Jane Ray *(see Ray family below).*

Reviewing historical records gives the impression that Alexander and his brother, Hezekiah, were close-knit brothers. January 1, 1862, Alexander and Hezekiah "Biddlemen" marry their wives at the same place and time, September 19, 1863, Hezekiah, Alexander and "Frank" Mulford left Morristown together and enlisted in the Navy at Brooklyn Navy Yard. Frank advised that he visited Hezekiah often after the war, both in Newark and in Morristown.



Certificates of Marriage

This certified that the following persons were duly & lawfully married by me.

1st June 5th 1861. Mr Wm Pearce to Miss Catherine Dickart at Mendham N.J.

2d Aug 23d 1861. at Lance Place. Mr Nelson Thompson of Mendham to Miss Margaret Smith Franklin Sussex co. N.J.

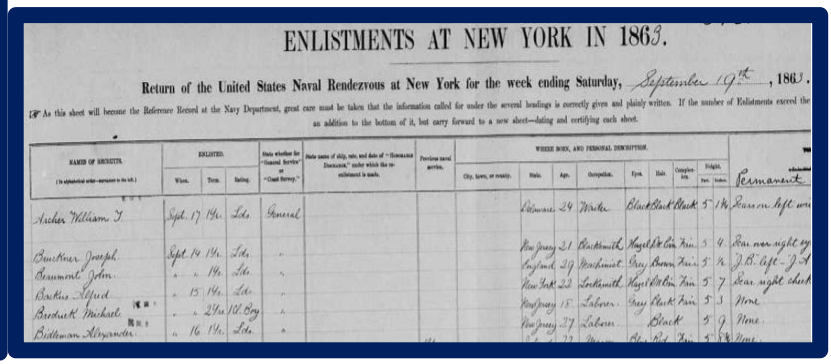
3d Sept 19th 1861. at Lance Place. Robert Waldron Lounsberry co. N.J. to Miss Sarah McInkey of Mendham.

4th Jan 1st 1862 Hezekiah Biddleman. to Charlotte D Ray Waterville.

5th Lance Place & date. Alexander Biddleman to Margaret Jane Valentine

6th Jan 1st 1862. Mr Wm Thompson to Miss Rebecca Voorhees. Mendham.

7th May 21st 1862. Chester N.J. Mr Lloyd Camp New Preston Litchfield co Conn. to Miss Mary Coates



ENLISTMENTS AT NEW YORK IN 1863.

Return of the United States Naval Rendezvous at New York for the week ending Saturday, September 19th, 1863.

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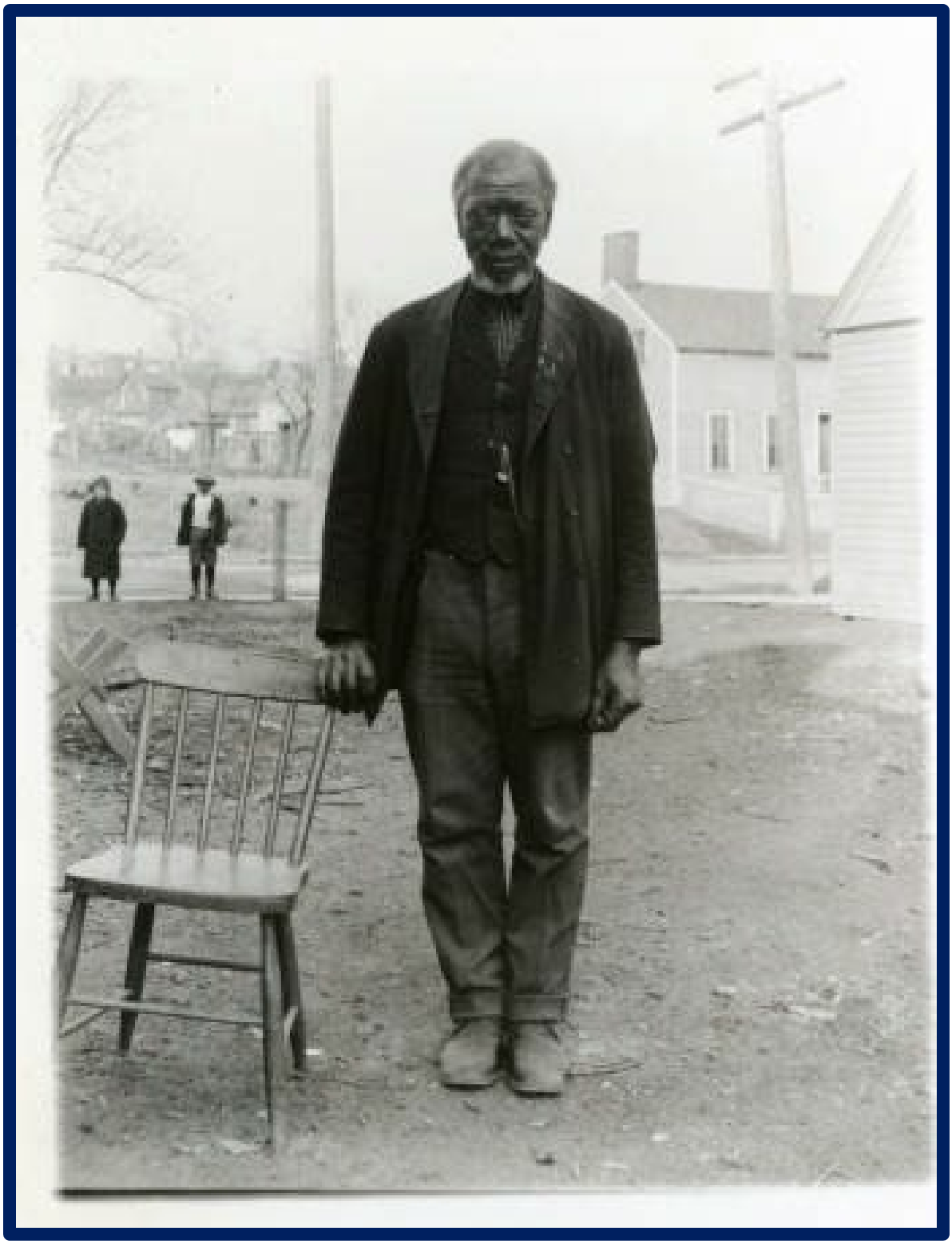
NAMES OF RECRUITS. (In alphabetical order—surname to the left.)	ENLISTED. When.	Term.	Rating.	State whether for "General Service" or "Coast Survey."	State name of ship, rate and date of "Temporary Enrolment," under which the re-enlistment is made.	Previous naval service.	WHERE BORN, AND PERSONAL DESCRIPTION. City, town, or county.	State.	Age.	Occupation.	Eyes.	Hair.	Complex-ion.	Height. Feet.	Inches.	Permanent
Archer William J	Sept. 17	1Yr.	Lds	General				Delaware	24	Waiter	Black	Black	Black	5	1½	Person on Sept. was
Bouchner Joseph	Sept. 14	1Yr.	Lds.	"				New Jersey	21	Blacksmith	Hazel	Dk Brn	Fair	5	4	Sear on right eye
Beaumont John	" "	1Yr.	Lds.	"				England	19	Machinist	Grey	Brown	Fair	5	4½	J. B. Left - J. A
Bartlett Lafayette	" 15	1Yr.	Lds.	"				New York	22	Locksmith	Hazel	Dk Brn	Fair	5	7	Sear right cheek
Burdick Michael	" "	2Yrs	Ord. Boy	"				New Jersey	15	Laborer	Grey	Black	Fair	5	3	None
Biddleman Alexander	" 16	1Yr.	Lds.	"				New Jersey	27	Laborer		Black		5	9	None.



Hezekiah Bridleman

United States Navy

Thank you, Lynne Smith, for providing records that confirm the Bridleman's are brothers.

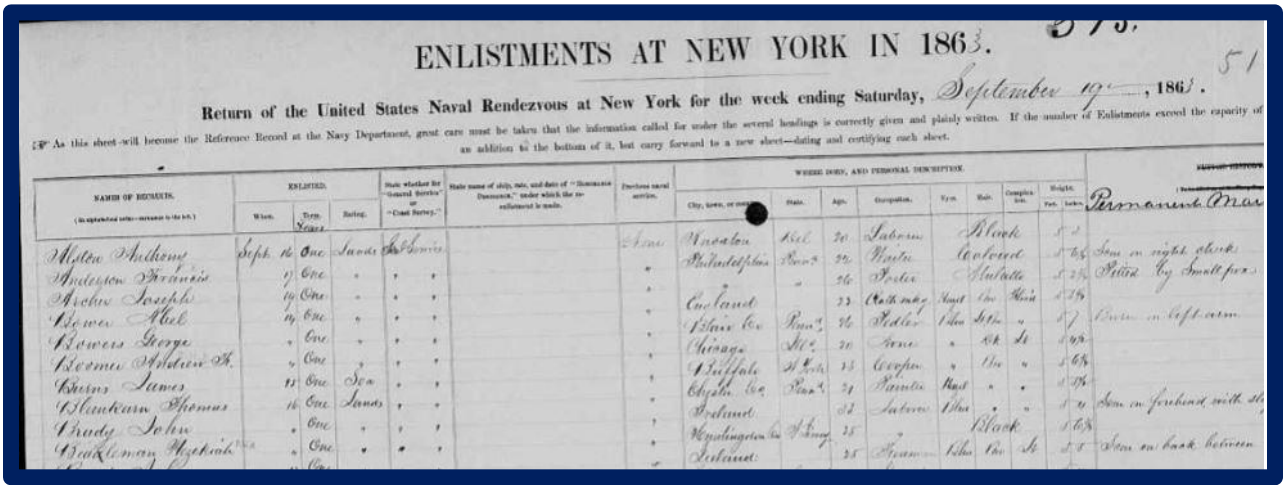
Hezekiah was born January 1, 1840 in Bloomsbury, Huntington County, New Jersey. His last known residence in Morris County was Mendham Township, after the war, he resided in New York City, his last residence was Hempstead, Long Island. Hezekiah died August 14, 1925 at Mineola Hospital and is buried in Cypress Hills National Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

In the age of wide-spread illiteracy and non-uniform spelling, the irregularity in the spelling of "Bridleman" caused additional scrutiny by the Pension Board in 1896 for Hezekiah, with a referral to the Special Examination Division.

Fellow Navy veterans George Berry (A Newark resident who met Hezekiah on the U.S.S. North Carolina), Frank Mulford, William H. Smith (who lived in Morristown at the time of the outbreak of the Civil War) and Alexander Bridlemen were called to give depositions.

The conclusion of the examiner:

"The claimant is a colored man of good character in every way. He states under oath that he always went by the name Bidleman when in 1868 he was informed that his correct name was Bridleman. All of the persons seen by me are the best class of colored persons and their testimony shows conclusively that the claimant is the identical Sailor who served in the Navy with them."



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Name of Recruits	Enlisted: When	Term Years	Rating	State whether for "General Service" or "Coast Survey."	State name of ship, rate, and date of "Rendezvous Dummack," under which the re-enlistment is made.	Previous naval service.	Where born, and personal description: City, town, or county	State	Age	Occupation	Eyes	Hair	Complexion	Height: Feet	Inches	Remarks
Walter Anthony	Sept. 16	One	Landsman	Coast Survey		None	Wheaton	Ill.	20	Laborer		Black		5	2	
Anderson Francis	17	One	"	"	"	"	Philadelphia	Penn.	22	Waiter		Colored		5	6½	Born in right cheek
Archer Joseph	19	One	"	"	"	"	"	"	26	Porter		Mulatto		5	2½	Pitted by small pox
Bower Abel	19	One	"	"	"	"	Cleveland		23	Cloth maker	Hazel	Dar	Black	5	7½	
Bowers George	"	One	"	"	"	"	Blair Co.	Penn.	26	Fiddler	Blue	Light	"	5	7	Born in left arm
Brooms Andrew H.	"	One	"	"	"	"	Chicago	Ill.	20	Farmer	"	Blk	Lt	5	6½	
Burns James	17	One	Sea	"	"	"	Buffalo	N. York	18	Cooper	"	Blue	"	5	6½	
Blunkam Thomas	16	One	Landsman	"	"	"	Chester Co.	Penn.	21	Painter	Hazel	"	"	5	7½	
Brady John	"	One	"	"	"	"	Ireland		22	Laborer	Blue	"	"	5	4	Scar on forehead with sl
Bridleman Hezekiah	"	One	"	"	"	"	Huntingdon Co.	Penn.	25	"		Black		5	6½	
[illegible]	"	One					Ireland		25	Farmer	Blue	Dar	Lt	5	5	Scar on back between

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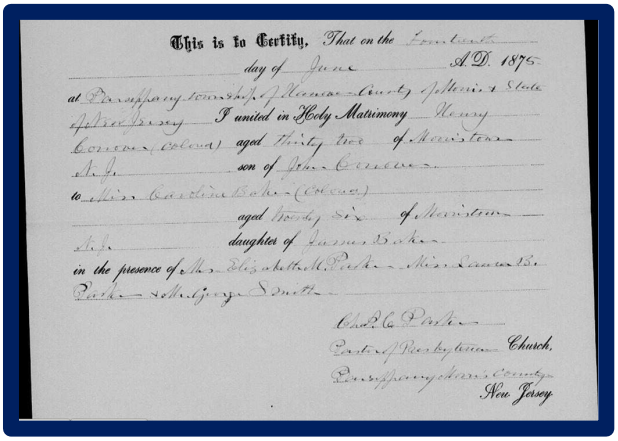
Henry Conover

Corporal Co. B, 8th U.S.C.T

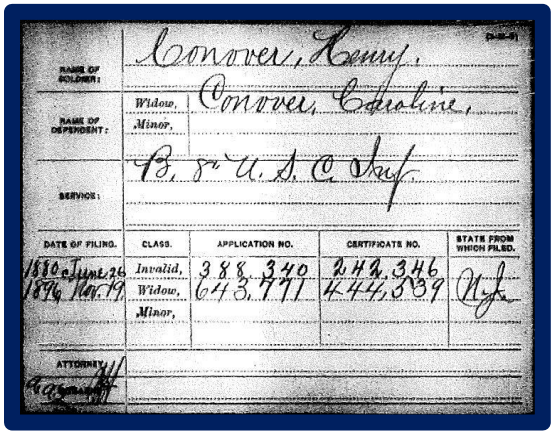
Born c. 1842 in Paterson, Passaic County, New Jersey, Mr. Conover's last known residence was Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey.

Henry married Caroline Baker on June 14, 1875.
Mr. Conover also became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic Army or G.A.R.-the grandfather of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations. The G.A.R. Post he belonged to was the Robert Gould Shaw Post, named in honor of Capt. Shaw slain with the soldiers of the 54th Massachusetts (familiar to many, through the film "Glory").
Henry Conover died September 10, 1896 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.

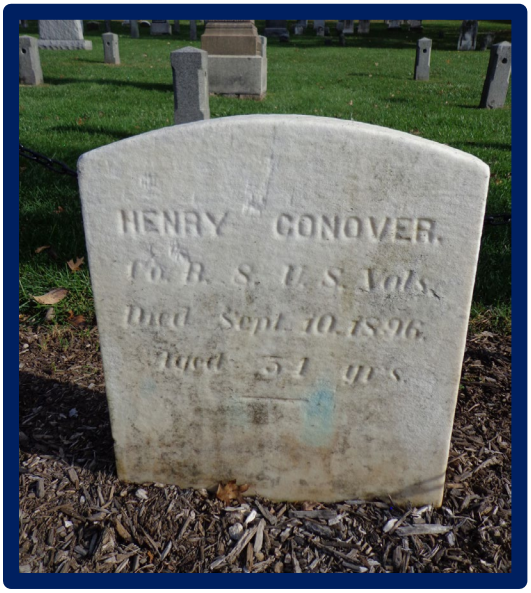


This is to Certify, That on the Fourteenth day of June A.D. 1875 at Parsippany township, Morris County, State of New Jersey I united in Holy Matrimony Henry Conover (colored) aged thirty two of Morristown N.J. son of John Conover to Miss Caroline Baker (colored) aged twenty six of Morristown N.J. daughter of James B. Baker in the presence of Mrs. Elizabeth A. Parker, Miss Laura B. Parker & Mr. George Smith.

Chas. C. Parker
Pastor of Presbyterian Church,
Parsippany, Morris County
New Jersey

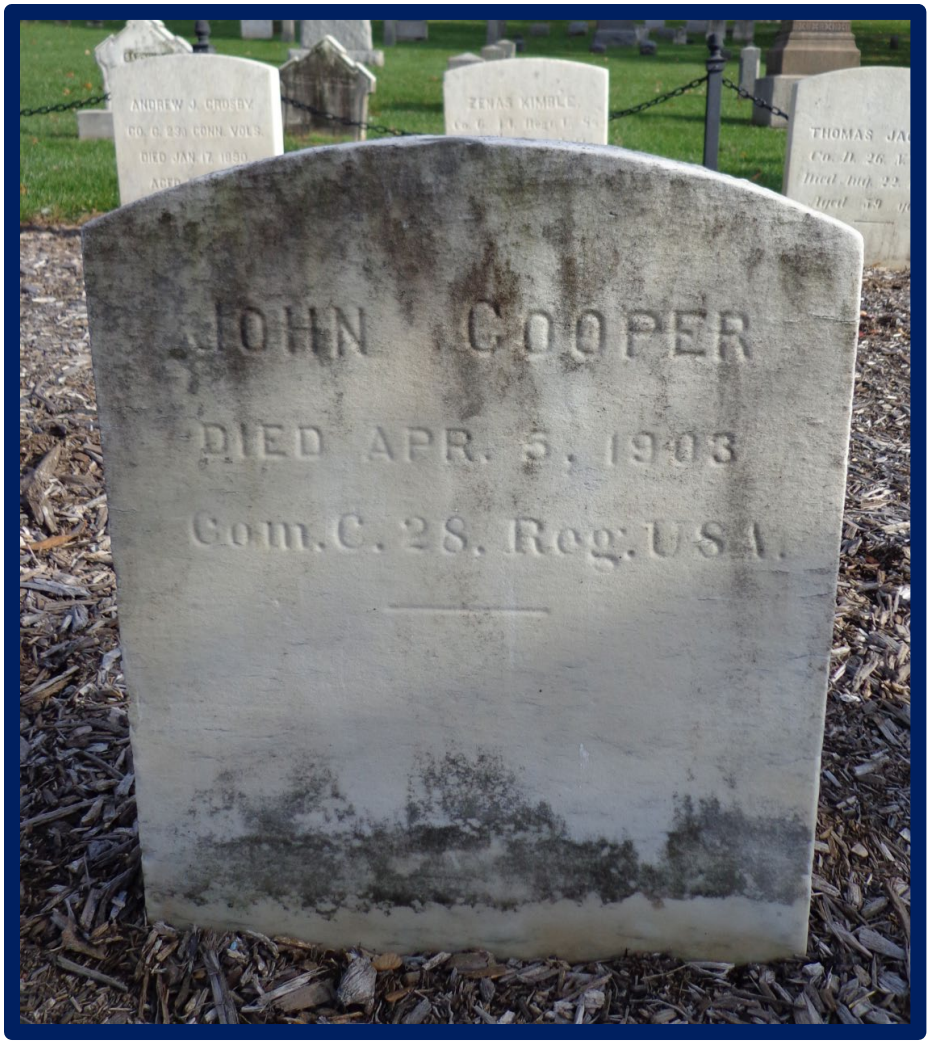


NAME OF SOLDIER:	Conover, Henry.			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow,	Conover, Caroline,		
	Minor,			
SERVICE:	B, 8th U.S.C. Inf.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1880 June 26	Invalid,	388,340	242,346	
1896 Nov. 19	Widow,	643,771	444,539	N.J.
	Minor,			
ATTORNEY				



John Cooper

Buried in Evergreen's Soldiers Lot, Soldier Cooper's service is unknown.



Andrew Jackson Crosby or Andrew Jackson

Co. C. 23rd Conn Vol

Andrew Crosby, a colored man, living on Morris street, while writing a letter was taken suddenly ill. He ask for some hot water, but before he got it he died. Dr Owen gave his opinion that he died of apoplexy. Crosby was adjutant of the colored G. A. R. Post of this city.

The funeral of the late Andrew Crosby took place Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the colored G A. R. Post of this place. After the services at the church, conducted by Chaplain Reed, the cortege, headed by the Hannibal Brass Band, proceeded to the Evergreen Cemetery where the interment took place.

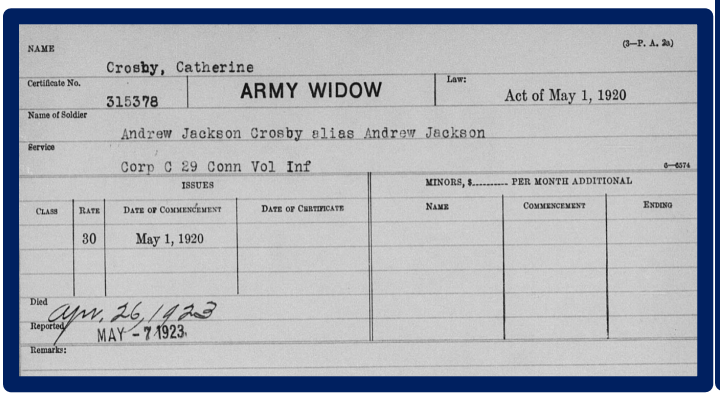
Dover Iron Era, January 24, 1890

A resident of Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey, in 1880, the census shows he and wife Catharine, living on Elm Street. ”J. Andrew Crosby” is listed as born in New York, c. 1835.

Mr. Crosby’s brief obituary points out two important items: He was literate and held an important position in the Robert Gould Shaw Post G.A.R. in Morristown.

Corporal Andrew Jackson Crosby is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, U.S.C.T. Lot.

Catharine would outlive him by thirty-three years. Her burial location is unknown.



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NAME: Crosby, Catherine

Certificate No.: 315378 — ARMY WIDOW — Law: Act of May 1, 1920

Name of Soldier: Andrew Jackson Crosby alias Andrew Jackson

Service: Corp C 29 Conn Vol Inf

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ISSUES

Class	Rate	Date of Commencement	Date of Certificate
	30	May 1, 1920	

MINORS, $..... PER MONTH ADDITIONAL

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Died: Apr. 26, 1923

Reported: MAY - 7 1923

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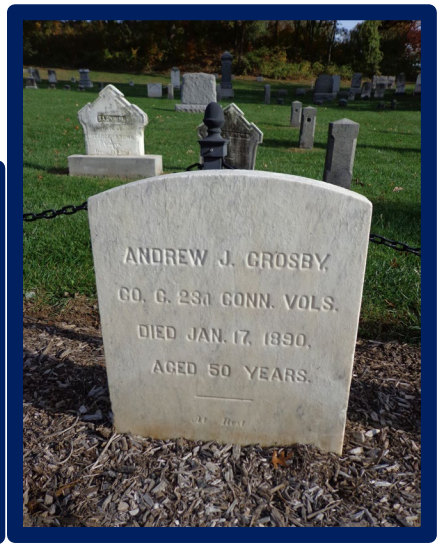


Horace Douglas

Buried in Evergreen's Soldiers Lot, Soldier Douglas' service is unknown.

Peter Williams or Peter Essex

Private, Co. H, 25th U.S.C.T

Intriguing questions surround Mr. Essex.

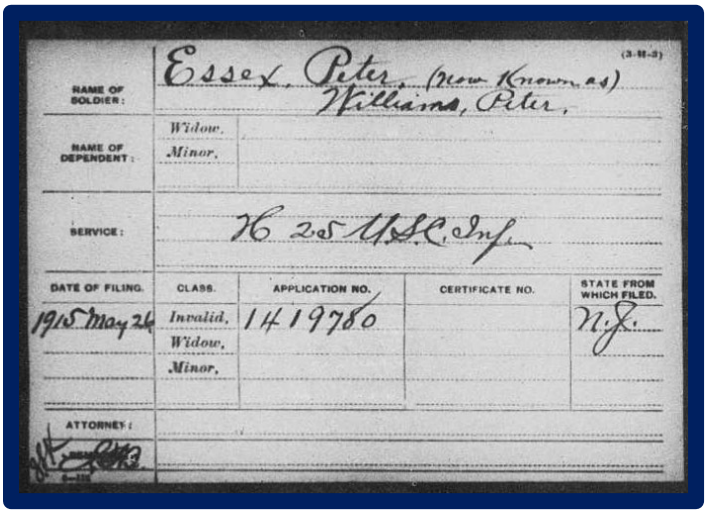
Born in Virginia, June between the years 1851 and 1854, his birth name was Peter Essex.

