

Jefferson Civil War Veterans

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- ALJO, JOSHUA:** Co "K", 12th West Virginia Regiment. Enlisted July, 1862. Discharged January, 1864. Served as a Private 1 yr. 6mo. Parents unknown. Lived at Hanlin Station.
- ANDREWS, ABRAHAM:** Co "K", 140th PA Volunteers. Made Corporal 16 March 1864. Mustered out 31 May, 1865. Born in 1839. Lived near the Walker farms off Eldersville Road. Taken prisoner at Farmville, April 8, 1865. Twin son of John Randolph and Elizabeth Andrews.
- ANDREWS, PETER:** Co "K", 140th PA Volunteers. Private. Mustered out 31 May, 1865. Twin brother of Abraham mentioned above.
- BARBOUR, ABRAHAM:** Military record unknown. Son of John and Elizabeth Moore Barbour. Born in 1843. Died 19 January 1921, along with his sister, Fannie, in Eldersville of gas asphyxiation. Buried at Eldersville. Lived on current Merman farm on Bethel Ridge Road.
- BOLES, FRANCIS MOORE:** Co "C", 22nd PA Cavalry. Enlisted 6 September 1862. Was born 26 May 1844, the son of Jacob and Rachel Cunningham Boles. Killed by a falling tree at Greenland Gap, VA, 25 February 1864, at the age of 19. Buried at Bethel. Lived on Gould Moore farm, Kidds Mill.
- CASSIDY, WILLIAM BRAMWELL:** Private in Captain Hays 154th Regiment of PA Volunteer Infantry. Served three years as a "volunteer" in place of his cousin who had small children and had been drafted. Son of Robert & Isabelle Forbes Cassidy; born in 1840 near Kidds Mill. Died In 1923. Buried at Bethel.
- CORBIN JOSEPH A.:** Co. "K", 140th PA Volunteers. Son of Joseph & Margaret Corbin. Wounded at Gettysburg. Born 1827. Died 1912. Buried at Eldersville. Brother, David Corbin, (not Jefferson resident) killed at Gettysburg, 21 April 1863. Lived on Cedar Grove Road near the beginning of Bethel Ridge Road.
- CRALL, WILLIAM T. :** Young's Independent Battery. Adopted son of James & Elizabeth Stephenson Crall. Lived in Eldersville. Killed by a train a few years after the war. Buried at Eldersville.
- CUNE, FRANKLIN C. :** Co "B", Young's Independent Battery F. Enlisted 8 December 1864, served until the end of the war, 31 May 1865. Son of Thomas, Sr. & Rose Ann Cune. Lived near the present home of Bill & Juanita Doak. Died 8 March, 1905. Buried at Eldersville.
- DAGAN, JACOB:** No information on military record. Son of Jacob Dagan, Sr. who served in the Revolutionary War and is buried at Eldersville. No information on the son except that when a veterans' group held Memorial Day services many

years after the Civil War, it is written that they were unable to locate the grave of Jacob, Jr, but many believed he was buried near his father at Eldersville. Lived on current farm of David Gourley.

- DIMIT, ELIAS:** Served in Company "E", 52nd Regiment, Ohio Volunteers. Was born in Brooke County, VA, 26 April 1843, the son of Benjamin & Sydney Lee Dimit. Later, moved with the family near Kidds Mill, not far from John H. Murchland. He was the eldest of a large family of children. He enlisted on 10 August 1862, and was killed in battle at Atlanta, Georgia, 19 July 1864, and was buried in the National Cemetery at Marietta, Georgia.
- ELLIOTT, GEORGE:** Born in Pennsylvania off State Line Road near Lawthers Farm. Was the son of George and Tamar Melvin Elliott. Moved with his family to Drakesville, Iowa, in the early 1850s. Was born in 1839, and enlisted as a wagoner at the age of 23 in Company "B", Iowa 30th Infantry, 24 August 1862. Discharged for disability 20 February 1863 at St. Louis, MO.
- ELLIOTT, JOHN:** Born in Pennsylvania 1837, the elder brother of the George Elliott listed above. Enlisted 31 August 1861 at the age of 24. Re-enlisted 1 January 1864. Was promoted to Corporal 1 July 1865. Mustered out in Atlanta, Georgia, 9 August 1865.
- ELLIOTT, THOMAS:** Born in the Shades of Death area of Jefferson Township in 1837, the son of Andrew and Elizabeth Elliott. Enlisted from Drakesville, Iowa, at the age of 24 on 31 August 1861. Served in Co "A", Iowa 3rd Cavalry. Re-enlisted the first day of the year 1864. Died of disease in St. Louis, Missouri, 2 May 1864. Had been promoted to Corporal 13 April 1864.
- FAREN, BRIAN:** Served in Company "B", 1st West Virginia Infantry. Enlisted 16 September 1861, at the age of 28. Was later discharged, but re-enlisted. Was killed in action at Piedmont, Virginia, 5 June 1864. Had lived at Hanlin Station.
- FERGUSON, JAMES:** Served in Company "D" of the 10th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers. Believed to be the son of Hugh and Rebecca Ferguson who lived near the McGough farm in the Plum Run area of the township. James died of wounds in The Battle of the Wilderness, 27 March 1864. He was 24 years of age.
- FRESHWATER, ARCHIBALD:** One of three sons of William & Sarah Campbell Freshwater who served in the Civil War. Each served in Company "H" of the 3rd Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Cavalry. They enlisted in September of 1861. They were born near the old Alexander Lawther farm in Jefferson Township and moved with their parents to in or near Van Buren County,