It is unknown when he enlisted in the service or served under his birth name.

It is also unknown when or why he changed his name.

Mr. Essex's pension index card has an unusual notation -as far as Morris County veterans' records:

"Now known as" is indicated.



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NAME OF SOLDIER: Essex, Peter (Now Known as) Williams, Peter.

NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow. Minor.

SERVICE: H. 25 U.S.C. Inf.

DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1915 May 26	Invalid.	1419780		N.J.
	Widow.			
	Minor.			

ATTORNEY:

Aliases were common in the Civil War, used for a variety of reasons.

Pensions and index cards freely used the word "Alias" and the assumed name.

Research to date indicates this is the sole example of "Now known as".

Mr. Williams last known residence was 11 Coal Avenue, Morristown, demolished in 2010.

He died January 22, 1925 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

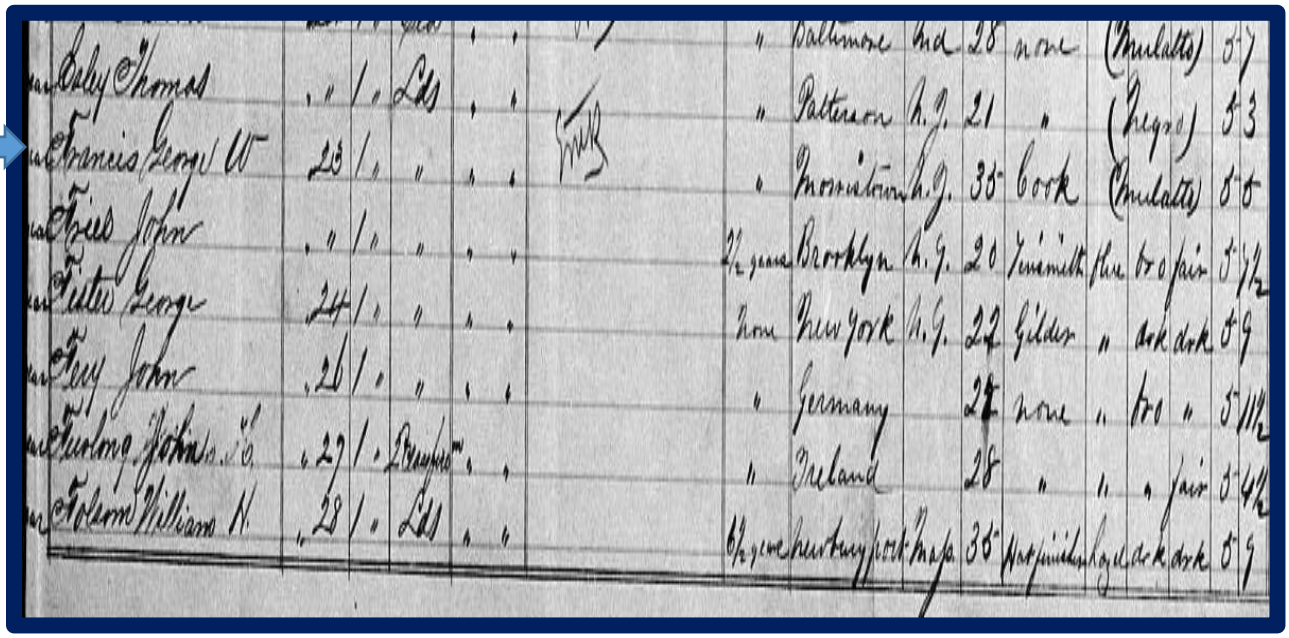
George W. Francis

United States Navy

Born in Morristown, New Jersey c. 1828. Mr. Francis enlisted February 23, 1863 in New York City.

Mr. Francis's death date and burial location are unknown.

Excerpt of Naval Rendezvous February 28, 1863 in New York.



Mark Firman

Rank Unknown, Co. C, 22nd U.S.C.T

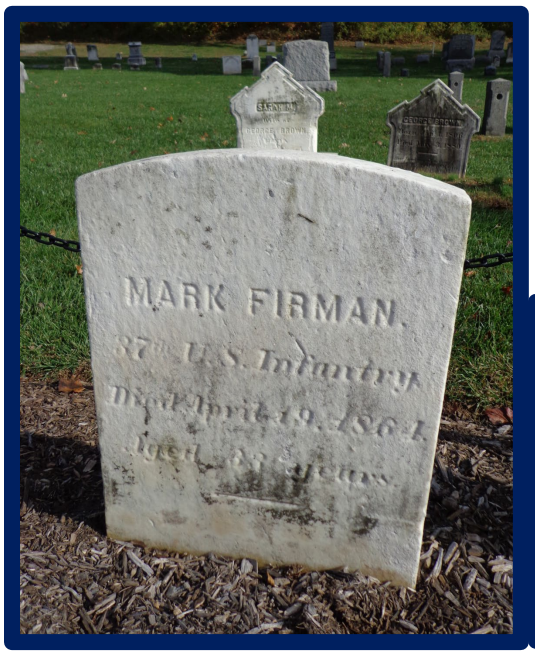
Born c. 1819 in Hackettstown, Warren County, New Jersey, Mr. Firman's last known residence was Morristown.
Mr. Firman (sometimes seen as Furman or Furmen) married Caroline (date, maiden name unknown).
Their known family consisted of two boys: Lorenzo and Launey.
In 1855, Mark "Furmen's" family is living in Washington Township.

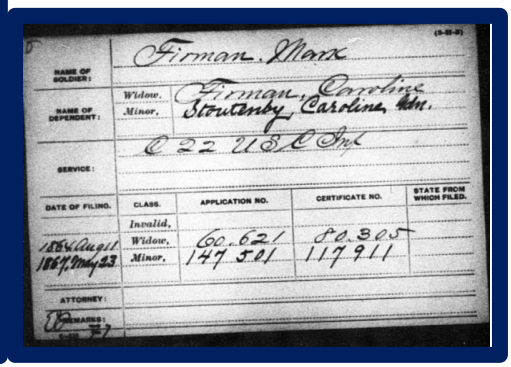
It is unknown when Mark Firman enlisted in the U.S.C.T., Co. C, 22nd Regiment.

Soldier Firman died April 17, 1864.

The circumstances of his death are unknown.

He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.





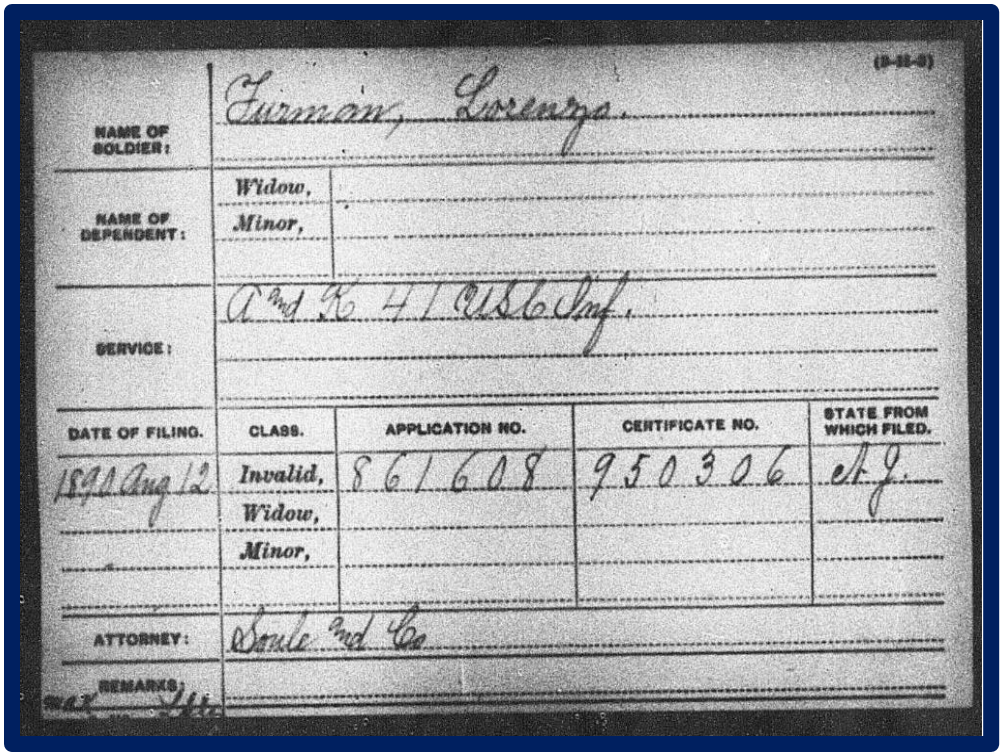
NAME OF SOLDIER:	Firman, Mark			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow.	Firman, Caroline		
	Minor.	Stoutenby, Caroline, adm.		
SERVICE:	C 22 U.S.C. Inf.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1864 Aug 11	Invalid,			
1867 May 23	Widow,	60,621	80,305	
	Minor.	147,501	117,911	
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

Lorenzo Firman

Private, Co. A, 41st U.S.C.T

Son of Mark Firman, Lorenzo (Furman as noted on the index) was born in New Jersey c. 1848. Private, Co. A, 41st U.S.C.T. In 1870, he resided in Chatham Township, working as a coachman.

Lorenzo died in 1915 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery September 13, 1915.



NAME OF SOLDIER:	Furman, Lorenzo.			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow, Minor,			
SERVICE:	A and K 41 USCT Inf.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1891 Aug 12	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	861608	950306	N.J.
ATTORNEY:	Soule and Co			
REMARKS:				

The "Furman" family is mentioned as congregants of Bethel in <u>*Out of the Briars*</u>

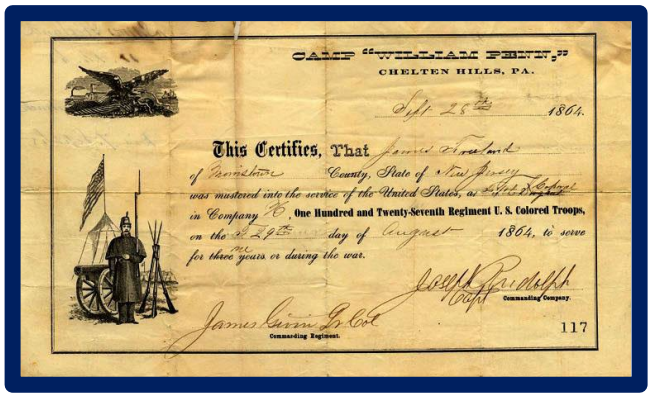
James Freeland

Private, Co. H, 127th U.S.C.T

Born in New Jersey c. 1826, Mr. Freeland's last known residence was Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey, where in 1870, he was employed by a Rolling Mill.

James Freeland enlisted in the U.S.C.T. September 28, 1864, Co. H, 127th Regiment.

He was discharged September 7, 1865. Private Freeland's death date is unknown, he is buried in Boonton Avenue Cemetery, Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

Sept 28th 1864.

This Certifies, That James Freeland of Morristown County, State of New Jersey was mustered into the service of the United States, as Pvt. Co. H in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Regiment U. S. Colored Troops, on the 28th day of August 1864, to serve for three years or during the war.

Joseph Fairchild Capt. Commanding Company.

James Gwin Lt Col. Commanding Regiment.

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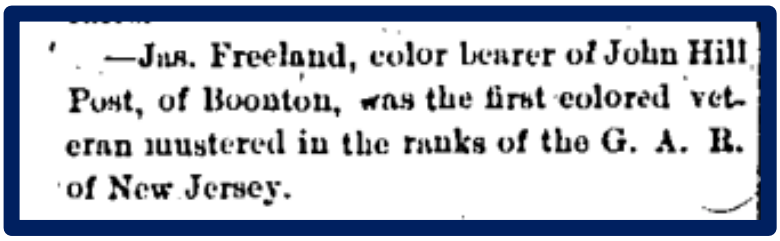
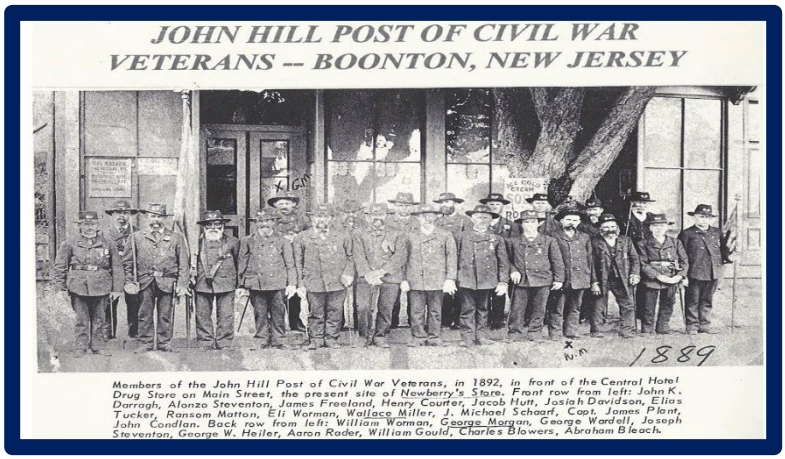
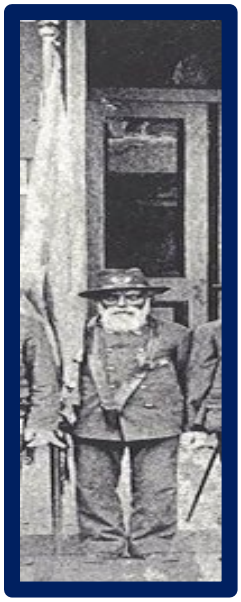


—Jas. Freeland, color bearer of John Hill Post, of Boonton, was the first colored veteran mustered in the ranks of the G. A. R. of New Jersey.



Members of the John Hill Post of Civil War Veterans, in 1892, in front of the Central Hotel Drug Store on Main Street, the present site of Newberry's Store. Front row from left: John K. Darragh, Alonzo Steventon, James Freeland, Henry Courter, Jacob Hutt, Josiah Davidson, Elias Tucker, Ransom Matton, Eli Worman, Wallace Miller, J. Michael Schaarf, Capt. James Plant, John Condlan. Back row from left: William Worman, George Morgan, George Wardell, Joseph Steventon, George W. Heiler, Aaron Rader, William Gould, Charles Blowers, Abraham Bleach.



Boonton Weekly Bulletin, August 20, 1885, article published four years prior to the Post photograph in 1889, mentions he is the color bearer for the post.

Mr. Freeland is believed to be in the front row, third man from the left. He is holding a flag or standard, known as colors.

Thank you, Clayton, for providing this image from The Boonton Years 1867--1967.

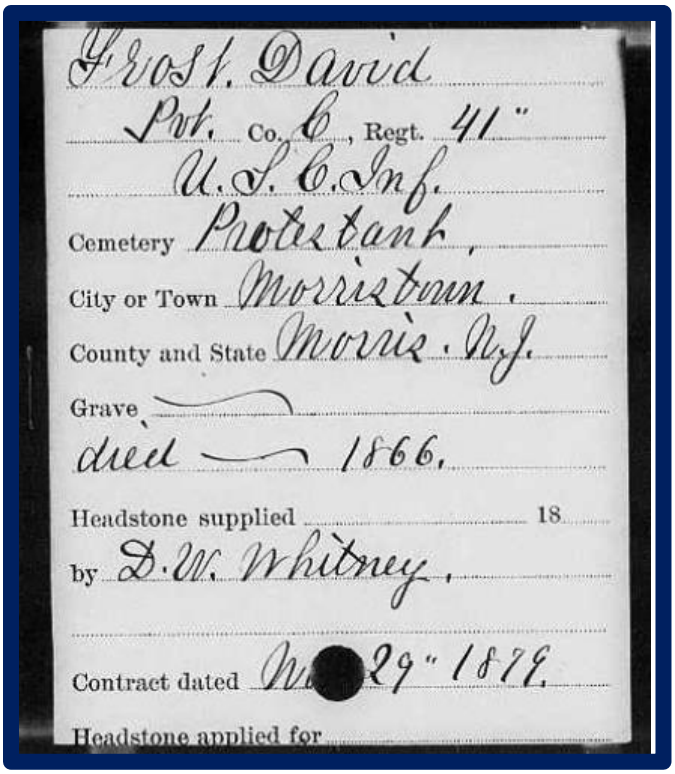
David Frost

Private, Co. B, 41st U.S.C.T

Born in Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey c. 1846, Middletown was also his last known address.

Mr. Frost enlisted September 17, 1864 as a Private, Co. C, 41st U.S.C.T. Discharged September 30, 1865, He died December 22, 1867 at the age of about 21.

Buried in Evergreen Cemetery on December 23, 1867, Mr. Frost had a military headstone ordered on his behalf in 1879.
As was not unusual, the date of death was incorrect. Military headstones were-and are-ordered decades after the death of a soldier.


Frost. David
Pvt. Co. C, Regt. 41"
U. S. C. Inf.
Cemetery Protestant,
City or Town Morristown.
County and State Morris. N.J.
Grave
died 1866.
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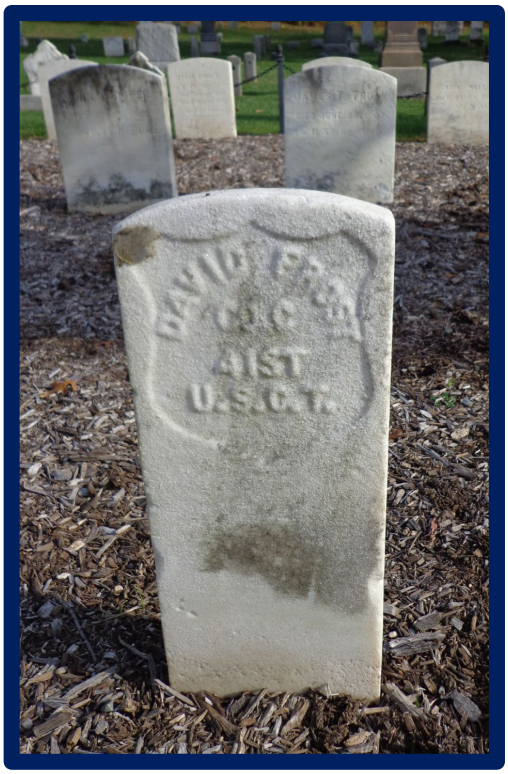
Headstone applied for



Government headstone order and headstone

Robert A. Gale

Sergeant, Co. I, 127th U.S.C.T

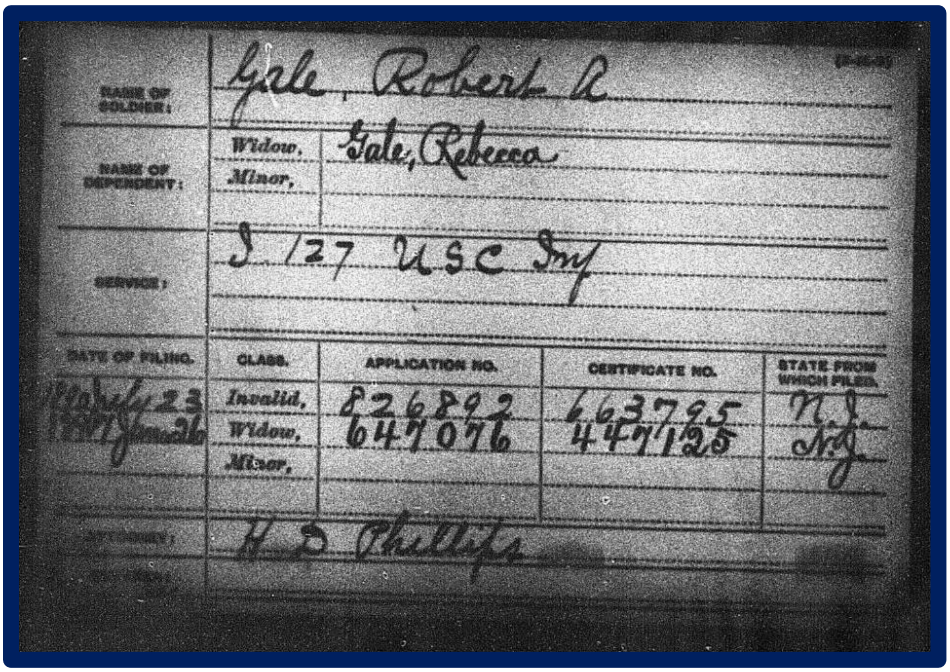
Born in Pennsylvania, c. 1835 (1880 census indicates Mr. Gale was born in Maryland), Mr. Gale's last known residence was Morristown.

Sergeant Gale served with Co. I, 127th U.S.C.T.

After the war, Mr. Gale was a member of the Robert G. Shaw Post G.A.R..

Mr. Gale married Rebecca Butler, May 28, 1878. He died October 25, 1896 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.

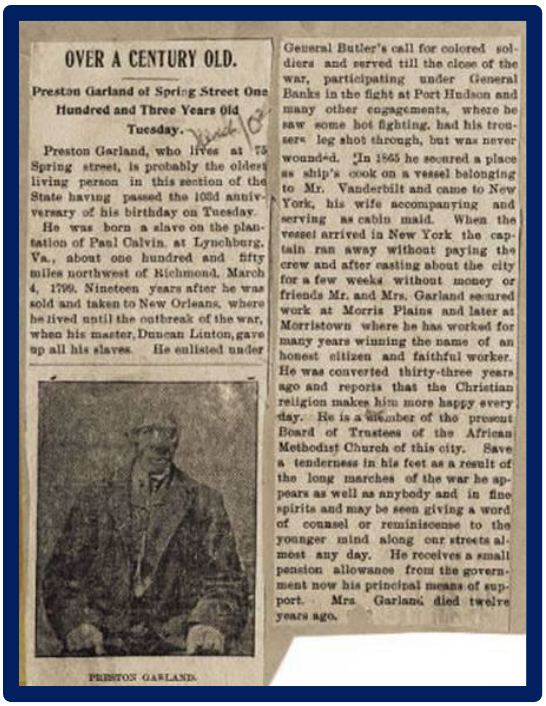
Rebecca Gale died February 10, 1930. She is also buried in Evergreen.



NAME OF SOLDIER:	Gale, Robert A			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow,	Gale, Rebecca		
	Minor,			
SERVICE:	I 127 USC Inf			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1890 July 23	Invalid,	826892	663795	N.J.
1897 June 26	Widow,	647076	447125	N.J.
	Minor,			
ATTORNEY:	H. D. Phillips			

Robert Gale is mentioned as congregants of Bethel in <u>Out of the Briars</u>; "a noble band of workers".

Preston Garland



OVER A CENTURY OLD.

Preston Garland of Spring Street One Hundred and Three Years Old Tuesday.

Preston Garland, who lives at 75 Spring street, is probably the oldest living person in this section of the State having passed the 103d anniversary of his birthday on Tuesday.

He was born a slave on the plantation of Paul Calvin, at Lynchburg, Va., about one hundred and fifty miles northwest of Richmond, March 4, 1799. Nineteen years after he was sold and taken to New Orleans, where he lived until the outbreak of the war, when his master, Duncan Linton, gave up all his slaves. He enlisted under General Butler's call for colored soldiers and served till the close of the war, participating under General Banks in the fight at Port Hudson and many other engagements, where he saw some hot fighting, had his trousers leg shot through, but was never wounded. In 1865 he secured a place as ship's cook on a vessel belonging to Mr. Vanderbilt and came to New York, his wife accompanying and serving as cabin maid. When the vessel arrived in New York the captain ran away without paying the crew and after casting about the city for a few weeks without money or friends Mr. and Mrs. Garland secured work at Morris Plains and later at Morristown where he has worked for many years winning the name of an honest citizen and faithful worker. He was converted thirty-three years ago and reports that the Christian religion makes him more happy every day. He is a member of the present Board of Trustees of the African Methodist Church of this city. Save a tenderness in his feet as a result of the long marches of the war he appears as well as anybody and in fine spirits and may be seen giving a word of counsel or reminiscense to the younger mind along our streets almost any day. He receives a small pension allowance from the government now his principal means of support. Mrs. Garland died twelve years ago.

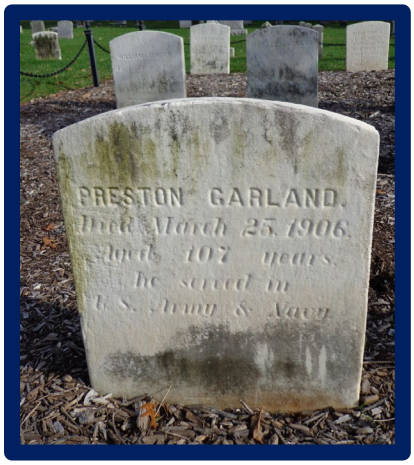
PRESTON GARLAND.

Mr. Garland served as a "lay minister" in the tragic year of 1871.

Bethel's minister, Rev. William T. Catto, had gone to Philadelphia after his son, Octavius, had been murdered. Rev. Catto never returned to Morristown, he died in Philadelphia a few weeks after his son.

It is likely that Mr. Garland served as a minister and comforter to the grieving congregation.

Mr. Garland died March 25, 1906 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery



Preston Garland is mentioned in <u>Out of the Briars</u> as part of "a noble band of workers".

Isaac Gordon

Guide/Union Informant

Born enslave in North Carolina, c. 1843, his last known residence was Chatham Township, Morris County, New Jersey where he worked as a coachman in the house of Jane Day.

Mr. Gordon escaped his enslavers and met up with Union forces in 1864. Warning the Union Army of an impending attack by Confederate forces, he guided them through Virginia.

The Army was prepared, due to his warning, and able to reinforce their troops and ward off an attack by the Confederates.

After the war, Mr. Gordon returned with General Potter to the General's home in Madison, New Jersey.

Mr. Gordon died in 1917 and is buried in Madison's Hillside Cemetery.

William Gurton

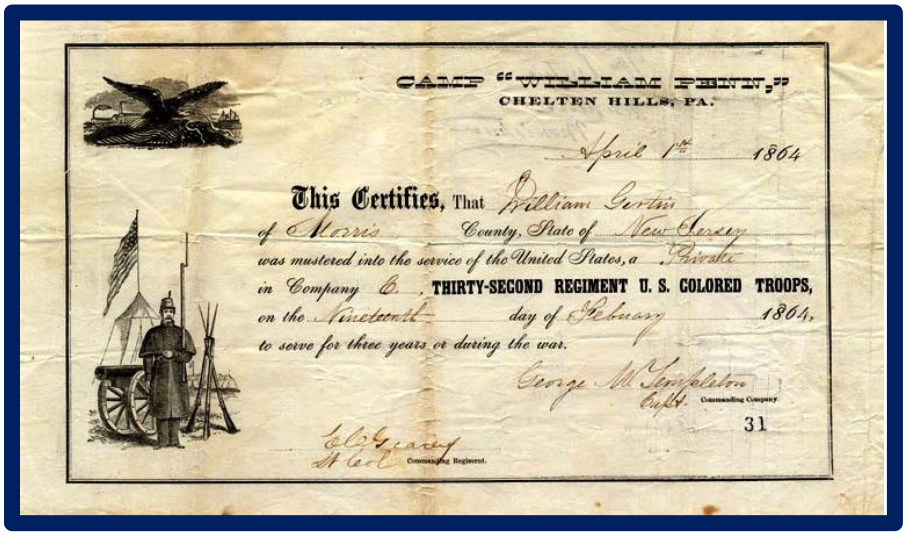
Private, Co. C, 32nd U.S.C.T

William Gurton was born in Mercer County, New Jersey, February c. 1822.

He marries Margaret Miller, June 21, 1855. William enlisted April 1, 1864.

After his service, Mr. Gurton served as a Trustee at Bethel and resided in a house next door to the church.

William Gurton died March 12, 1922 at the age of 100. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

April 1st 1864

This Certifies, That William Gurton
of Morris County, State of New Jersey
was mustered into the service of the United States, a Private
in Company C, THIRTY-SECOND REGIMENT U. S. COLORED TROOPS,
on the Nineteenth day of February 1864,
to serve for three years or during the war.

George M. Singleton
Capt. Commanding Company

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Commanding Regiment.

Mr. Gurton's name was spelled in variations common, to almost everyone at that time, before wide-spread literacy and spelling standardizations.

David Huff

Sergeant, Co. F, 20th Infantry, U.S.C.T.

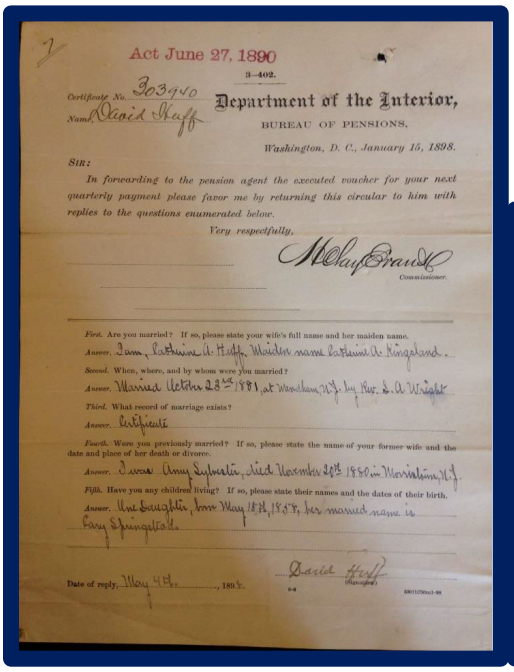
Born in the Flanders section of Mt. Olive c. 1830. Mr. Huff's last known residence was Morristown.

David Huff is mentioned in a 1939 Daily Record article as excavating under Bethel's "Old church" for a schoolroom.

Mr. Huff enlisted in the U.S.C.T. December 19, 1863. Sergeant, Co. F 20th Infantry.

Mr. Huff married Catharine Kingsland in 1881.

He died June 12, 1912 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.



Act June 27, 1890

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Certificate No. 303940

Name David Huff

Department of the Interior,

BUREAU OF PENSIONS,

Washington, D. C., January 15, 1898.

SIR:

In forwarding to the pension agent the executed voucher for your next quarterly payment please favor me by returning this circular to him with replies to the questions enumerated below.

Very respectfully,

H. Clay Evans

Commissioner.

First. Are you married? If so, please state your wife's full name and her maiden name.

Answer. I am, Catharine A. Huff, Maiden name Catharine A. Kingsland.

Second. When, where, and by whom were you married?

Answer. Married October 23rd 1881, at Morristown, N.J. by Rev. S. A. Wright

Third. What record of marriage exists?

Answer. Certificate

Fourth. Were you previously married? If so, please state the name of your former wife and the date and place of her death or divorce.

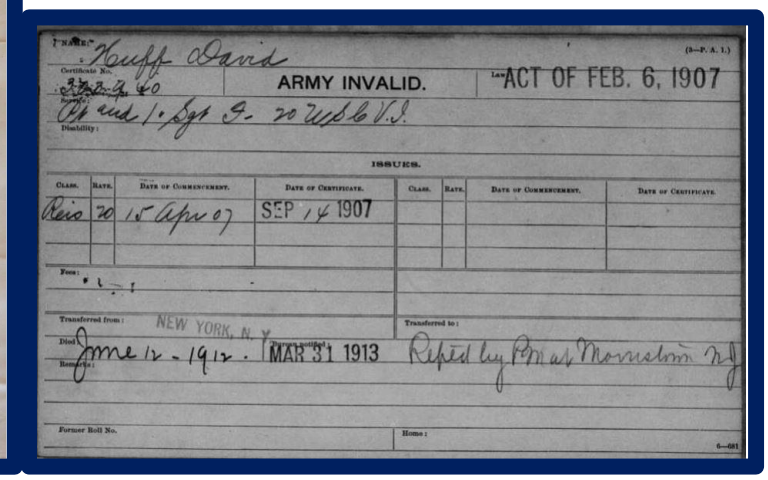
Answer. I was Army Separated, died November 20th 1880 in Morristown, N.J.

Fifth. Have you any children living? If so, please state their names and the dates of their birth.

Answer. One daughter, born May 18th, 1888, her married name is Gary Springstead.

Date of reply, May 4th, 1898.

David Huff (Surnames)



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NAME: Huff David

Certificate No. 303940

Rank: Pvt and 1st Sgt Co. F 20 U.S.C.T.

Disability:

Last: ACT OF FEB. 6, 1907

ARMY INVALID.

ISSUES.

Class.	Rate.	Date of Commencement.	Date of Certificate.	Class.	Rate.	Date of Commencement.	Date of Certificate.
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Fees:

Transferred from: NEW YORK, N. Y.

Transferred to:

Died: June 12 - 1912.

Buried: MAR 31 1913 Repd by PM at Morristown N.J.

Former Roll No.

Home:

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Charles Hurling

Private, Co. B, 25th, U.S.C.T.

Born September 23, 1832 in Lamington, Somerset County, New Jersey. His last known residence was Madison, Morris County, N.J. where he worked as a laborer.

Mr. Hurling (spelled Hurley on his enlistment) married Phoebe Anna Lane July 14, 1860 at the Dutch Reformed Church, Somerset County, New Jersey. He enlisted as a Private into Co. B, 25th U.S.C.T. on January 6, 1864.

Mr. Hurling was enumerated on the 1890 veterans census, Madison. He died on May 6, 1907.

Mr. Hurling is buried in the Hillside Cemetery, Madison.

CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

March 1st 1864

This Certifies, That Charles Hurley
of Somerset County, State of New Jersey
was mustered into the service of the United States, a Private
in Company B, TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT U. S. COLORED TROOPS,
on the Sixth day of January 1864,
to serve for three years or during the war.

Commanding Company.

Commanding Regiment.

John Jackson

Private, Co. C, 32nd, U.S.C.T.

Born c. 1838 in Montville, Morris County, New Jersey, Mr. Jackson remained there, working as a laborer. He enlisted as a Private into Co. C, 32nd Regiment of the U.S.C.T. on February 18, 1864.

Mr. Jackson died in 1889 and is buried in Montville Dutch Reformed Cemetery.

Joseph Jackson

Private, Co. C, 32nd, U.S.C.T.

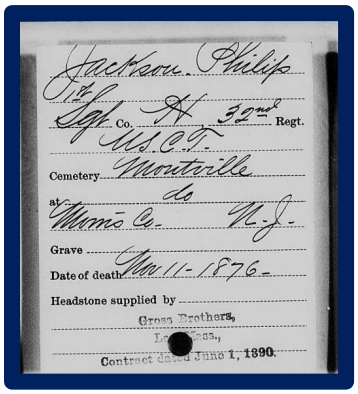
Born c. 1838 in Montville, Morris County, New Jersey. Mr. Jackson enlisted as a Private in Co. F, 32nd Regiment U.S.C.T. on February 26, 1864. Mr. Jackson returned to Montville after the war, and indicated as an "Industrious man" in the 1890 Veterans Census.

Mr. Jackson died October 6, 1913 and is buried in Montville Dutch Reformed Cemetery.

Philip Jackson

First Sergeant, Co. H, 32nd, U.S.C.T.

Born in Montville, Morris County New Jersey, Mr. Jackson's last known residence was Whippany, Morris County, N.J.
Enlisted in Co. H, 32nd Regiment U.S.C.T., he was promoted to First Sergeant July 1, 1865.
Mr. Jackson died November 11, 1876 and is buried in Montville Dutch Reformed Cemetery.


Jackson Philip
1st Sgt. Co. H 32nd Regt.
U.S.C.T.
Cemetery Montville
at do
Morris Co. N.J.
Grave
Date of death Nov 11-1876
Headstone supplied by
Gross Brothers,
Contract dated June 1, 1890.

Additional research is needed to ascertain the relationships of the "Mountville" Jackson's.

Moses Jackson

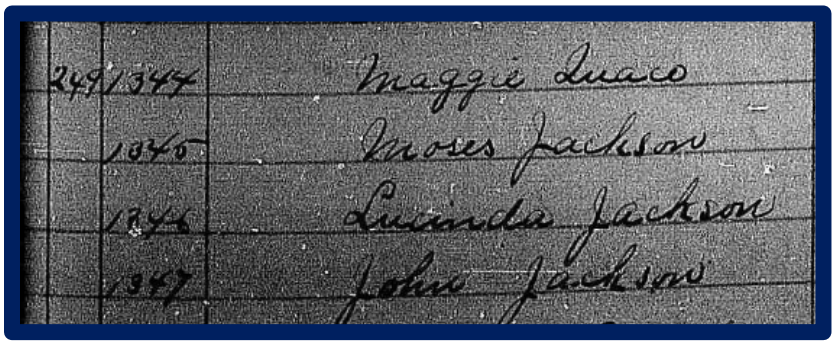
Private, Co. L, 1st, U.S.C.T.

Born c. 1849, in Sussex County, New Jersey, his last known residence was Morristown.

Private Jackson's enlistment date and place are unknown. Moses married Lucinda (the date and place of this marriage is unknown.) He filed for an invalid pension on August 18, 1891.

Mr. Jackson died April 29, 1894 and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery. Lucinda died in 1904.

1885 New Jersey Census, Morristown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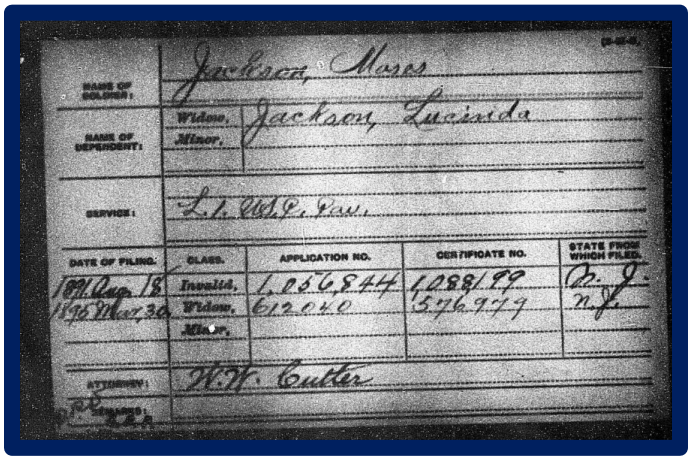
1345 Moses Jackson
1346 Lucinda Jackson
1347 John Jackson


NAME OF SOLDIER: Jackson, Moses
NAME OF DEPENDENT: Widow. Jackson, Lucinda
Minor.
SERVICE: L. 1. U.S.C. Vol.

DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1891 Aug. 18	Invalid.	1,056,844	1,088,199	N. J.
1898 Mar. 30	Widow.	612,040	576,979	N. J.
	Minor.			

ATTORNEY: W. W. Cutler

Theodore D. Jackson

Private, Co. F, 32nd, U.S.C.T.

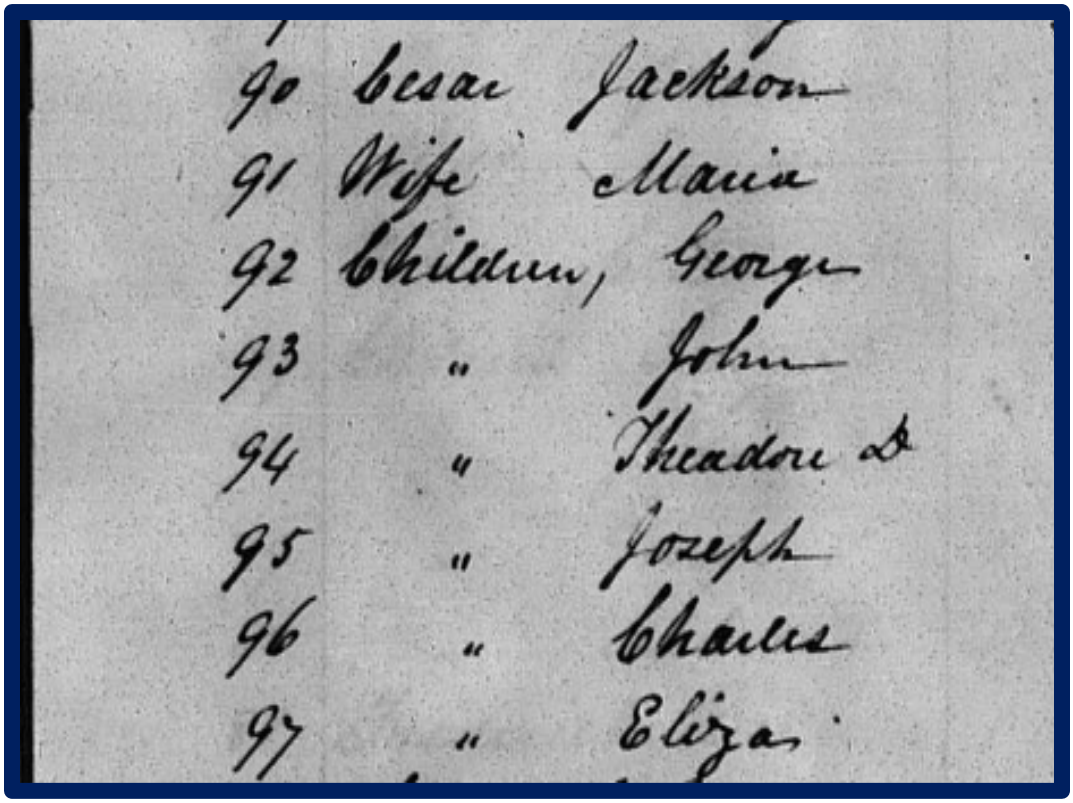
"Theo" was born in Morris County, New Jersey c. 1840. In 1855, he is living in Pequannock with his parents Cesar and Maria and brothers George, John, Joseph, Charles and sister, Eliza.

In 1860, he remains in Pequannock, working as a Laborer. Theodore Jackson enlisted in the U.S.C.T. on February 26, 1864. Private, Co. F, 32nd Infantry.

Theodore made his home in Morristown after the war, where he died September 28, 1878.

Private Jackson is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.

New Jersey census, 1855, Hanover.

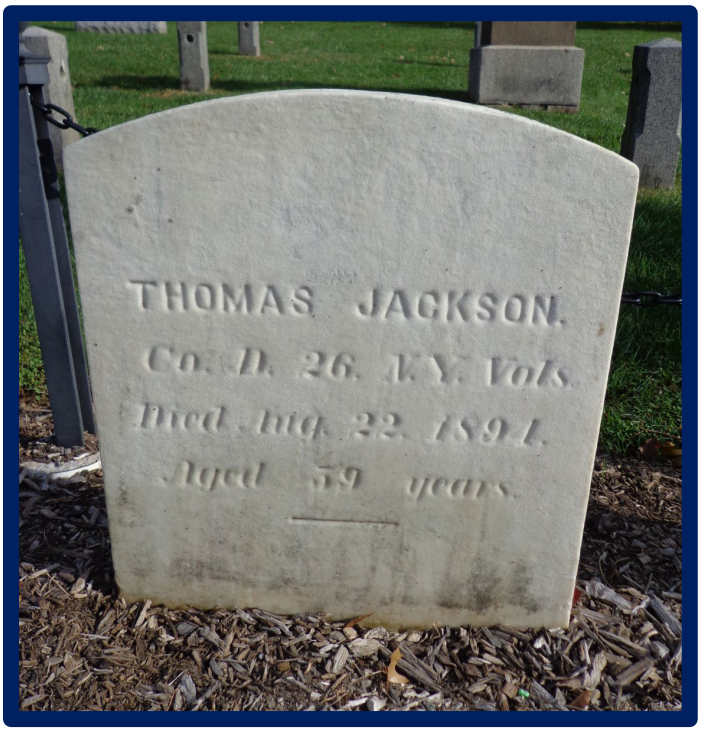


90	Cesar	Jackson
91	Wife	Maria
92	Children,	George
93	"	John
94	"	Theadore D
95	"	Joseph
96	"	Charles
97	"	Eliza

Thomas Jackson

Mr. Jackson was enumerated in the 1890 veterans census for Madison, advising that he served as a Private from January 2, 1864, to July 17, 1865.

Private Thomas Jackson died on August 22, 1894, and is buried in the Evergreen Cemetery Soldiers Lot, Morristown.



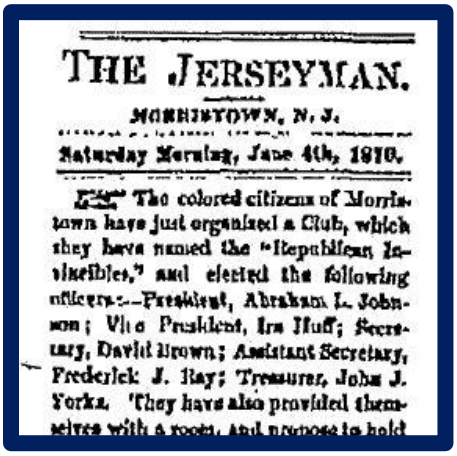
Abraham L. Johnson

Corporal, Co. C, 32nd, U.S.C.T.

"Abram" was born in Morristown c. 1831, he remained a Morristown citizen until his death September 11, 1905. He enlisted February 18, 1864, serving alongside many Morris County men.

After the war, Mr. Johnson worked as a porter and was active in Morristown politics. A founder of the "Republican Invincibles" an African-American political club, Mr. Johnson served as its first president.

Excerpt from The Jerseyman announcing the formation of the "Invincibles"

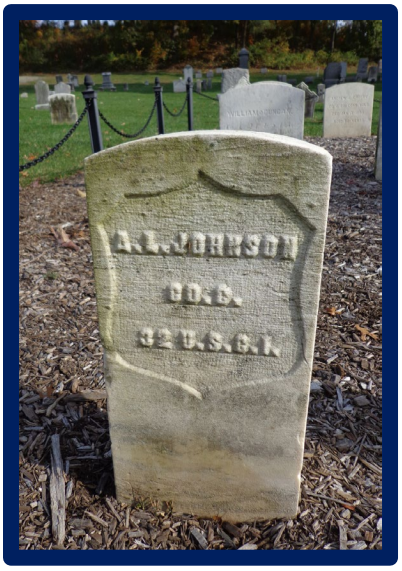


THE JERSEYMAN.

MORRISTOWN, N. J.

Saturday Morning, June 4th, 1870.

The colored citizens of Morristown have just organized a Club, which they have named the "Republican Invincibles," and elected the following officers:—President, Abraham L. Johnson; Vice President, Ira Huff; Secretary, David Brown; Assistant Secretary, Frederick J. Ray; Treasurer, John J. Yorke. They have also provided themselves with a room, and propose to hold



William Johnson

United States Navy

Born in Morris County, New Jersey c. 1843.

Mr. Johnson enlisted in the United States Navy January 16, 1864.

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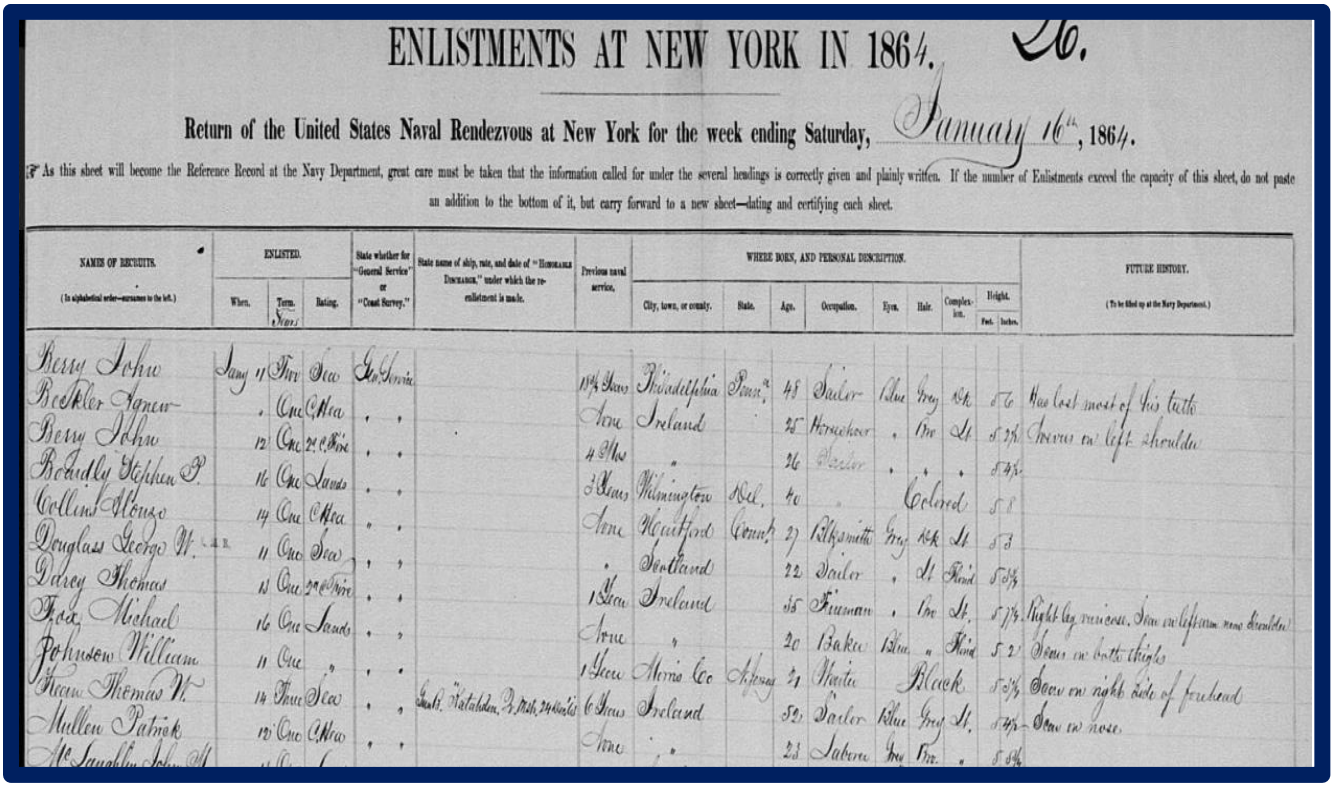

ENLISTMENTS AT NEW YORK IN 1864. 26.