Iowa, in the 1850s. Archibald was born 19 December 1839, and died 13 March 1907. Buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Fairfield, Iowa. At the age of 24, Archibald re-enlisted after serving 3 years, and was finally mustered out 9 August 1865 at Atlanta, Georgia.

FRESHWATER, DANIEL: One of the three Freshwater sons mentioned above. Born 28 May 1844 and died 18 January 1893. He had enlisted at the age of 19 and was mustered out 9 August 1865 at Atlanta, Georgia. He is buried at the cemetery at Downing, Missouri.

FRESHWATER, ROBERT CAMPBELL: Was a brother of the two Freshwater boys listed above. Was born 10 May 1841. He served with his brothers but on 4 December 1864 at the battle of White Station, Tennessee, he was taken prisoner and served time in the infamous Confederate Libby Prison. Eventually was released at the close of the war and mustered out 15 June in 1865, at Davenport, Iowa. He died 20 May 1904, and was buried at Miller Chapel, Van Buren County, Iowa.

GARDNER, JOHN FREEMAN: Son of Samuel & Ruth Sharp Gardner, mustered into CO "K", Pennsylvania 140th Infantry, on 4 September 1862. Was transferred 17 December in 1863 to Pennsylvania Battery "C" Light Artillery. While with Company "K", he fought in the first major battle in which the company was engaged, namely, Chancellorsville. It was their initiation into real war. This battle of blood stayed with them all through their lives. John had been born 27 December 1836 and died the first day of October in 1896, three months before his 60th birthday. He died in Iowa where he was living at the time.

GILLESPIE, ANDREW : Son of Nathaniel & Catherine Johnson Gillespie, was on the old Gillespie homestead at the Shades of Death on 19 September 1841. Six days after his 20th birthday, he enlisted in Company "A" , 1st Virginia Volunteer Infantry. On October 6, 1862, he was discharged for disability. Another record shows that at one point in time, he was declared exempt from further service on the signatures of the minister at Bethel Church and a prominent neighbor, J.C.Walker, on the grounds that he had two brothers already in the service. Andrew died the first day of April in 1919 and was buried at Mill Creek.

GILLESPIE, JAMES: Son of William M.K. and Mabel Johnston Gillespie, born circa 1831 in the old house on Shades of Death Road before the mansion house now owned and occupied by Jeff & Maureen Gump was built. He served in Co "B" of the 1st West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, whose records

describe him as being 6 foot in height, with sandy hair and blue eyes, and a sandy complexion. He died 8 August 1862 in Alexandria, Virginia, of disease. A tombstone for him was erected at Bethel, but it is not known if his body was brought home for burial.

GILLESPIE, JAMES W.: Son of Nathaniel & Catherine Johnson Gillespie, James was born on the "Cunningham Place" on Bethel Ridge, the 26th of August in 1847. James had 2 and possibly 3 brothers in the service and as soon as his age permitted, he also joined the Union army. He served in CO "L" of the 2nd Regiment of Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery until the end of the War. He died August 5, 1920 and was buried at Eldersville.