Return of the United States Naval Rendezvous at New York for the week ending Saturday, January 16th, 1864.

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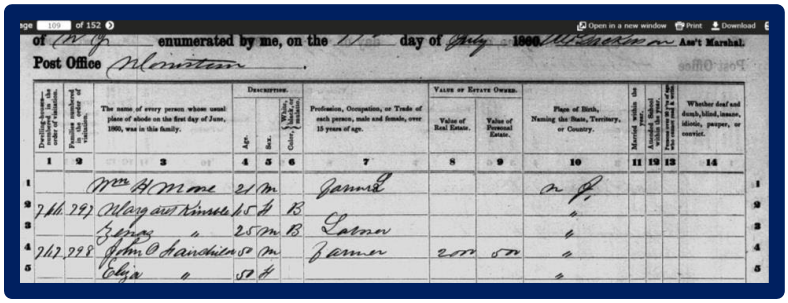
Names of Recruits. (In alphabetical order—surnames to the left.)	Enlisted. When.	Term. (Years.)	Rating.	State whether for "General Service" or "Coast Survey."	State name of ship, rate, and date of "Honorable Discharge," under which the re-enlistment is made.	Previous naval service.	Where born, and personal description. City, town, or county.	State.	Age.	Occupation.	Eyes.	Hair.	Complexion.	Height. Feet.	Height. Inches.	Future history. (To be filled up at the Navy Department.)
Berry John	Jany 11	Thru	Sea	Gen. Service		1 Yrs Sea	Philadelphia	Penn.	48	Sailor	Blue	Grey	Dk.	5	6	Was lost most of his teeth
Beckler Agnew	"	One	C. Area	" "		Ame	Ireland		25	Hostler	"	Brn	Lt	5	7½	Scars on left shoulder
Berry John	12	One	2d C. Fire	" "		4 Mos	"		26	Hostler	"	"	"	5	4½	
Brandly Stephen P.	16	One	Sands	" "		3 Years	Wilmington	Del.	40	"		Colored		5	8	
Collins Alonzo	14	One	Area	" "		Ame	Hartford	Conn.	27	Blksmith	Grey	Blk	Lt	5	3	
Douglass George W.	11	One	Sea	" "		"	Scotland		22	Sailor	"	Lt	Fresh	5	6½	
Darey Thomas	13	One	2d C. Fire	" "		1 Year	Ireland		35	Fireman	"	Brn	Lt.	5	7½	Right leg varicose. Scar on left arm near shoulder
Fox Michael	16	One	Sands	" "		Ame	"		20	Baker	Blue	"	Fresh	5	2	Scars on both thighs
Johnson William	11	One	"	" "		1 Year	Morris Co	New Jersey	21	Waiter		Black		5	3½	Scar on right side of forehead
Keen Thomas W.	14	Thru	Sea	" "	Guardt. "Natalahen" 3 Mth, 24 Oct 63	6 Years	Ireland		52	Sailor	Blue	Grey	Lt.	5	7½	Scar on nose
Mullen Patrick	12	One	Area	" "		Ame	"		23	Sailor	Grey	Brn.	"	5	8½	
McLaughlin John H.	11	One	[illegible]													

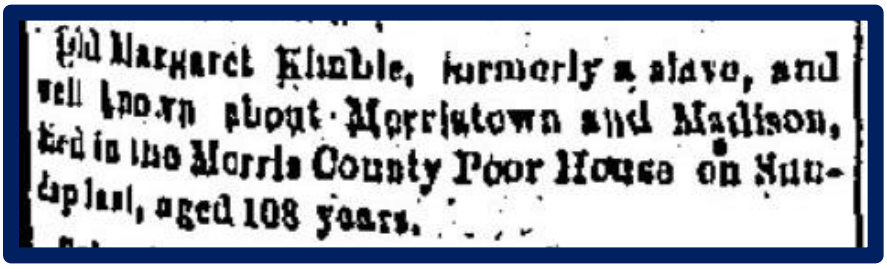
Zenas Kemble

Private, Co. C, 42nd, U.S.C.T.

Per 1890 Veteran census, wounded in right leg. Zenas was born in Morris County c. 1832, likely the son of Margaret Kemble, born enslaved in New Jersey, c. 1815.
1860 Census indicating Margaret Kimble aged about 45 and Zenas Kimble aged about 25.



Obituary for Margaret Kimble, April 1, 1876, Dover Iron Era.


Old Margaret Kimble, formerly a slave, and well known about Morristown and Madison, died in the Morris County Poor House on Sunday last, aged 108 years.

Zenas Kemble *aka* Kimble was drafted. He was reported wounded in his left knee, the battle he obtained the wound is unknown. Private Kemble returned to Morris County after the war, and worked as a laborer in New Vernon, Harding Township.

Mr. Kemble died and was buried in Evergreen Cemetery and, additionally, has an honorary marker in New Vernon cemetery.

James Kingsland

United States Navy

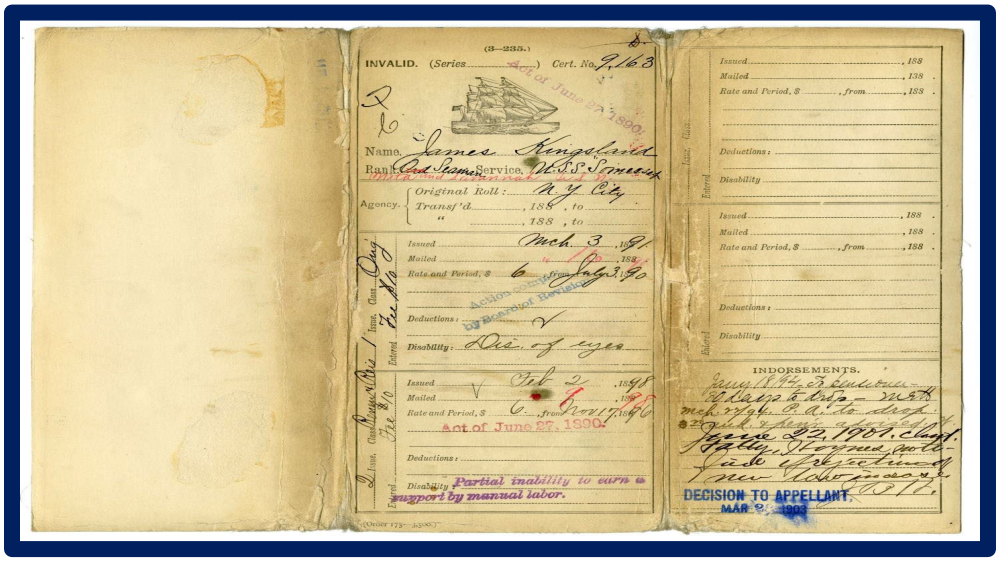
Born in Warren County, New Jersey in the town of Johnsonburg on December 25, 1835. Enlisting in the United States Navy as an Ordinary Seaman on March 27, 1862. His pension application indicates his occupation at enlistment as Merchant sailor. Mr. Kingsland had the tattoos of a seasoned sailor (described below.) At the time of his enlistment, Mr. Kingsland was 5' 7 ½" tall. Married Ellen Huff in 1866. They lived in New York, one child, Rebecca Augusta Kingsland.
According to James' second wife Letitia Kingsland, in declaration for a Navy pension, Ellen Huff died in 1876 in New York City. Letitia's first husband was Henry Axtell (died in 1875.)

James Kingsland and Letitia Axtell were married by Rev. Alexander Heritage Newton on March 2, 1881.

In Mr. Kingsland pension application, he advised that he had contracted an eye disease in 1864 while serving on the U.S.S. Somerset. Additionally, he sustained an injury to the left ear by the explosion of a gun. This resulted in deafness in his last years.

The application also informs us that he was a "Merchant sailor" by occupation and describes a compliment of tattoos*: "Star on Right hand", "Coat of Arms U.S." and "Crucifix on right arm"; "Two sailors on left arm."

James Kingsland died October 26, 1913. His burial location is unknown.


INVALID. (Series) Cert. No. 9,163

Name. James Kingsland

Rank. Ord Seaman Service. U.S.S. Somerset

Agency. Original Roll: N Y City

Issued Mch. 3, 1891

Rate and Period, $ 6 from July 3, 90

Deductions:

Disability: Dis. of eyes

Issued Feb 2, 1895

Rate and Period, $ 6 from Nov 17, 1894

Act of June 27, 1890

Deductions:

Disability: Partial inability to earn a support by manual labor.

INDORSEMENTS.

DECISION TO APPELLANT, MAR 8, 1903

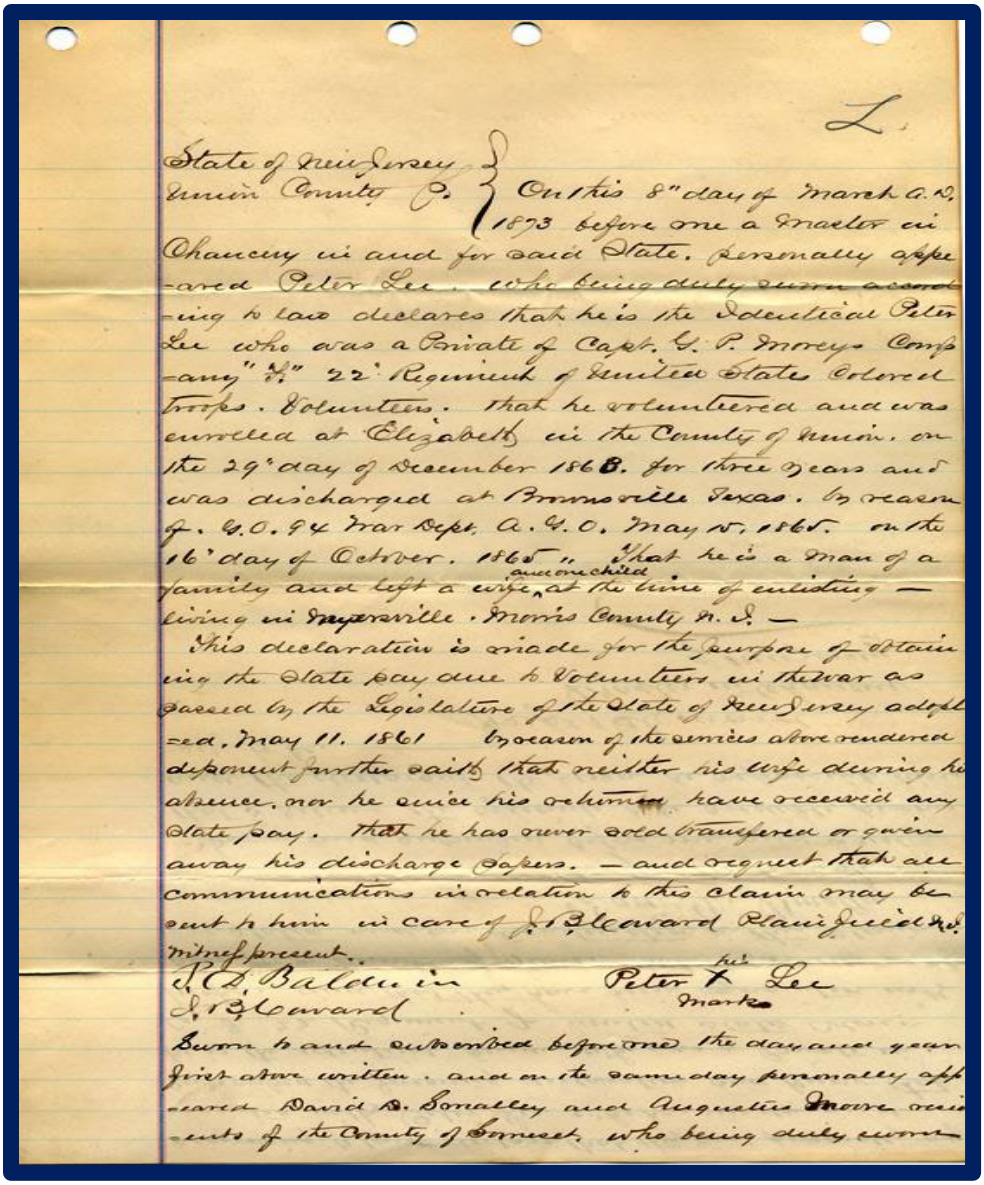
Tattoos were more than personal decorations to seafarers. They served as an early form of a "dog tag". "Tats" helped identify drowning victims.

Peter Lee

Private, Co. F, 22nd, U.S.C.T.

Birthplace and date unknown. While serving as a Private in Co. F, 22nd Regiment U.S.C.T., Private Lee left his wife and child living in Meyersville (Long Hill Township).

Mr. Lee's death date and burial location are unknown.



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State of New Jersey
Union County } On this 8th day of March A.D. 1873 before me a Master in Chancery in and for said State, personally appeared Peter Lee, who being duly sworn according to law declares that he is the identical Peter Lee who was a Private of Capt. G. P. Morey's Company "F" 22d Regiment of United States Colored Troops. Volunteers. that he volunteered and was enrolled at Elizabeth in the County of Union, on the 29th day of December 1863. for three years and was discharged at Brownsville Texas. by reason of G.O. 94 War Dept. A.G.O. May 15, 1865. on the 16th day of October. 1865 " That he is a man of a family and left a wife and child at the time of enlisting — living in Meyersville. Morris County N. J. —

This declaration is made for the purpose of obtaining the State pay due to Volunteers in the war as passed by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey adopted, May 11. 1861 by reason of the services above rendered deponent further saith that neither his wife during his absence, nor he since his return have received any State pay. that he has never sold transferred or given away his discharge papers. — and request that all communications in relation to this claim may be sent to him in care of J. B. Howard Plainfield N.J. Minf present.

J. D. Baldwin
J. B. Howard

Peter his X mark Lee

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year first above written. and on the same day personally appeared David B. Donalley and Augustus Moore residents of the County of Somerset, who being duly sworn

William W. Ludlow

United States Navy

Born in Morristown, Morris County, N.J., c. 1835.

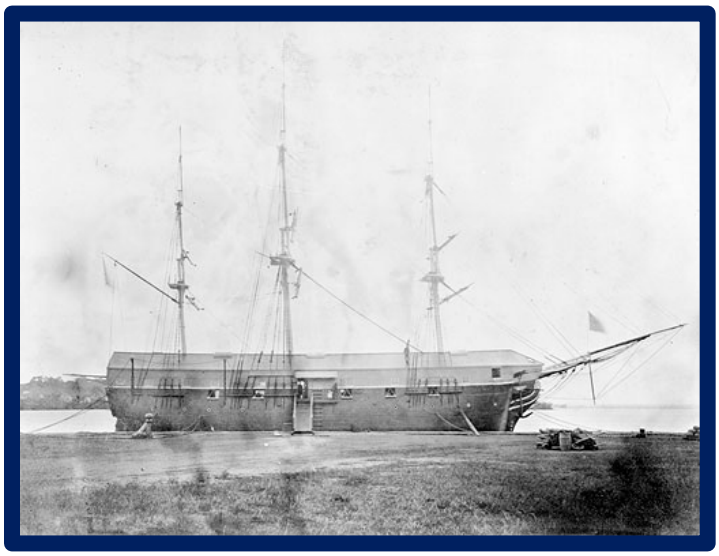
Mr. Ludlow is mentioned in a 1939 Daily Record article as having excavated a basement in the original church for a schoolroom.

Mr. Ludlow enlisted in the United States Navy on January 21, 1861, indicating that he had five years previous naval service.

Attached to the United States Store Ship "Relief" as a Landsman, nothing else is known regarding his service, post-war life, death date and burial location.

"Relief" was laid down in 1835 at the Philadelphia Navy Yard and launched on 14 September 1836.

With beginning of the Civil War Relief was assigned as supply ship to the South Atlantic Blockading Squadron. In July 1862 she returned to the Gulf of Mexico and, until the fall of 1863, served primarily as station store ship at Ship Island in Mississippi Sound.



Thank you, Mr. Gary Priolo.

This photograph of the "Relief" was taken c. 1878, where the ship had been anchored at the Washington Navy Yard since 1871. The "Relief" was sold in September of 1883, her fate is unknown.

Thomas H. Mayberry

Rank, Co., Regiment Unknown.

Born c. 1844, his last known residence was Pequannock, Morris County, New Jersey.

Died August 27, 1864 in Philadelphia of fever.
A soldier, race "C", was buried in Philadelphia, Lebanon Cemetery*, burial date August 30, 1864.

Of the same age as Morris County's Thomas Mayberry, occupation Soldier, it probable this young soldier was the Morris County resident.

Thomas Mayberry
Pennsylvania, Philadelphia City Death Certificates

Name	**Thomas Mayberry**
Event Type	Death
Event Date	27 Aug 1864
Event Place	Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Gender	Male
Race	C
Age	20
Birth Year (Estimated)	1844
Birthplace	America
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Soldier
Cemetery	Lebanon
Burial Date	30 Aug 1864

**Lebanon Cemetery was an established African American Cemetery dating back to 1849.*

The cemetery no longer exists. The former cemetery now lies in the intersection of 19th Street and Snyder Avenue in Philadelphia.

Joseph Middlesworth

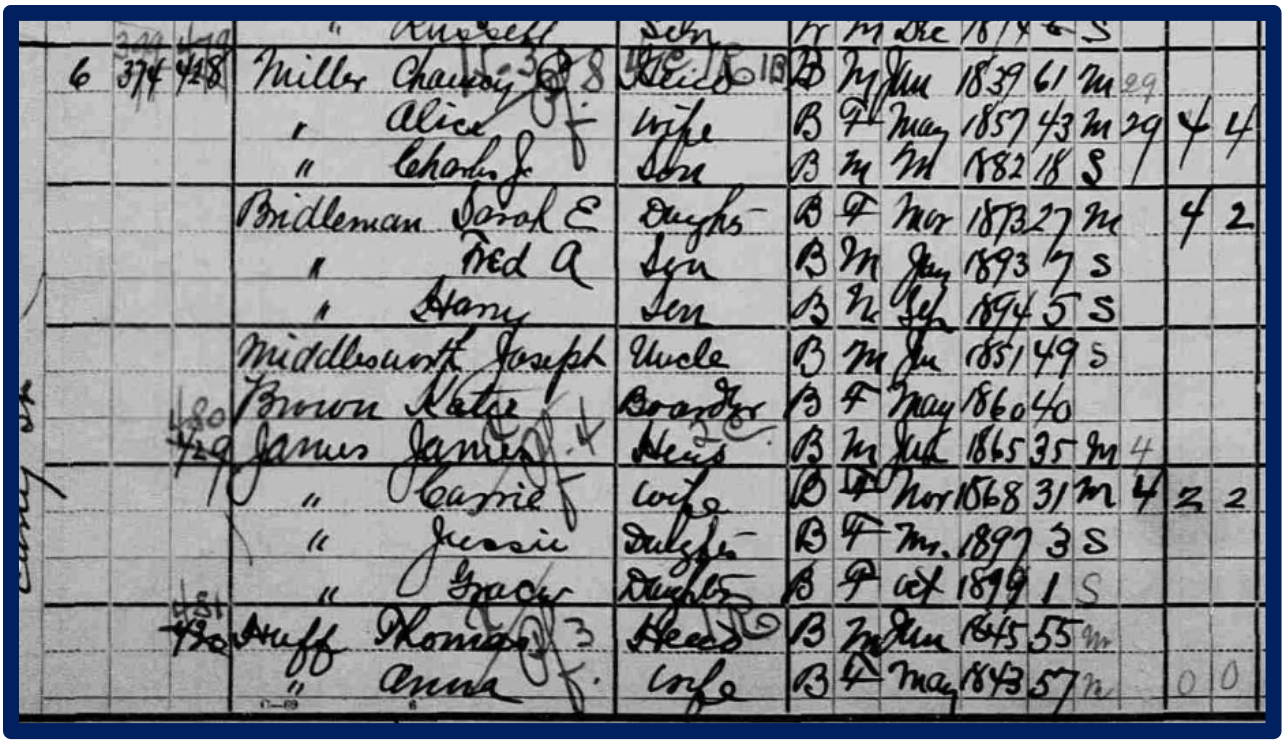
Private, Co. G, 43rd , U.S.C.T.

Born in New Jersey c. 1848, in 1900 he resided in Morristown, working as a coachman.

Mr. Middlesworth enlisted as a “Substitute” or one who was paid to serve in the place of another. Bounties for substitutes were expensive, men who could afford substitute service were referred to as

“A 300 Dollar Man”.

Mr. Middlesworth died May 23, 1920 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.



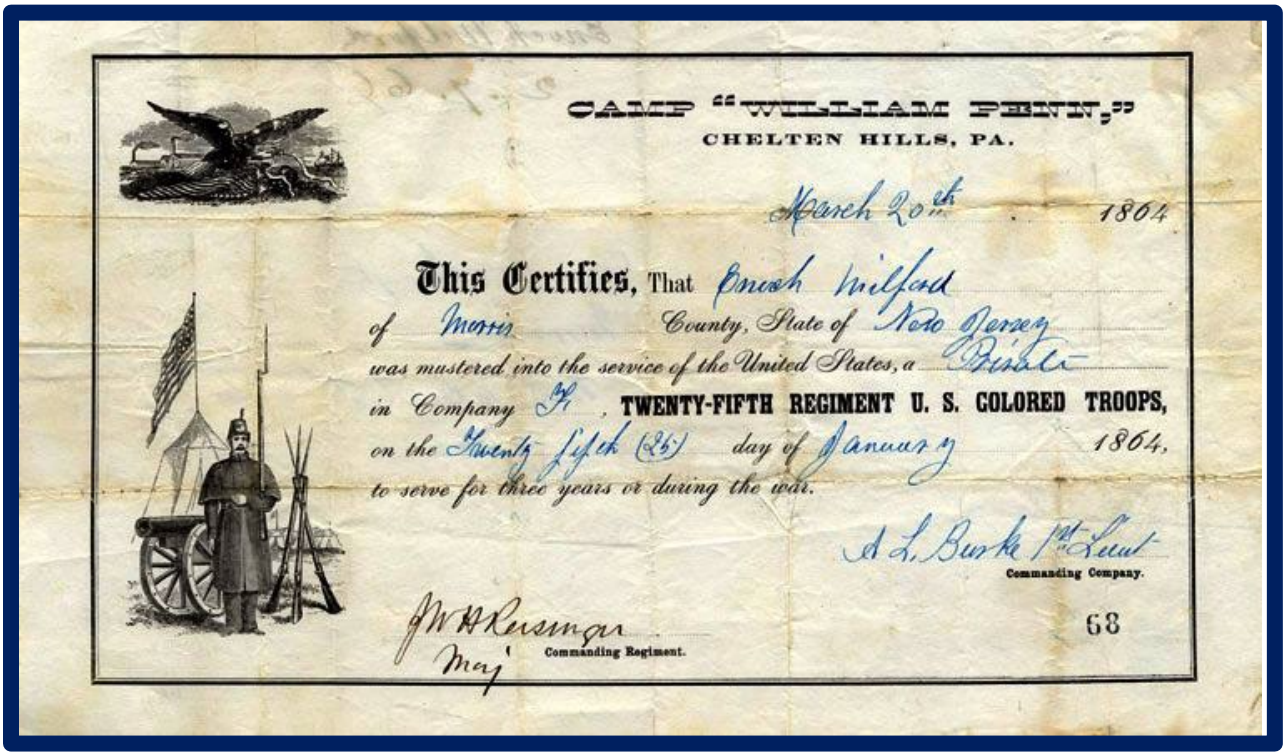
Enoch Milford

Private, Co. A, 25th, U.S.C.T.

Born in New Jersey c. 1833, in 1850, Mr. Milford lived in Washington Township, Morris County, New Jersey. Enlisted as a Private in Co. A, 25th U.S.C.T. on January 25, 1864.

After the war, Mr. Milford relocated to New Brunswick, Middlesex County, N.J.

He died in 1918 and is buried in Hillside Cemetery, Scotch Plains, Union County, New Jersey.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

March 20th 1864

This Certifies, That Enoch Milford
of Morris County, State of New Jersey
was mustered into the service of the United States, a Private
in Company A, **TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT U. S. COLORED TROOPS,**
on the Twenty fifth (25) day of January 1864,
to serve for three years or during the war.

A. L. Burke 1st Lieut
Commanding Company.

J. W. H. Reisinger
Maj
Commanding Regiment.

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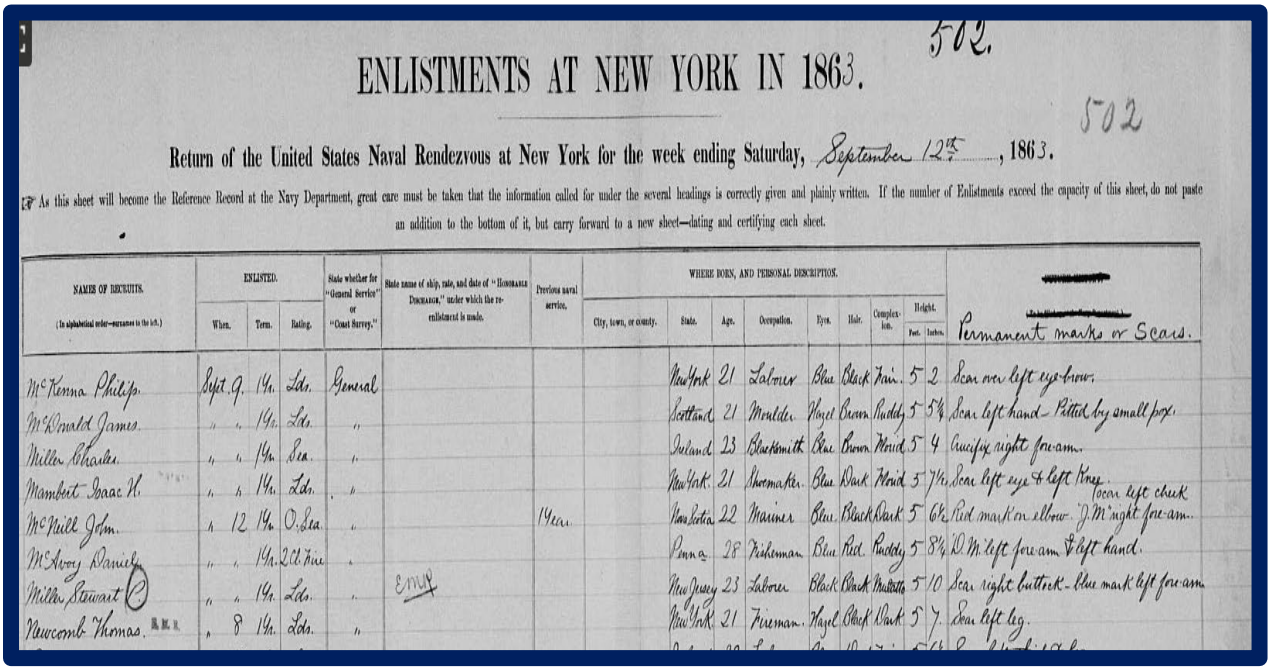
Stewart. P. Miller

United States Navy

Born c. 1840 in Mendham, New Jersey, Mr. Miller's last known residence was New York City, where he worked as a cook.

Enlisting in the United States Navy on September 12, 1863 as a Landsman, he was attached to the U.S.S. Perry.

Mr. Miller's death date and burial location are unknown.



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ENLISTMENTS AT NEW YORK IN 1863.

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Return of the United States Naval Rendezvous at New York for the week ending Saturday, September 12th, 1863.

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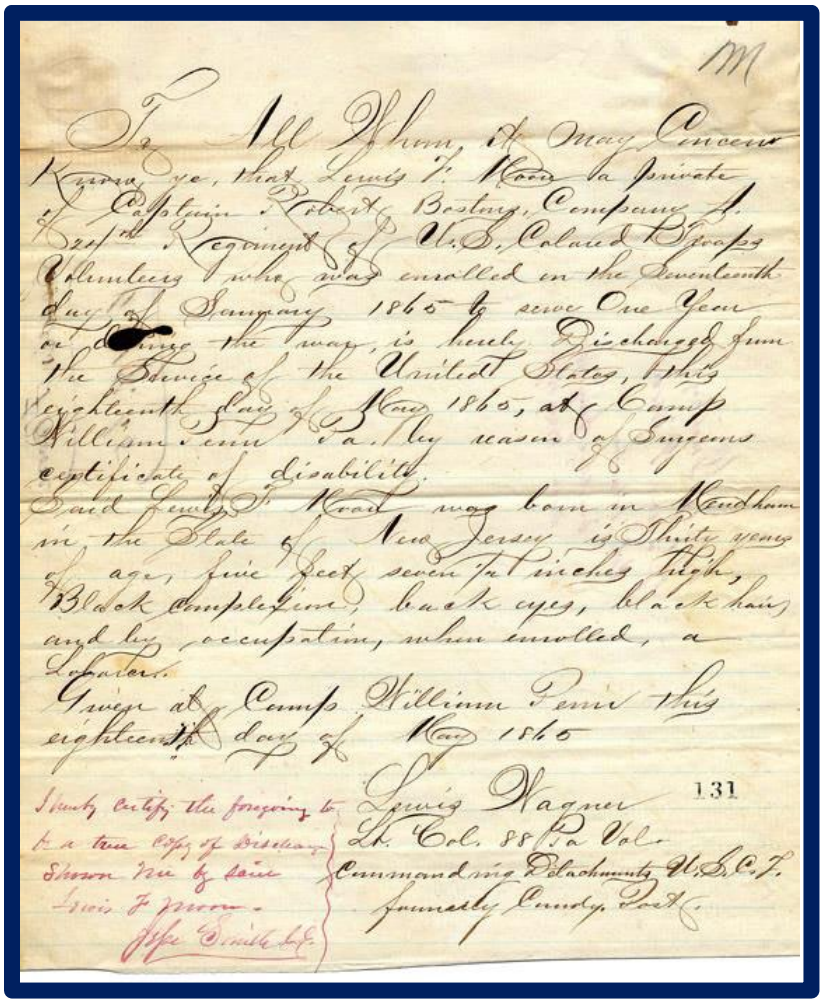
McKenna Philip	Sept. 9.	1 yr.	Ldr.	General				New York	21	Laborer	Blue	Black	Fair	5	2	Scar over left eye-brow.
McDonald James	" "	1 yr.	Ldr.	"				Scotland	21	Moulder	Hazel	Brown	Ruddy	5	5¼	Scar left hand - Pitted by small pox.
Miller Charles	" "	1 yr.	Sea.	"				Ireland	23	Blacksmith	Blue	Brown	Florid	5	4	Crucifix right fore-arm.
Mambert Isaac H.	" "	1 yr.	Ldr.	"				New York	21	Shoemaker	Blue	Dark	Florid	5	7½	Scar left eye & left knee. Scar left cheek
McNiell John	" 12	1 yr.	O. Sea.	"		1 yr.		Nova Scotia	22	Mariner	Blue	Black	Dark	5	6½	Red mark on elbow. J. M. right fore-arm.
McAvoy Daniel	" "	1 yr.	2 Cl. Fire	"				Penna	28	Fisherman	Blue	Red	Ruddy	5	8¼	D. M. left fore-arm & left hand.
Miller Stewart C.	" "	1 yr.	Ldr.	"	Enlst			New Jersey	23	Laborer	Black	Black	Mulatto	5	10	Scar right buttock - blue mark left fore-arm
Newcomb Thomas	" 8	1 yr.	Ldr.	"				New York	21	Fireman	Hazel	Black	Dark	5	7	Scar left leg.

Lewis F. Moore

Private, Co. A, 24th, U.S.C.T.

Born c. 1825 in Mendham, Mr. Moore enlisted as a Private on January 17, 1865. Serving with Co. A, 24th U.S.C.T., he was discharged by Surgeon's Certificate on May 18, 1865. Mr. Moore's history after discharge is unknown.



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To All Whom, it May Concern
Know ye, that Lewis F. Moore a private
of Captain Robert Boston, Company A.
of 24th Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops
Volunteers who was enrolled on the Seventeenth
day of January 1865 to serve One Year
or during the war, is hereby Discharged from
the Service of the United States, this
Eighteenth day of May 1865, at Camp
William Penn Pa. by reason of Surgeons
certificate of disability.
Said Lewis F. Moore was born in Mendham
in the State of New Jersey is Thirty years
of age, five feet seven & ½ inches high,
Black complexion, black eyes, black hair
and by occupation, when enrolled, a
Laborer.
Given at Camp William Penn this
eighteenth day of May 1865

Lewis Wagner
Lt. Col. 88 Pa Vol
Commanding Detachments U.S.C.T.
formerly Cundy Post.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of discharge shown me by said Lewis F. Moore.
Jeff Smith J.P.

Private Moore's discharge

Edward R. Morgan

Private, Company Unknown, New York Regiment Unknown.

Mr. Morgan was born c. 1844 in New Jersey, according to census records.

A Noble Record.

Colored people have family records to boast of sometimes as well as whites. Everybody about here knows "Ed." Morgan, the colored man, who deals in rags and old scrap iron. He is one of a family of fourteen children, thirteen of whom were boys. At the breaking out of the war, every one of these boys enlisted in a New York Regiment, and seven of them were killed in the service. What family hereabouts can show a greater sacrifice to loyalty than this?

Dover Iron Era, February 19, 1876.

Edward's passing on April 14, 1888 is mentioned in the Iron Era April 21, 1888:

Edward Morgan, a well known colored man of this place, died very suddenly, of rheumatism of the heart, last Sunda morning. He had been complaining of rheumatism a day or two, but was about his home a few minutes before his death.

Mr. Morgan was buried in Mill Brook Cemetery, Randolph, New Jersey.

He is mentioned in Decoration Day ceremonies May 29, 1896

Private Edward Morgan, a colored soldier, one of seven brothers who lost their lives in their country's service, lies buried here behind this church, where this day we shall place above his remains the Stars and Stripes he loved so well.

In respectful memory of seven unknowns

The Edward R. Morgan family history of service.

The following information was provided by Mr. Jason Morgan, the great-great grandson of Edward R. Morgan.

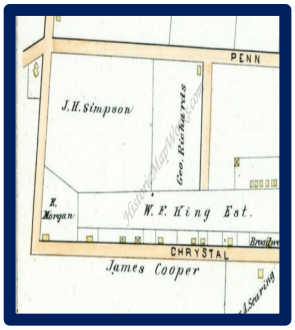
The war over, Mr. Morgan marries Miss Eliza Jane Van Dunk of Pompton Plains on February 25, 1866.

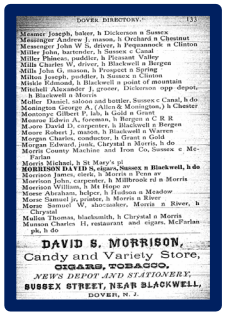
Mrs. Eliza Jane Van Dunk Morgan

Images courtesy of Mr. Jason Morgan

The couple settled in Dover, where Edward became a rag and scrap iron dealer.

Mr. Morgan's property is indicated on Robinson's 1887 map of Dover and he is listed in the 1883 Dover Directory below:





DOVER DIRECTORY. 133

Messner Joseph, baker, h Dickerson n Sussex
Messinger Andrew J, mason, h Orchard n Chestnut
Messenger John W Jr, driver, h Pequannock n Clinton
Miller John, bartender, h Sussex c Canal
Miller Phineas, peddler, h Pleasant n Spring
Mills Charley W, driver, h Blackwell n Bergen
Milton Joseph, peddler, h Sussex n Spring
Milton Joseph, peddler, h Sussex n Clinton
Mickle Edmond, h Blackwell n point of mountain
Mitchell Alexander J, grocer, Dickerson opp depot, h Blackwell n Morris
Moller Daniel, saloon and bottler, Sussex c Canal, h do
Monington George A, (Allen & Monington,) h Chester
Montonye Gilbert F, mason, h Morris
Moore Gustavus, h Bergen n C R R
Moore Robert J, carpenter, h Blackwell n Bergen
Moore Robert J, mason, h Blackwell n Warren
Morgan Charles, conductor, h Grant n Gold
Morgan Edward, junk, Chrystal n Morris, h do
Morris County Machine and Iron Co, Sussex c McFarlan
Morris Michael, h St Mary's st
Morrison David S, Candy store, Sussex n Blackwell, h do
Morrison James, clerk, h Morris n Penn av
Morrison John, carpenter, h Millbrook rd n Morris
Morrison William, h Mt Hope av
Morse Abraham, helper, h Hudson n Meadow
Morse Samuel jr, painter, h Morris n River
Morse Samuel W, shoemaker, Morris n River, h Chrystal
Mullen Thomas, blacksmith, h Chrystal n Morris
Munson Charles H, restaurant and cigars, McFarlan pk, h do

DAVID S. MORRISON,
Candy and Variety Store,
CIGARS, TOBACCO,
NEWS DEPOT AND STATIONERY.
SUSSEX STREET, NEAR BLACKWELL,
DOVER, N. J.

Edward and Eliza would have three children: Alonzo, Edward Ulysses and Archibald Dorastus.

Edward Ulysses Morgan would serve in the United States Navy during the Spanish-American War.

Edward U.'s son, Ivan (standing on steps) would serve in WWII.

Francis Mulford

United States Navy

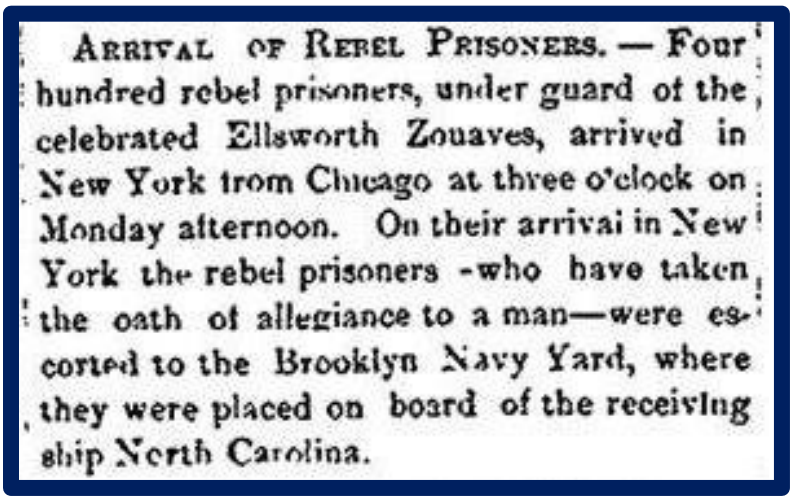
"Frank" Mulford was born in Morristown, Morris County, N.J. c. 1841. Mr. Mulford's last known residence is Newark, Essex County, N.J. where he worked as a Coachman. Enlisting in the United States Navy on September 16, 1863 as a Landsman, he is attached to the U.S.S. North Carolina. Landsman Mulford served aboard the U.S.S. Mary Sanford and "The Home" Relief Ship.
Three friends, Alexander and Hezekiah Bridleman and Frank Mulford, enlisted together.
An excerpt from Francis Mulford's testimony at the pension board:

"I was born in Morristown New Jersey lived there up to my going into the navy in 1863 and knew Hezekiah and his brother Alexander Bridleman and myself left Morristown N.J. and went to the Brooklyn Navy Yard together and enlisted the same day in the U.S.S. North Carolina as Landsmen. I was sent with Hezekiah on the Mary Sanford a transport to Charleston, South Carolina where we were both put on the hospital ship Home…."

Mr. Mulford's death date and burial location are unknown.

The Morristown men who served aboard the North Carolina were in charge of guarding rebel prisoners of war when the ship was used as a temporary prison.

From the Hackettstown Gazette, February 4, 1864:



ARRIVAL OF REBEL PRISONERS. — Four hundred rebel prisoners, under guard of the celebrated Ellsworth Zouaves, arrived in New York from Chicago at three o'clock on Monday afternoon. On their arrival in New York the rebel prisoners -who have taken the oath of allegiance to a man—were escorted to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, where they were placed on board of the receiving ship North Carolina.

John A. Quacko

Private, Co. G, 25th U.S.C.T.

Born in Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania in 1849, John Quacko at the age of about 15, enlisted as a Private in Co. G, 25th Regiment U.S.C.T., serving along with his father, John Quacko, Sr.

John Quacko died in Morristown on January 25, 1909 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.

This excerpt from the Little Bethel Historical Association in Monroe County, Pennsylvania, reflects many of the familiar surnames associated with Morristown's Bethel:

"The A.M.E. structure that stands today was built in 1868 on land purchased by Richard Staples and his wife, Mary Staples, for the sum of $125.00. The parcel was bounded by Analomink Ave. (currently 3rd St.), land owned by Stephen Henry, Public Road (currently N. 5th St.) and land owned by James Ray. It was deeded to Samuel Huff, Ira Huff and John Quago, all mulattos and Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of Stroudsburg."

Reflected in history also is the taking up of arms in the Civil War from this congregation.
On July 23, 2016 Native American and African American soldiers were honored by a plaque at Little Bethel A.M.E..

Private John A. Quacko's name is the last name on the left.

The Ray Family

April 21, 2018 a large gathering that included members of the Ray family came to Morristown, New Jersey to celebrate the life and legacy of Frances Jane Freeman Ray, a co-founder of Bethel A.M.E. Church in Morristown.

Ms. Lynne Smith, the 3rd great granddaughter of Frances Jane Freeman Ray and Frances Jane's husband, Richard L. Ray, had researched her family and discovered links to Morris County.

Here, she found Frances Jane's mother, an enslaved woman named Margaret and recently, discovered Frances Jane's father, Martin Freeman.

Participants at the April 21st event gathered at Evergreen Cemetery in Morristown, where Frances Jane Freeman Ray had been buried in an unmarked grave.

She received a headstone in June, 2018.

Standing near where Frances Jane is buried, Lynne Smith read the obituary of her ancestor. Mentioned in the obituary- Frances Jane Freeman Ray's four of her twelve sons served in the Civil War:

Kemp, Sylvester, Augustine, and Frederick.

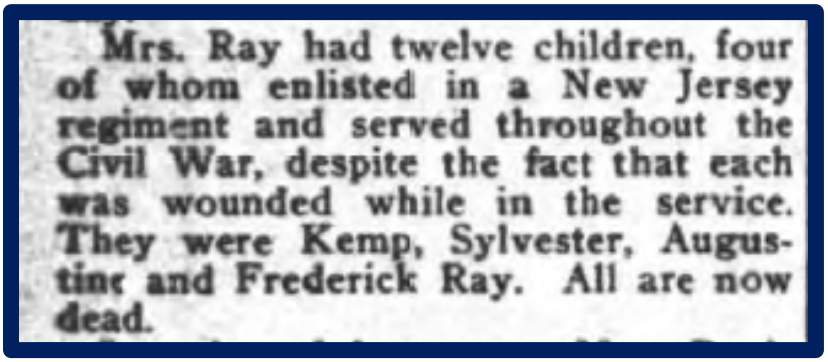
Other Ray relatives gave their sons, as well. The youngsters that represented Frances Jane's 5th great grandchildren, read the names and noted the Civil War veterans.

Part of this celebration of American history included red roses placed on the marked graves of all soldiers and sailors of color buried in Evergreen.
A white rose was placed for those unmarked and unknown.

At the luncheon served later at Bethel, in a very crowded room, the attendees offered a prolonged round of applause for all these Morris County men who gave so much and the women they left behind.

Lynne Smith reading the obituary of Frances Jane Freeman Ray, April 21, 2018.

Photo by Mr. Doug Jenne



Mrs. Ray had twelve children, four of whom enlisted in a New Jersey regiment and served throughout the Civil War, despite the fact that each was wounded while in the service. They were Kemp, Sylvester, Augustine and Frederick Ray. All are now dead.

Excerpt from Frances Jane Ray's obituary, The New York Age, January 23, 1912.

Augustine F. Ray

Private Co. B, 6th Regiment U.S.C.T.

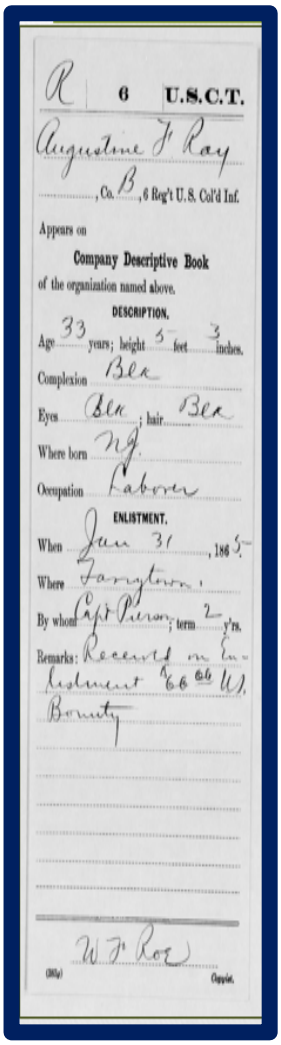
Augustine F. Ray was born in Morristown, New Jersey c. 1843. His last known residence was Manhattan, where he worked as a coachman.

Augustine Ray enlisted at Tarrytown, New York on June 31, 1865; mustered out in North Carolina September 20, 1865. On January 2, 1868, he married Sarah A. Jackson.

Private Augustine Ray died August 10, 1898 in St. Luke's Hospital, Manhattan. His presumed burial location is The Evergreens, Brooklyn. Sarah Ann Jackson Ray died September 3, 1928 she is buried in The Evergreens, Brooklyn, New York.

Sarah Jackson Ray, wife of Augustine.

Private Ray's Children:



R 6 U.S.C.T.

Augustine F Ray

Co. B, 6 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 33 years; height 5 feet 3 inches.

Complexion Blk

Eyes Blk; hair Blk

Where born N.J.

Occupation Laborer

ENLISTMENT.

When Jan 31, 1865.

Where Farmington.

By whom Capt Pierson; term 2 y'rs.

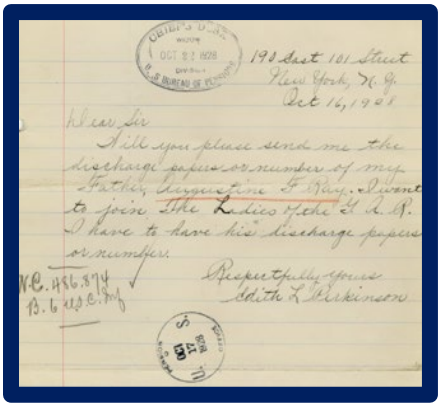
Remarks: Received on Enlistment $66 & U.S. Bounty

W F Roe

(385a) Copyist.

Mrs. Edith Ray Perkinson.

She wrote a letter in 1928 requesting membership in the G.A.R.



Dept. of U.S.A. OCT 22 1928 U.S. Bureau of Pensions

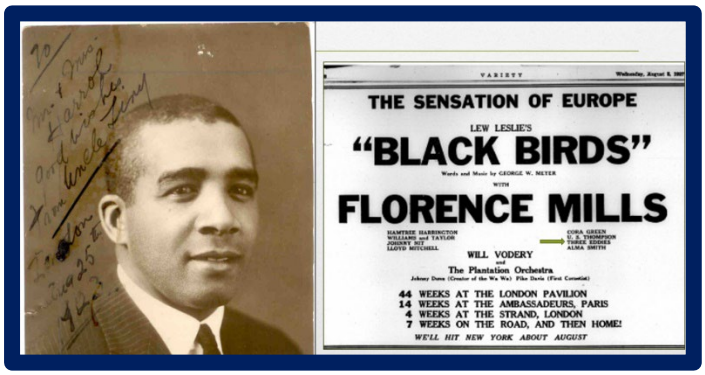
193 East 101 Street
New York, N. Y.
Oct 16, 1928

Dear Sir
Will you please send me the discharge papers or number of my Father, Augustine F Ray. I want to join the Ladies of the G. A. R. I have to have his discharge papers or number.

Respectfully yours
Edith L Perkinson

W.C. 456.874
B.6 U.S.C.Inf

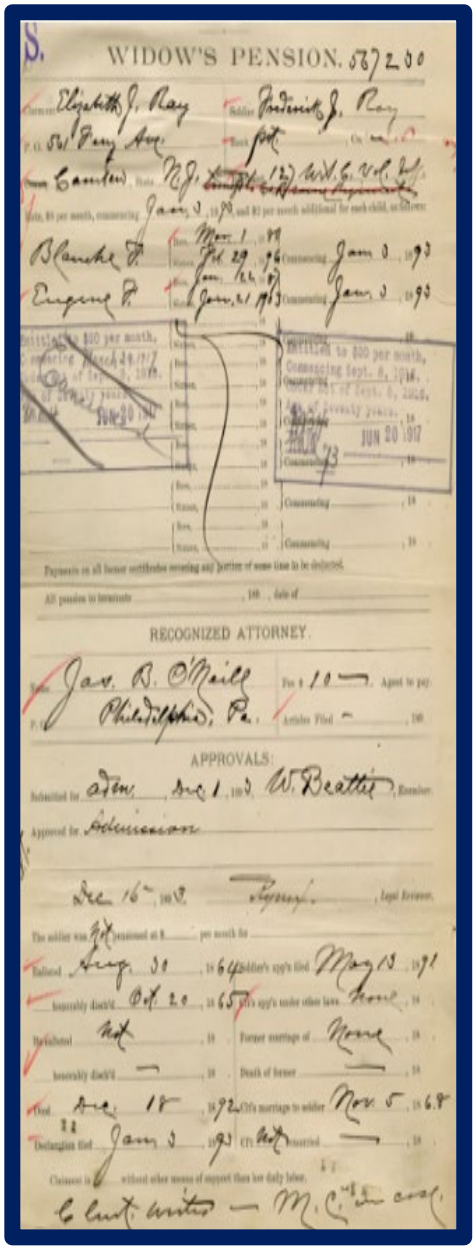
Mr. Earl Ray, affectionately known to the family as "Uncle Tiny", Vaudeville Star.



Frederick Johnson Ray

Brigade Band, 127th Regiment

Frederick Johnson Ray died December 18, 1892 and was buried in Johnson Cemetery, Camden New Jersey.



WIDOW'S PENSION. 587200

Elizabeth J. Ray — Frederick J. Ray

Camden, N.J. — Co. K, 127th N.J. Vol. Inf.

Blanche F. — Mar. 1, 1888 — Jan. 2, 1893

Eugene P. — Jan. 21, 1893 — Jan. 2, 1893

RECOGNIZED ATTORNEY.

Jas. B. O'Neill — Philadelphia, Pa.

APPROVALS:

Dec. 1, 1893 — W. Beattie

Dec. 16, 1893

Enlisted Aug. 30, 1864 — Soldier's app'n filed May 18, 1891

Honorably disch'd Oct. 20, 1865 — Div's app'n under other laws None

Married Not — Former marriage of None

Died Dec. 18, 1892 — Div's marriage to soldier Nov. 5, 1868

Declaration filed Jan. 2, 1893 — Div. Not married

Claimant is without other means of support than her daily labor.

Clmt. writes — M.C. on file

MILITARY SERVICE.

NAME OF SOLDIER: Samuel J. Ray

Co. K, 127th N.J. Vol. Inf.

No. 339635 Aug. 19 Mar.

Bureau of Pensions, Aug. 20 1891

Aug. 30 Corp. Mar. 13 Mar. 1865

Mar. Chicago Ill. Oct. 20 1865

No. of prior claim

The War Department will please furnish an official statement in this case, showing date of enrollment and date and mode of termination of service.

Very respectfully, Geo. B. Rawn, Commissioner

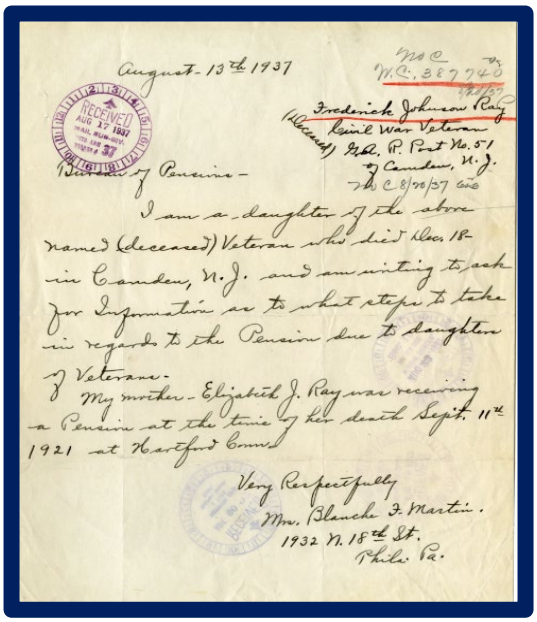
War Department, Record and Pension Division,

AUG 20 1891

Respectfully returned to the COMMISSIONER OF PENSIONS.

It appears that Frederick J. Ray mentioned in the preceding report, was enrolled Aug. 30 and died Oct. 20

By authority of the Secretary of War: W. C. Alvord, Captain and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army



August 13th 1937

M.C. 387740

Frederick Johnson Ray, Civil War Veteran, Co. K, 127th Regt. N.J. Vol. Inf., Post No. 51, of Camden, N.J.

Bureau of Pensions —

I am a daughter of the above named (deceased) Veteran who died Dec. 18 in Camden, N.J. and am writing to ask for information as to what steps to take in regards to the Pension due to daughter of Veteran.

My mother - Elizabeth J. Ray was receiving a Pension at the time of her death Sept. 11th 1921 at Hartford Conn.

Very Respectfully, Mrs. Blanche F. Martin. 1932 N. 18th St. Phila. Pa.

Frederick Ray's daughter, Mrs. Blanche F. Martin, inquired about her father's pension in 1937.

George Augustus Ray

Co's. B and E, 124th, U.S.C.T.

George Ray was born May 20, 1842 in Morristown, New Jersey.

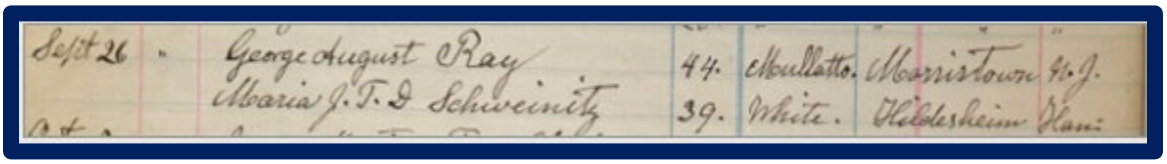
His last known residence was New York, New York.

Mr. Ray's enlistment date, discharge date and rank remain unknown, at present.

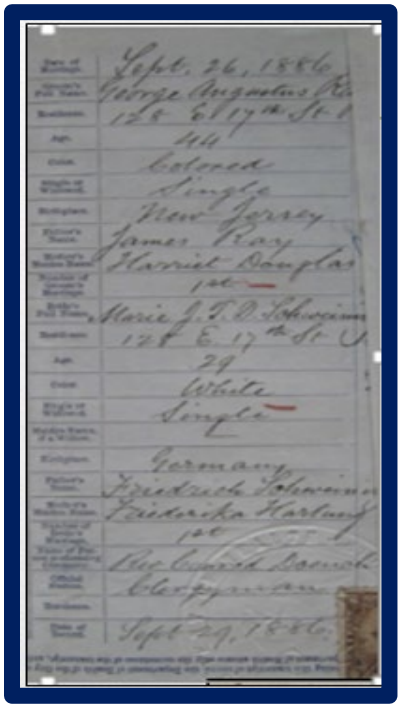
After the war, George Ray married a German woman named Maria Schweinitz in 1886.

George Ray died October 23, 1900 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown, New Jersey.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Maria Ray returned to Germany and requested her widow's pension to be forwarded.



Sept 26	George August Ray	44.	Mulatto.	Morristown	N.J.
	Maria J. T. D. Schweinitz	39.	White.	Hildesheim	Germ:

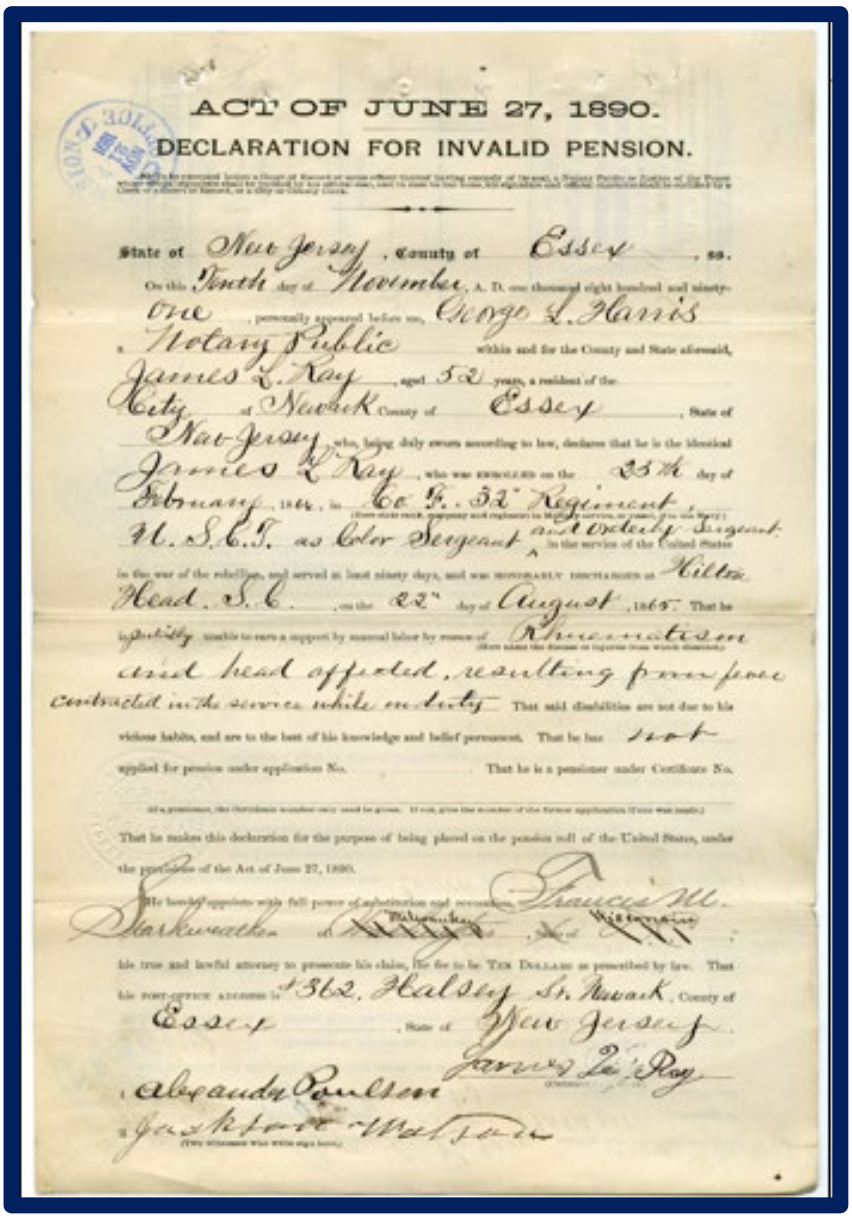


Date of Marriage	Sept. 26, 1886
Groom's Full Name	George Augustus Ra
Residence	128 E 17th St N
Age	44
Color	Colored
Single or Widower	Single
Birthplace	New Jersey
Father's Name	James Ray
Mother's Maiden Name	Harriet Douglas
Number of Groom's Marriage	1st
Bride's Full Name	Maria J. T. D. Schweinitz
Residence	128 E. 17th St N
Age	29
Color	White
Single or Widower	Single
Birthplace	Germany
Father's Name	Friedrich Schweinitz
Mother's Maiden Name	Friderika Hartung
Number of Bride's Marriage	1st
Place of Ceremony, Name of Church or Congregation	Ric Church Bonwick
Official Station	Clergyman
Residence	
Date of Return of Certificate	Sept 29, 1886.

James L. Ray

Sergeant Major, Co. F, 32nd U.S.C.T.

The son of Abraham and Malinda Ray (nee' Douglas) James L. was born c. 1833 in Sussex County, New Jersey.



ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.

DECLARATION FOR INVALID PENSION.

State of New Jersey, County of Essex, ss.

On this Tenth day of November, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, personally appeared before me, George L. Harris a Notary Public within and for the County and State aforesaid, James L. Ray, aged 52 years, a resident of the City of Newark County of Essex, State of New Jersey who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical James L. Ray, who was ENROLLED on the 23th day of February, 1863, in Co. F. 32 Regiment (Here state rank, company and regiment in which enlisted or served, or name of vessel, if in the Navy.) U. S. C. T. as Color Sergeant and Orderly Sergeant in the service of the United States in the war of the rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was HONORABLY DISCHARGED at Hilton Head, S. C. on the 22 day of August, 1865. That he is partially unable to earn a support by manual labor by reason of Rheumatism and head affected, resulting from fever contracted in the service while on duty. That said disabilities are not due to his vicious habits, and are to the best of his knowledge and belief permanent. That he has not applied for pension under application No. That he is a pensioner under Certificate No.

(If a pensioner, the Certificate number must be given. If not, give the number of the former application if one was made.)

That he makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the United States, under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890.

He hereby appoints with full power of substitution and revocation Frances M. Starkweather of Milwaukee, State of Wisconsin, his true and lawful attorney to prosecute his claim, his fee to be TEN DOLLARS as prescribed by law. That his POST-OFFICE ADDRESS is #362 Halsey St. Newark, County of Essex, State of New Jersey.

James L. Ray

1. Alexander Poulson

2. Jeskiah Watson

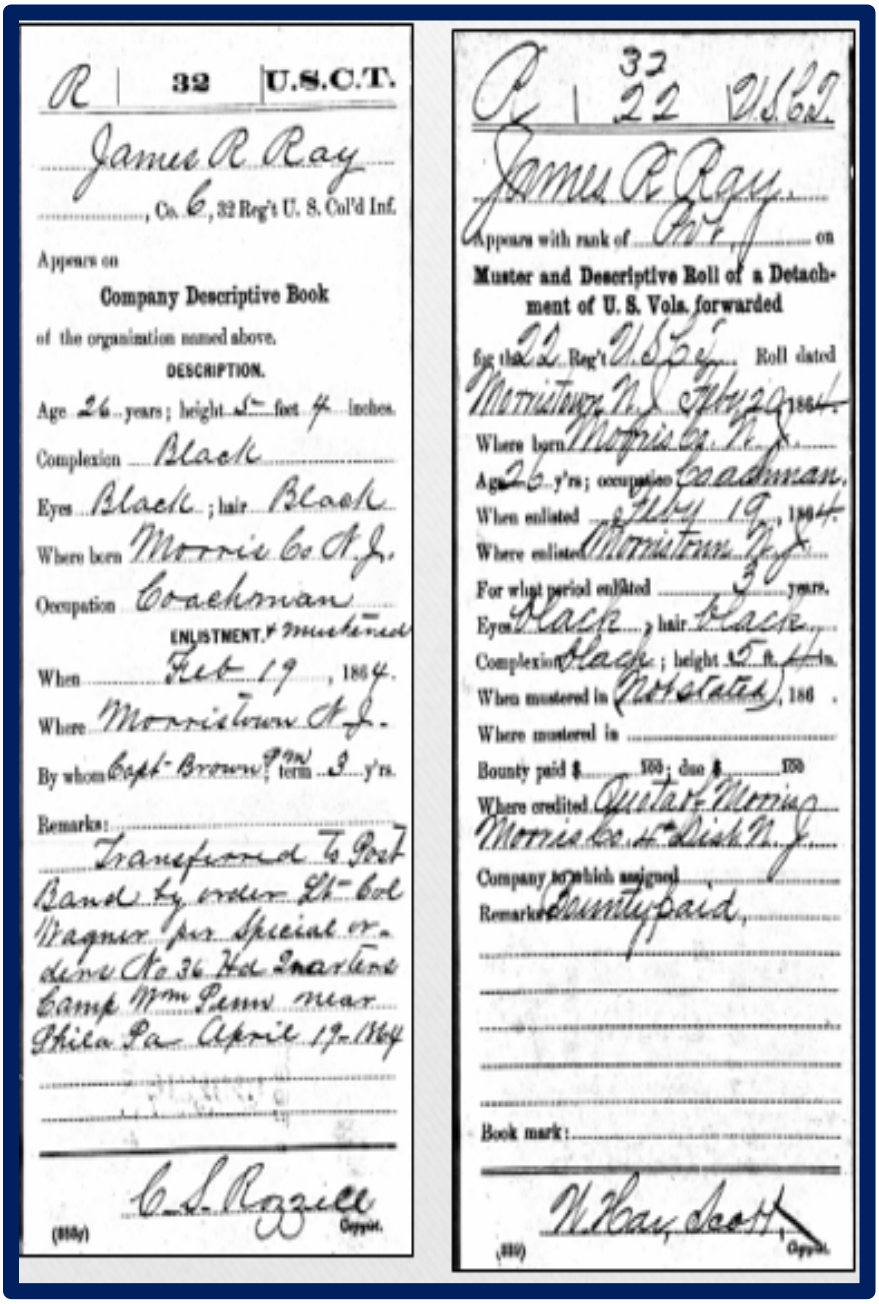
(Two witnesses who write sign here.)

James Robert Ray

Sergeant, Co. C, 32nd U.S.C.T.

Born c. 1838, Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey.

James R. Ray died July 14, 1897 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown, New Jersey.



R | 32 | U.S.C.T.

James R Ray, Co. C, 32 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 26 years; height 5 feet 4 inches.

Complexion Black

Eyes Black; hair Black

Where born Morris Co N. J.

Occupation Coachman

ENLISTMENT. * mustered

When Feb 19, 1864.

Where Morristown N. J.

By whom Capt Brown? 9 mo term 3 y'rs.

Remarks: Transferred to Post Band by order Lt Col Wagner per Special order No 36 Hd Quarters Camp Mm Penn near Phila Pa April 17 1864

C. S. Rozell Copyist.

R | 32 22 USCT

James R Ray

Appears with rank of Pvt on

Muster and Descriptive Roll of a Detachment of U. S. Vols. forwarded

for the 22 Reg't U.S.C.T. Roll dated Morristown N J Feby 20 1864

Where born Morris Co. N. J.

Age 26 y'rs; occupation Coachman.

When enlisted Feby 19, 1864

Where enlisted Morristown N J

For what period enlisted 3 years.

Eyes Black, hair Black

Complexion Black; height 5 ft 4 in.

When mustered in (not stated), 186 .

Where mustered in

Bounty paid $ 100; due $ 100

Where credited Gustav Mering Morris Co 1st Dist N. J.

Company to which assigned

Remarks: Bounty paid.

Book mark:

W Hay Scott Copyist.

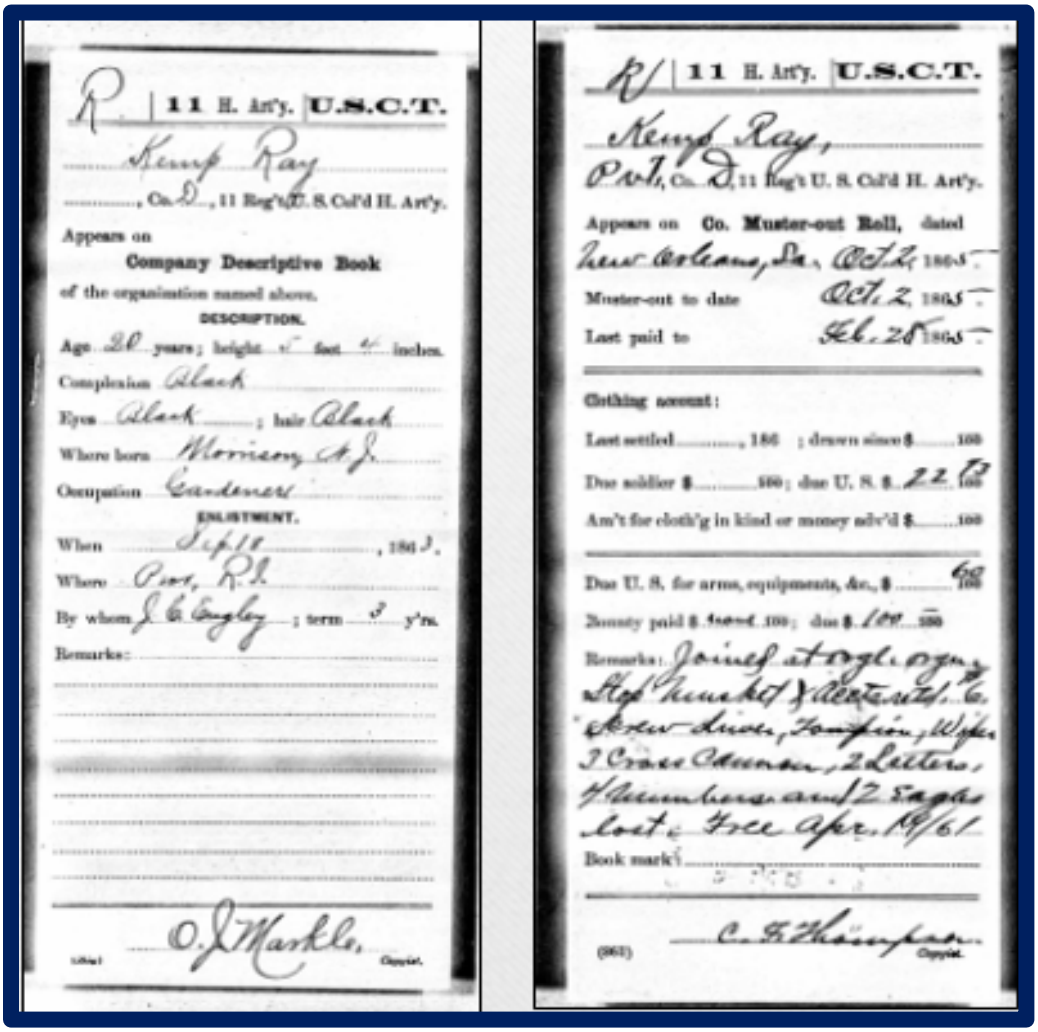
Kemp Ray

Private, Co. D, 11th Regiment Heavy Artillery, U.S.C.T.

Kemp Ray was born in Morristown, New Jersey in December of 1845.

The Private's last known residence was the United States National Soldiers and Sailors Home in Dayton, Ohio, where he died November 13, 1900.

Private Kemp Ray is buried in Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.



R | 11 H. Art'y. U.S.C.T.

Kemp Ray

, Co. D, 11 Reg't U. S. Col'd H. Art'y.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 20 years; height 5 feet 4 inches.

Complexion Black

Eyes Black; hair Black

Where born Morrison, N. J.

Occupation Gardener

ENLISTMENT.

When Sep 18, 1863.

Where Prov, R. I.

By whom J. C. Engley; term 3 y'rs.

Remarks:

O. J. Markle, Capt.

R | 11 H. Art'y. U.S.C.T.

Kemp Ray,

Pvt., Co. D, 11 Reg't U. S. Col'd H. Art'y.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated New Orleans, La., Oct. 2, 1865.

Muster-out to date Oct. 2, 1865.

Last paid to Feb. 28, 1865.

Clothing account:

Last settled ....., 186 ; drawn since $ 100

Due soldier $ ..... 100; due U. S. $ 22 72/100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd $ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., $ 62/100

Bounty paid $ 100; due $ 100/100

Remarks: Joined at regt. organ. Hospital Steward, Co. Screw driver, Tompkin, Wiper, 3 Cross Cannon, 2 Letters, 4 Numbers and 2 Eagles lost. Free Apr. 19/61

Book mark'd

C. F. Thompson, Capt.

Moses B. Ray

Chief Musician Co. G, 2nd U.S.C.T.

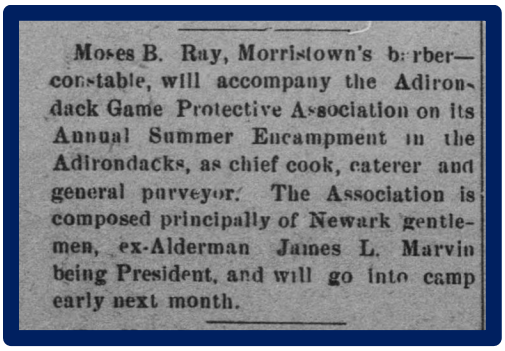
Moses B. Ray was born in New Jersey, c. 1837. His last known residence Dover, Morris County, New Jersey.

Moses Ray enlisted July 14, 1863 in Whitehall, New York and undertook what is arguably the most dangerous duty other than picket-he was a musician.

Confederates referred to sniper fire at musicians as “Picking a tune”. When a unit lost its musician, orders for “Advance” or “Retreat” were more difficult to relay without drum beat, bugle, etc..

After the war, Mr. Ray resided in Dover, Morris County, New Jersey where he operated a barbershop.

An article from The Morris County Chronicle, June 23, 1888 gives us a glimpse of his life:



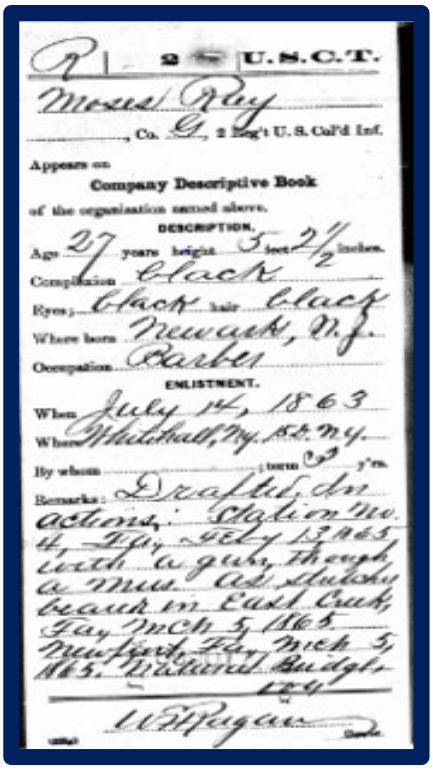
Moses B. Ray, Morristown's barber—constable, will accompany the Adirondack Game Protective Association on its Annual Summer Encampment in the Adirondacks, as chief cook, caterer and general purveyor. The Association is composed principally of Newark gentlemen, ex-Alderman James L. Marvin being President, and will go into camp early next month.

On April 16, 1891, Moses B. Ray died in his shop after enjoying his favorite past time:

Trout fishing.

He is buried in the Orchard Street Cemetery, Dover, Morris County, New Jersey.

Dover Iron Era, April 17, 1891:



R | 2 U.S.C.T.

Moses Ray

Co. G, 2 Reg't U. S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on

Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 27 years height 5 feet 2½ inches.

Complexion Black

Eyes Black hair Black

Where born Newark, N.J.

Occupation Barber

ENLISTMENT.

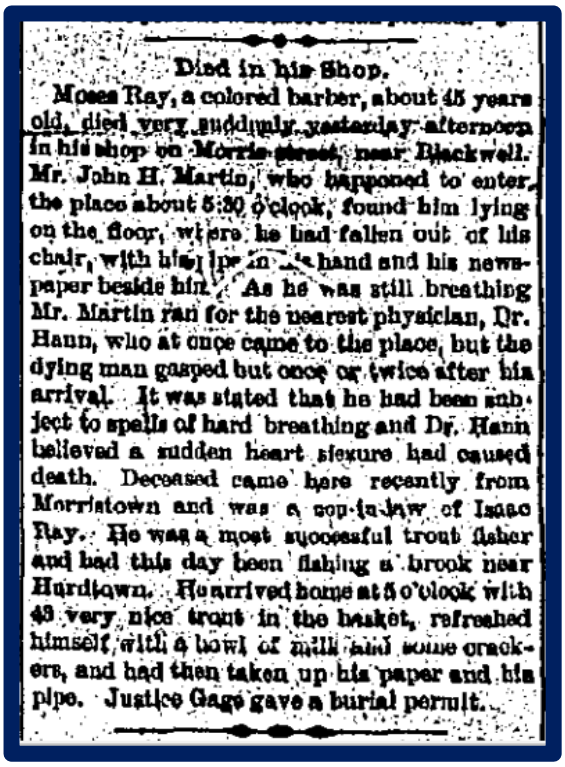
When July 14, 1863

Where Whitehall, N.Y.

By whom ..... term 3 yrs.

Remarks: Drafted, In actions: Station No. 4, Feb 13 1865 with a gun, though a mus. As sutler back in East Creek, Feb Mch 5 1865. Newark Feb Mch 5, 1865. Mustered Budgh 1864

W H Pegan



Died in his Shop.

Moses Ray, a colored barber, about 45 years old, died very suddenly yesterday afternoon in his shop on Morris street, near Blackwell. Mr. John H. Martin, who happened to enter the place about 5:30 o'clock, found him lying on the floor, where he had fallen out of his chair, with his pipe in his hand and his newspaper beside him. As he was still breathing Mr. Martin ran for the nearest physician, Dr. Hann, who at once came to the place, but the dying man gasped but once or twice after his arrival. It was stated that he had been subject to spells of hard breathing and Dr. Hann believed a sudden heart stexure had caused death. Deceased came here recently from Morristown and was a son-in-law of Isaac Ray. He was a most successful trout fisher and had this day been fishing a brook near Hurdtown. He arrived home at 5 o'clock with 43 very nice trout in the basket, refreshed himself with a bowl of milk and some crackers, and had then taken up his paper and his pipe. Justice Gage gave a burial permit.

Mr. Ray's estate was disposed of at sale on May 12, 1891:

ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

The subscriber administrator of the estate of Moses B. Ray, dec'd, will sell at the shop near the corner of Morris and Blackwell Sts., Dover, on

TUESDAY, MAY 12th,

at 4 o'clock, P. M., all his BARBER SHOP IMPLEMENTS and fixtures, including Barber Chairs, Rocking Chair, Stand, Looking Glass, Razors, Cups, Bottles, Stove, Writing Desk, Books, nice Cup Rack, Barber Pole, etc. Also ONE BAY HORSE, 2 WAGONS, Set Harness, Buffalo Robe and many other articles.

WM. W. HILL,
Administrator.

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Dover Iron Era, May 8, 1891

The Moses B. Ray family history of service

Clarence B. Byers, Jr. Dover United States Army, WWII

https://planning.morriscountynj.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/The-Greatest-Generation.pdf

Thank you, Mr. Dell Henry, for providing the photo of your uncle, Clarence B. Byers, Jr.

Mr. Henry has been researching his family for six years. The research has led him to his Great-Great grandfather, Civil War veteran, Moses B. Ray of the United States Colored Troops. Both Clarence B. Byers, Jr. and Moses B. Ray are buried in Orchard Street Cemetery, Dover, New Jersey.

Sylvester W. Ray

United States Navy

Sylvester Ray was born June of 1842 in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey. He enlisted in the Navy on September 16, 1863, in New York as a Landsman. Description on enlistment: Dark mulatto, Black hair, Dark eyes, scar on left cheek and 5’ 2” tall.

He was attached to the “Princeton” and “Racer”.

After the war, Landsman Ray made his home in Boston, where he worked as a janitor.

Mr. Ray was admitted to the Soldiers Home in Massachusetts March 29, 1901 and died on April 16.

Landsman Sylvester Ray is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery, Chelsea, Suffolk County, Massachusetts.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PENSION DEPARTMENT.

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON.

DECLARATION FOR WIDOW'S PENSION.

Widow’s pension application for Sylvester’s widow, Jennie White.

Jacob V. Saddler

Sergeant Major, Co. A, 41st U.S.C.T.

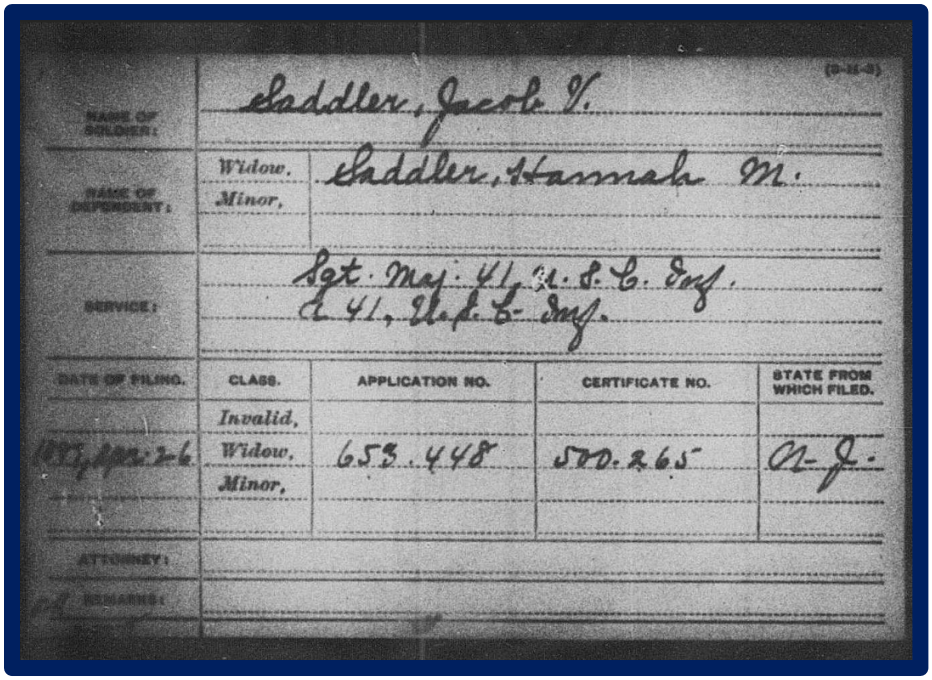
Mr. Saddler enlisted on September 5, 1864 and promoted to Sergeant Major in January of 1865.

Born in New York c. 1835, Mr. Saddler (sometimes spelled Sadler) appears to have spent many years in Morris County. In 1870, he is in Hanover Township, working as a Farmer, in 1880, he lived on South Street, working as a “laborer”.

Jacob Saddler died March 12, 1897 while working as a “Gas Gauger” in Manhattan.

He was returned to Morristown and buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Hannah Saddler, his wife, died October 11, 1902.



NAME OF SOLDIER:	Saddler, Jacob V.			
NAME OF DEPENDENT:	Widow, Minor,	Saddler, Hannah M.		
SERVICE:	Sgt. Maj. 41, U.S.C.T. Inf. Co. 41, U.S.C.T. Inf.			
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1897, Apr. 2-6	Invalid, Widow, Minor,	653.448	500.265	N. J.
ATTORNEY:				
REMARKS:				

Charles “Tulley” Schuyler

Private, Cook, Co. K, 1st NJ Inf.

Charles Schuyler was born enslaved, New Jersey, about 1833.

He lived in the Pompton Plains section of Pequannock, Morris County, N.J..

Enlisting as a cook, in the New Jersey 1st Infantry, “Tulley”, as he was known, was shot by Confederate Calvary forces in the neck and shoulder-even after his surrender- during the Second Battle of the Wilderness, Virginia. He was left for dead in the woods.

Private Schuyler survived his wounds and eleven months in a Confederate prison.

“Tulley” returned home to Pequannock and became a member of “The Bloomingdale Cornet Band”, formed in 1884, performing on the kettle drum.

The Bloomingdale Coronet Band remains in existence as New Jersey’s oldest coronet band.

Serving as a sexton of the First Reformed Church of Pompton Plains, Mr. Schuyler died in 1898 and was buried without a marker in the Pompton Plains Reformed Church Cemetery.

His band mates played a concert in tribute to “Tulley” at the cemetery.

In 2011, Private Charles Schuyler was honored with a military stone.

The ceremony included a concert given by The Bloomingdale Cornet Band.

Thank you, Edward Engelbart, Pequannock Township historian, for his research into the life of Private Charles Schuyler.

Jeptha M. Showery

Private, Co. H, 127th U.S.C.T.

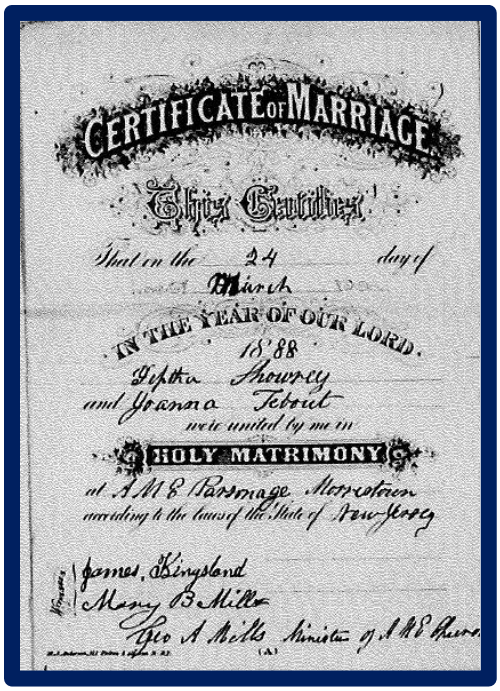
Born in New Jersey c. 1832, his last residence was Morristown, working as a Laborer.

Jeptha enlisted on August 29, 1864 as a Private in Co. H, 127th U.S.C.T.

He married Johanna Tebout March 24, 1888 in the Bethel parsonage.

Fellow veteran James Kingsland served as a witness at the wedding officiated by George A. Mills, Minister of A.M.E. Church.

Jeptha Showery died September 13, 1896 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.



CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE

This Certifies

That on the 24 day of March

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 18'88

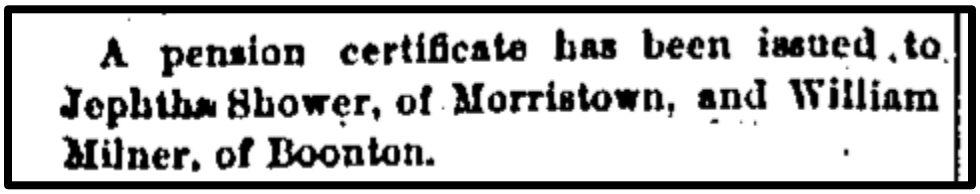
Jeptha Showery and Joanna Tebout were united by me in

HOLY MATRIMONY

at A.M.E. Parsonage Morristown according to the laws of the State of New Jersey

James Kingsland
Mary B. Mills
Geo A. Mills Minister of A.M.E. Church

The Boonton Weekly Bulletin , November 21, 1889 edition announces Mr. Showery received a pension.



A pension certificate has been issued to Jephtha Shower, of Morristown, and William Milner, of Boonton.

Simeon V. Showery

Private, Co. C, 32nd U.S.C.T.

Born in Boonton, c. 1829, Boonton remained Mr. Showery's home, working as a Teamster.

Mr. Showery was described as born in "Old Boonton".
The village was flooded in 1903 and is now under the Jersey City Reservoir.

Mr. Showery marries Miss Elizabeth Wrights, of Jersey City on January 1, 1862 in Boonton, officiated by Rev. Daniel E. Megie.

In 1899, Mr. Showery was noted as having assisted in preparations for a "Colored Jubilee", allowing a temporary shelter to be built on his land:

This will no doubt be the largest religious demonstration ever held by the colored people in Boonton, and although they shall contend for quiet and observant order, yet at the same time will have a glorious and old-time jubilee in the wilderness. The date of the commencing of the meeting cannot be determined on, and will depend largely on the time it takes to complete the building and the promptness of the people in responding to the call for help. The time of beginning will be fixed definitely by the Presiding Elder, who is expected later. The arrangements are being made by J. Lason Huff, assisted by Simeon Showery, Leonas Bow, Mahlon Showery, A. D. Oliver, David Showery, J. P. Lindsley and Rev. J. W. Holmes.

A Colored Jubilee.

The colored people of Boonton, Passaic, Whippany and Troy Hills, are preparing for a grand religious jubilee. The occasion will be the founding of, and receiving into the colored Methodist church, a class of colored Christians now led by A. D. Oliver, at Troy Hills. The meeting will be held near Boonton, in a new pavilion, which will be erected for the purpose on the ground of Simeon Showery, near his house, just off the main road between Boonton and Taylortown. The building will be a structure sufficiently large to accommodate all who desire to attend; and notwithstanding its being but a temporary structure, it will be well heated and made comfortable should the weather prove stormy and cold. Presiding Elder Rev. J. H. King will conduct this service, after which a six days jubilee will begin.

A band of well trained jubilee singers will be one of the lively features. A number of the most prominent colored clergymen will be in regular attendance during the meetings, among them the following: The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. H. King, of New Brunswick, N. J.; Rev. M. J. Pondexter, D. D., of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. S. Sanford Ray, of New Bedford, Mass.; Rev. L. S. Storts, of Madison, N. J.; Rev. R. W. Johnson, Mrs. Louisa Jones, the well known clerical sister, and others. Everybody welcome; come help us serve the Lord.

The Boonton Weekly Bulletin, October 10, 1899

Simeon Showery died December 12, 1903 and is buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Boonton, Morris County, New Jersey.

Simeon Showery, an aged colored man, long a resident of Boonton, died of pneumonia, Saturday, after an illness of nine days. The deceased was highly respected by the citizens of Boonton and vicinity, among whom he has lived so long. The funeral took place from the Boonton M. E. church, Tuesday afternoon, and was largely attended. Rev. J. B. Taylor officiated. John Hill Post, No. 86, G. A. R., attended, and the deceased was buried with military honors. A squad of the Sons of Veterans, of Paterson, came from Paterson to assist John Hill Post by firing a volley over the grave of Veteran Showery, in Greenwood Cemetery.

Boonton Weekly Bulletin, December 17, 1903

William Sisco

Private, Co. H, 127nd U.S.C.T.

Virtually nothing is known of Mr. Sisco's life.

As is the case with many, one document is the only evidence of a person's existence.

CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

Sept 28th 1864.

This Certifies, That William Sisco
of Pennsylvania County, State of New Jersey
was mustered into the service of the United States, a Private
in Company H, One Hundred and Twenty-Seventh Regiment U. S. Colored Troops,
on the 8th day of August 1864, to serve
for three years or during the war.

Joseph Rydelwitz
Capt. Commanding Company.

James Grim Jr Col
Commanding Regiment.

What is thought to be the last remaining battle flag of a U.S.C.T. regiment from the Civil War is one that belonged to the 127th.

The flag was painted by black Philadelphia artist David Bustill Bowser, who painted all the flags for the 12 Black regiments that came out of Camp William Penn.

The 6 by 6 1/2 foot silk flag began restoration in July, 2017.

Pieces of the flag are missing, as the soldiers cut squares out as mementos.

These spaces will be left void.

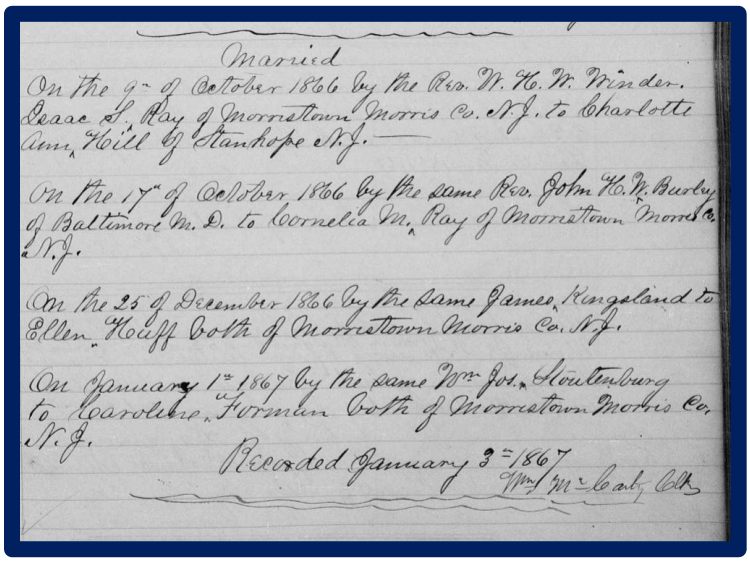
Thank you, United States Colored Troops Headstone project (Facebook site) for posting the article from the Philadelphia Tribune, July 21, 2017.

William Joseph Stoutenburg

Private, Co. F, 32nd U.S.C.T.

Place and date of birth unknown. "Joseph's" (as he went by) last known residence was Morristown. Mr. Stoutenburg enlisted into the United States Colored Troops on February 20, 1864.

Discharged August 22, 1864. On January 1, 1867 he marries Caroline Furman. Joseph Stoutenburg died prior to July 7, 1890, when Caroline filed for a widow's pension. His burial place is unknown



Married

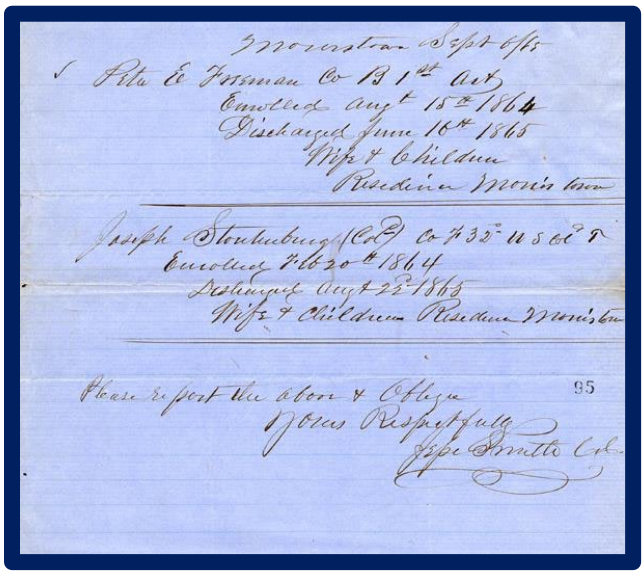
On the 9th of October 1866 by the Rev. W. H. W. Winder. Isaac S. Ray of Morristown Morris Co. N.J. to Charlotte Ann Hill of Stanhope N.J.

On the 17th of October 1866 by the same Rev. John H. W. Burby of Baltimore M. D. to Cornelia M. Ray of Morristown Morris Co. N.J.

On the 25 of December 1866 by the same James Kingsland to Ellen Haff both of Morristown Morris Co. N.J.

On January 1st 1867 by the same Wm Jos. Stoutenburg to Caroline Furman both of Morristown Morris Co. N.J.

Recorded January 3rd 1867
Wm McCarty Clk



Morristown Sept 6th 65

✓ Pitt E Furman Co B 1st Art
Enrolled Augt 15th 1864
Discharged June 16th 1865
Wife & Children
Residence Morristown

Joseph Stoutenburg (Colored) Co F 32d U S C T
Enrolled Feb 20th 1864
Discharged Augt 22d 1865
Wife & Children Residence Morristown

Please report the above & oblige
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Yours Respectfully
Geo Smith Clk

Alfred W. Thomas

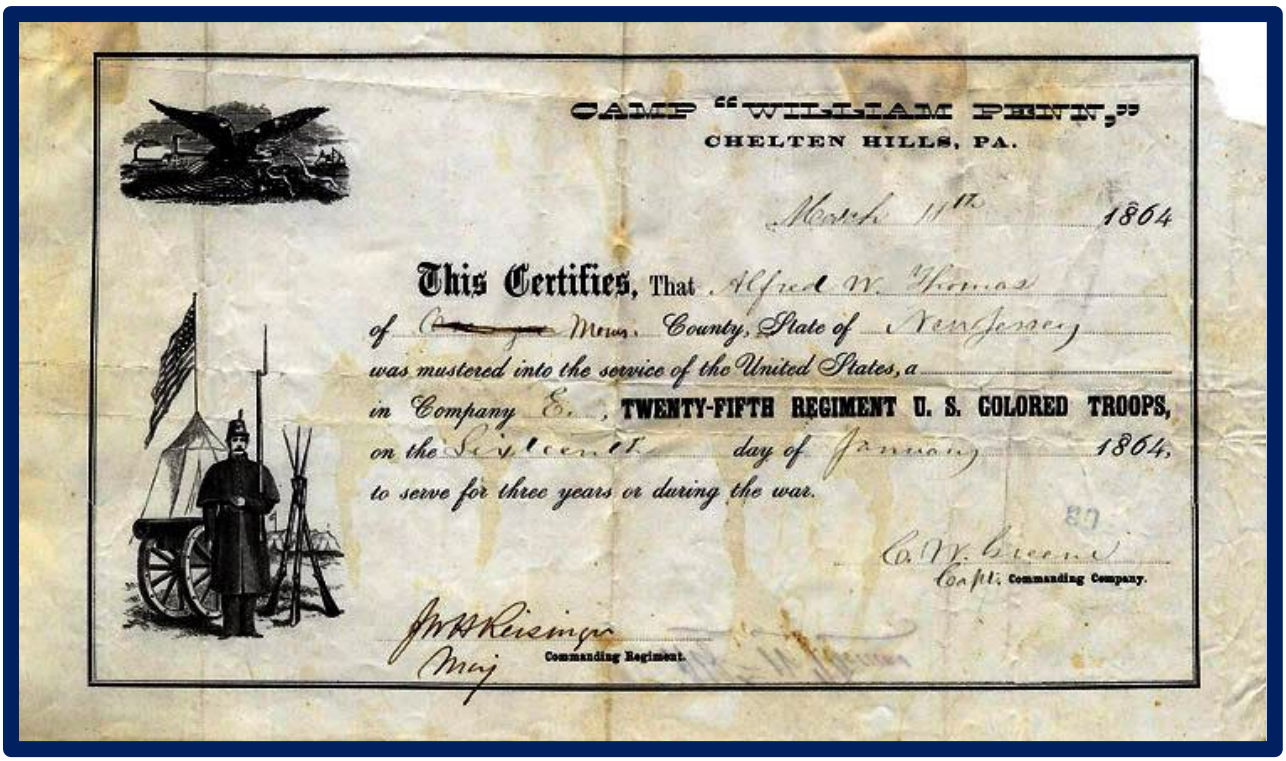
Private, Co. E, 25th U.S.C.T.

Born in Loudon County, Virginia c. 1809, Mr. Thomas's last known residence was Mendham, Morris County, N.J., working as a farm laborer in 1880.

On February 20, 1864, at about the age of fifty-five years old, he enlisted as a Private in Co. E, 25th U.S.C.T..

Private Thomas was discharged for disability June 8, 1865 from Ft. Pickens, Florida.

Mr. Thomas's death date and burial location are unknown.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

March 11th 1864

This Certifies, That Alfred W. Thomas
of Morris County, State of New Jersey
was mustered into the service of the United States, a
in Company E, **TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT U. S. COLORED TROOPS,**
on the Seventeenth day of January 1864,
to serve for three years or during the war.

C. W. Greene
Capt. Commanding Company.

J. W. Reisinger
Maj Commanding Regiment.

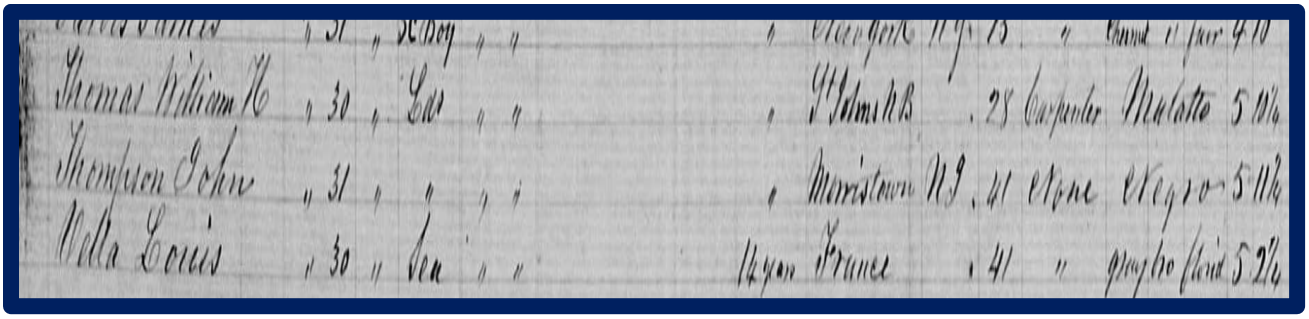
John Thompson

United States Navy

Born in Morristown about 1820. Last known residence was New York.

Mr. Thompson enlisted as a Landsman in the United States Navy December 31, 1861 and was attached to the U.S.S. Susquehanna.

Mr. Thompson's death date and burial location are unknown.



Civil War enlistment registers are a wealth of information, providing occupation, birth state, height, scars and tattoos. Mr. Thompson was tall for the time standing at 5' 11".

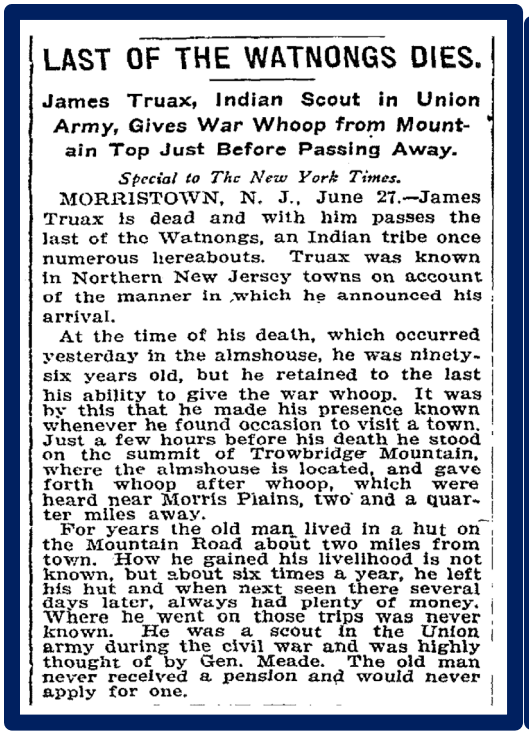
By casual observation of Naval enlistments of the period, a tattoo described as "Goddess of Liberty" is found many times on sailors of the era.

Tattoos were noted and kept track of as they served more than personal decorations.
Tattoos were used as an early "Dog tag" to identify a sailor's body-perhaps distorted if left in water.

James T. Truax

Private, Co. H, 32nd U.S.C.T.

Native-American



LAST OF THE WATNONGS DIES.

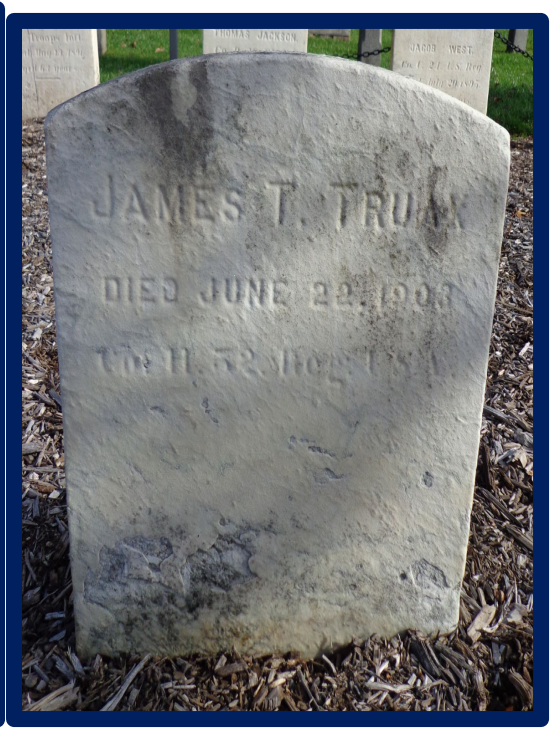
James Truax, Indian Scout in Union Army, Gives War Whoop from Mountain Top Just Before Passing Away.

Special to The New York Times.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., June 27.—James Truax is dead and with him passes the last of the Watnongs, an Indian tribe once numerous hereabouts. Truax was known in Northern New Jersey towns on account of the manner in which he announced his arrival.

At the time of his death, which occurred yesterday in the almshouse, he was ninety-six years old, but he retained to the last his ability to give the war whoop. It was by this that he made his presence known whenever he found occasion to visit a town. Just a few hours before his death he stood on the summit of Trowbridge Mountain, where the almshouse is located, and gave forth whoop after whoop, which were heard near Morris Plains, two and a quarter miles away.

For years the old man lived in a hut on the Mountain Road about two miles from town. How he gained his livelihood is not known, but about six times a year, he left his hut and when next seen there several days later, always had plenty of money. Where he went on those trips was never known. He was a scout in the Union army during the civil war and was highly thought of by Gen. Meade. The old man never received a pension and would never apply for one.



New York Times, June 28, 1903

According to Ms. Lynne Smith (descendant of the Ray family in Morristown), a Walloon family surnamed De Triux came to New Amsterdam from Leyden, Antwerp and Amsterdam in the late 1600s.

In some instances, their name evolved into the surname Truax in America.

Thank you, Ms. Lynne Smith.

John M. Webster

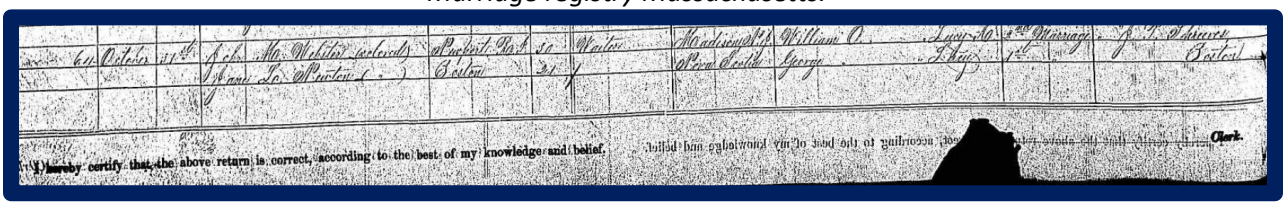
United States Navy

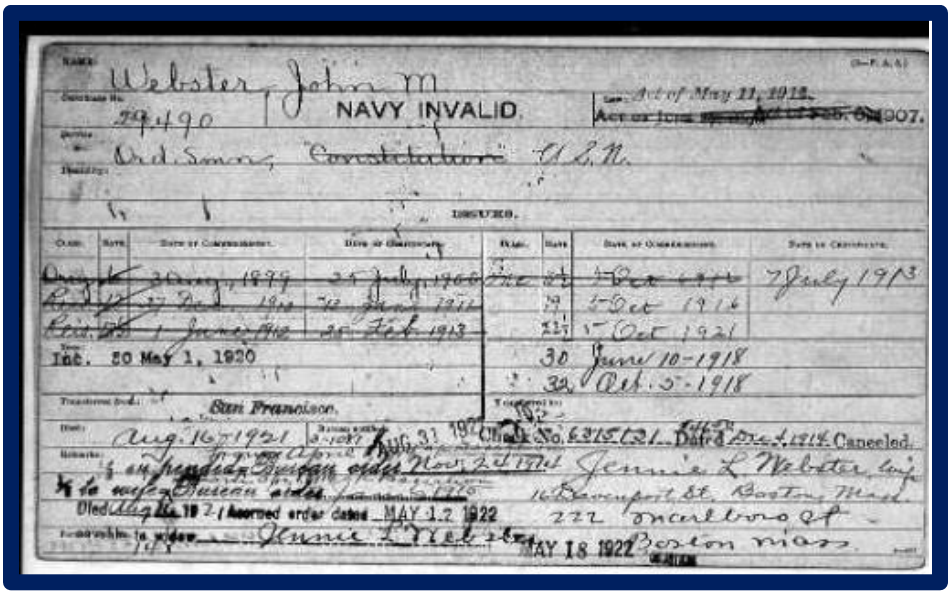
Mr. Webster was born in Madison, Morris County, New Jersey about 1840. On October 25, 1864, he enlisted at Newport into the United States Navy.

Attached to the U.S.S. Constitution as a Landsman, after discharge, Mr. Webster settled in Massachusetts. On October 31, 1872, he married a woman named Jane L. "Jennie" Newton in New Jersey according to some sources, Nova Scotia according to the marriage registry).

According to Jennie's widow's pension payment card, Mr. Webster died August 16, 1921.
Mr. Webster's burial place is unknown.

Marriage registry Massachusetts.





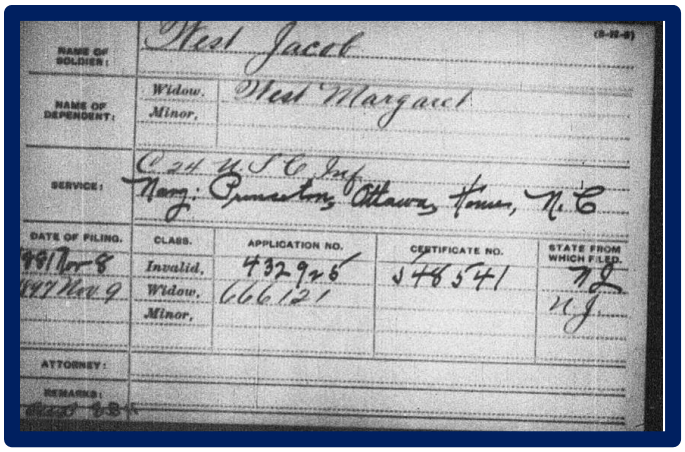
Jacob West

United States Navy

Private, Co. C, 24th U.S.C.T.

Born in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey c. 1831, Mr. West remained in Morristown, working as a Laborer. Mr. West enlisted as a Private in the U.S.C.T. on September 30, 1863, Co. C, 24th Infantry.
Jacob West served as a Superintendent of the Bethel Sunday School.
He died in Morristown on July 20, 1895 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

On his wife Margaret's (maiden name Thompson) Widow's pension, he is listed as having additional service in the Navy.



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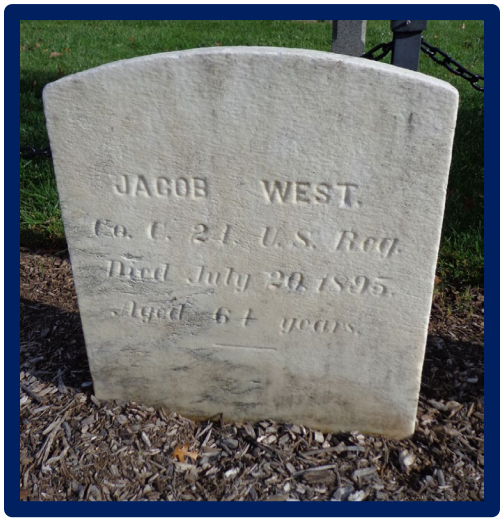


Thomas White

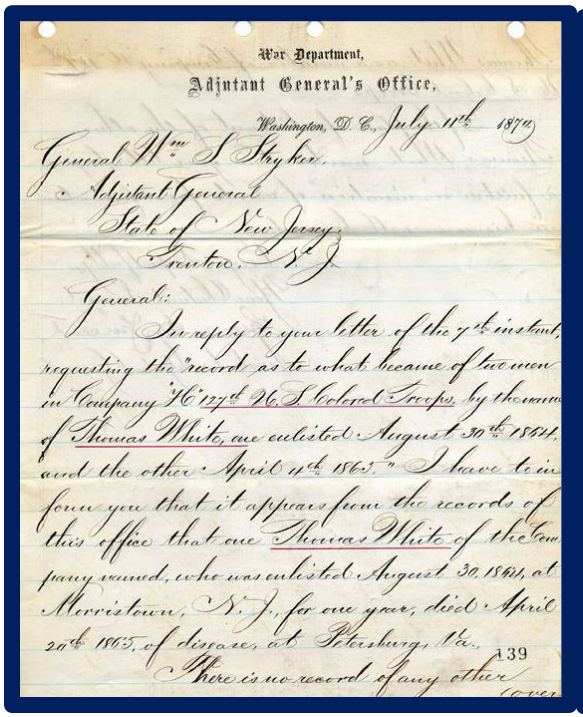
Private, Co. H, 127th U.S.C.T.

Private White, of Morristown, died of disease April 20, 1865.

He is buried in Poplar Grove National Cemetery, Petersburg, Virginia.

In recording the service record of New Jersey men in the Civil War, General William Stryker published the “Stryker’s Report” as it is commonly known and includes the names of 82,467 men.

The “Thomas White” letter in 1874 is a glimpse into Gen. Stryker’s efforts to obtain the correct record for two soldiers with the same name.



War Department,
Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, D. C. July 11th 1874

General Wm. S. Stryker,
Adjutant General
State of New Jersey,
Trenton, N. J.

General:

In reply to your letter of the 7th instant, requesting the record as to what became of two men in Company "H" 127th U. S. Colored Troops, by the name of Thomas White, one enlisted August 30th 1864, and the other April 11th 1865." I have to inform you that it appears from the records of this office that one Thomas White of the Company named, who was enlisted August 30, 1864, at Morristown, N. J., for one year, died April 20th 1865, of disease, at Petersburg, Va.

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There is no record of any other

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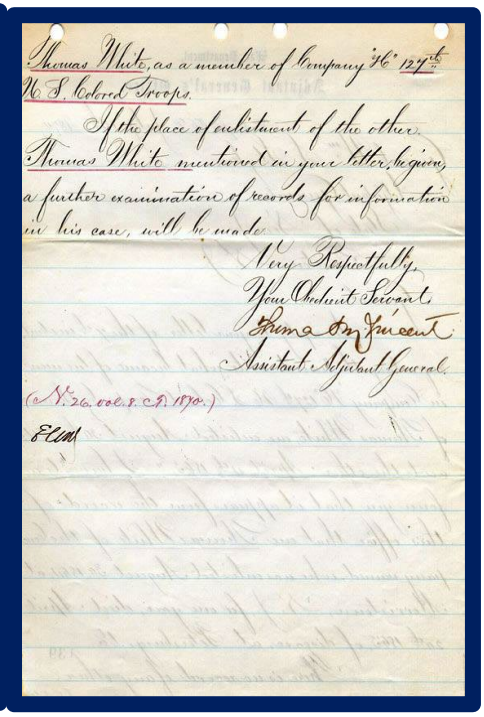


Thomas White, as a member of Company "H" 127th U. S. Colored Troops.

If the place of enlistment of the other Thomas White mentioned in your letter be given, a further examination of records for information in his case, will be made.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Thos. M. Vincent
Assistant Adjutant General.

(N. 26. vol. 8. C. P. 1870.)

ECM

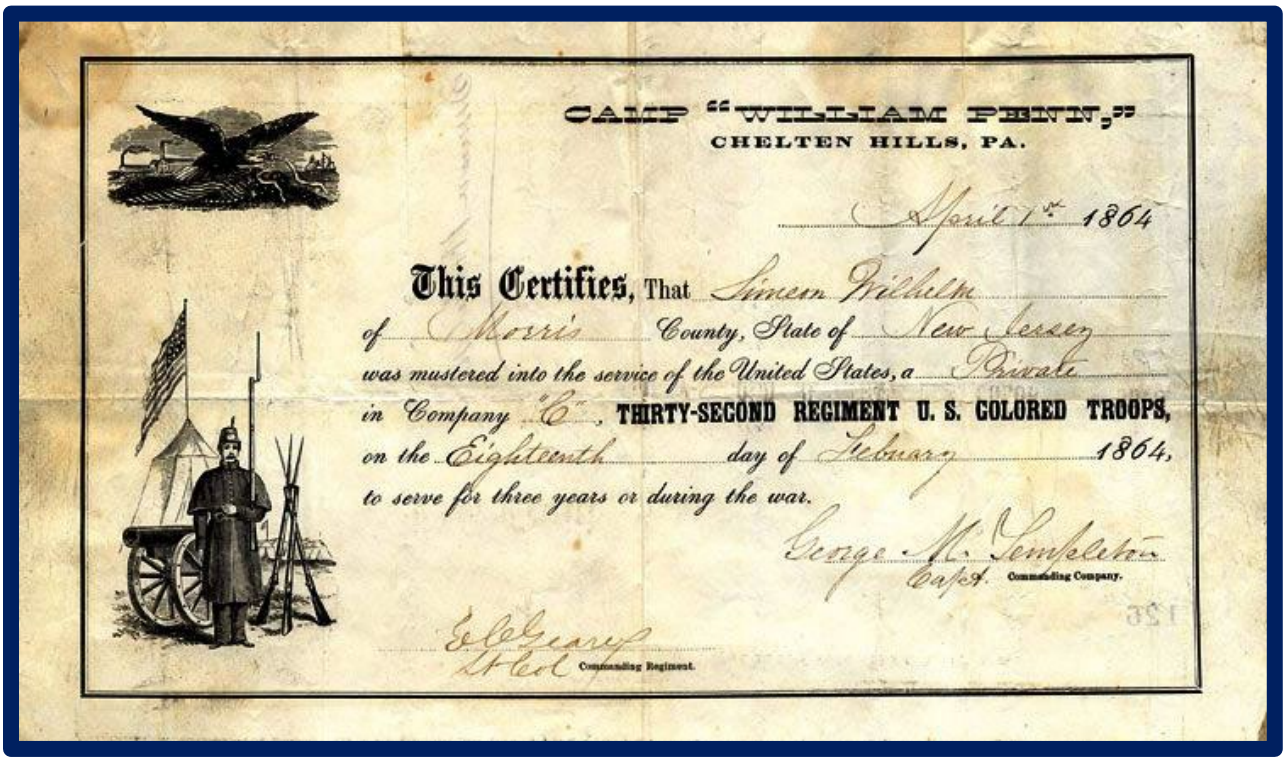
Simon Wilhelm

Private, Co. C, 32nd U.S.C.T.

Born in Morristown around 1839, he is last known living in Morristown March 17, 1863 when he marries Mary Mott

On April 1, 1864, Mr. Wilhelm enlists in the U.S.C.T. as a Private, Co. C, 32nd Regiment.

Mr. Wilhelm's date death and place of burial are unknown.



CAMP "WILLIAM PENN,"
CHELTEN HILLS, PA.

April 1st 1864

This Certifies, That Simeon Wilhelm of Morris County, State of New Jersey was mustered into the service of the United States, a Private in Company "C", THIRTY-SECOND REGIMENT U. S. COLORED TROOPS, on the Eighteenth day of February 1864, to serve for three years or during the war.

George M. Templeton
Capt. Commanding Company.

E. L. Geary
Lt Col Commanding Regiment.

William H. Williamson

United States Navy

Born in Hanover, Morris County, New Jersey around 1838, Mr. Williamson enlisted in the United States Navy on January 8, 1863 as a Landsman, attached to the U.S.S. Weehawken.

The Weehawken-Iron Clad Class- sank on December 6, 1863, losing 27 men and 4 officers off the coast of Morris Island, South Carolina.
William H. Williamson was one of the men that perished.

The sinking, per a later investigation, occurred when the Weehawken took on an exceptionally large load of ammunition, which made her bow heavy. Taking on water during a gale, she sank in 5 minutes.

Four months earlier, Charleston photographer, George S. Cook, took photographs on Sept. 8, 1863 during the Union bombardment of Fort Sumter and Fort Moultrie.

Having climbed to the top of Fort Sumter, he photographed the U.S.S. Weehawken, U.S.S. Montauk and U.S.S. Passaic while they fired on Fort Moultrie.

Mr. Cook's presence on the parapet drew the fire of Union artillery on Morris Island.
A shell passed close to him and then another shell knocked his plate holder into the water.
Mr. Cook paid a soldier five dollars to retrieve it.

Thank you Mr. Gary Priolo

George W. Yates

Private, New Jersey State Militia (Home Guard)

Born in Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee around 1844, Mr. Yates became a civic leader in Morristown. He was a member of the Colored Republican Club on Spring Street, Morristown.

Living on DeHart Street, he gives his occupation in 1900 as a Gardner, but he appears to have been a dynamic local businessman. In 1897, an enterprising group of black men formed a company and opened a cooperative grocery store. They rented a lot on Spring Street, near Morris, that they later purchased, and erected a one-story building on it. According to the Jerseyman, the group sold stock at $5.00 a share, and many African American residents subscribed.

The building was known as Mercantile Hall, and thrived, expanding its inventory until 1916.

Mr. Yates served as "Local Preacher" at Bethel A.M.E. Church.

George Yates served as a Private in the New Jersey local militia. He was also an honorary member of 33rd New Jersey and attended their reunions.

In 1899, a year after the Spanish-American War, Mr. Yates is attending a reunion of the 33rd as a special guest and was asked for a quote by the Dover Iron Era. His response:

"Comrade Yates compared the attack on San Juan to a smart skirmish, of which the thirty-third regiment had engaged in a number."

Mr. Yates died August 14, 1914 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Morristown.