GILLESPIE, JOHN D.: Born circa 1839 in the old Gillespie homestead at the Shades of Death, John was the eldest child of Nathaniel & Catherine Johnson Gillespie. In September of 1861, he enlisted in Co "B", 1st West Virginia Volunteer Infantry, in whose records he was described as six foot in height, with light complexion, sandy hair, and blue eyes. Death and place of burial unknown.

HANLIN, DAVID: Believed to be the son of Alexander & Margaret Hanlin. Lived near Noah Criss at Hanlin Station. Served in the Illinois 45th Infantry. No further records available.

HANLIN, WILLIAM: Born the 5th of August in 1829 near Hanlin Station, the son of John & Nancy Hanlin Hanlin. Mustered into CO "K" of the 140th Pennsylvania Infantry, was wounded at Gettysburg on 2 July 1863 which left him disabled in the leg for life. He was a little older than most of the men in the company, but had enlisted from a deep sense of duty. He was promoted to Corporal and was discharged May 15, 1865. He died in 1907 and was buried at Chestnut Ridge Cemetery.

HAYES, THOMAS CLIFFORD: Born circa 1840, he was the son of Levi & Jane Mason Hayes. When he was five years of age, his father died, and when he was aged 12, his mother died. He lived near the Walker farms of Jefferson and is believed to have been raised by his Uncle John Mason. He served in CO "K", 140th PA Infantry where he was promoted to Corporal. On July 2nd in 1863, he was killed at Gettysburg. His best friend buried him on July 4th as best he could. The body was later removed to the Cross Creek Graveyard where his parents had been buried.

HOOKER, GEORGE H.: Son of George and Margaret Hooker. On his enlistment papers of the 12th of November in 1861, he gave Eldersville as his place of residence. He lived most of his life in the Hooker homestead at the top of Mechling Hill above Colliers in Brooke County, West Virginia, on the spot where Corner Cupboard now stands. He was born in 1841 and was mustered into "B"

Company of Pennsylvania's 85th Infantry upon enlistment. He was promoted to Captain 19 May 1862 and to Major on 21st of November in 1864. He was wounded at Strawberry Plains, Virginia, on August 16, 1864, and mustered out at Pittsburgh 22nd November of the same year.

JONES, DAVID: Believed to be the son of James T. and Keziah Jones who lived near the State Line Road not far from what later became the Mike Micus farm. He mustered into CO "C" Pennsylvania 140th on the first of July 1862. In 1870, he was married to a Mary A. and living near John Jester & Robert Stewart, Jr. families in Jefferson Township. He was 29 years old at that time.

KELLY, JAMES: Believed to be the son of Tobias & Sarah Kelly who lived near Sutherlands and Pogues in Jefferson Township. Enlisted August 22, 1862 in Co "C" of 140th Pennsylvania Infantry. Born circa 1838. Killed at Gettysburg 2 July 1863.

KELLY, JOHN: Believed to be the son of Abraham & Mary Kelly. Lived on Cedar Grove Road near Eldersville. Served with CO "C" of 140th Pennsylvania Infantry. Corporal. Mustered out with the company 1 January 1865.

KELLY, THOMAS: Believed to be the son of Abraham & Mary Kelly mentioned above. Born circa 1833. Believed to have served in CO "D" of 140th Pennsylvania Infantry. Buried in Eldersville.

KLEIN, JOHN RINEHART: Son of John Frederick and Margaret Metz Klein. Lived in the Turney School area of the township. Enlisted 30 September 1861 in CO "A" of 85th Regiment of Pennsylvania Infantry. Injured his feet on the march from Petersburg to Bermuda Hundreds for which he later received some pension. Mustered out 22 November 1864 at Pittsburgh. Died in 1908.

KLEIN, JOHN WILHELM: Brother of Rinehart listed above. No military information available except that he did serve in the Civil War. He was born in 1836 and died in 1915. Buried at Bethel.

LOVE, JOHN: Born March of 1835, the son of James & Letitia Love. Lived on Cedar Grove Road as a child and after marriage in Eldersville. No record of his military service but did serve in the Union Army in the Civil War. Died in 1906. Buried at Eldersville.

MARTIN, DAVID: Born circa 1844, son of David & Nancy Martin. Lived in Cedar Grove Road area of Eldersville. Served in the 152 PA Heavy Artillery. Died 13 June 1930 at the age of 86. Buried at Eldersville.

MARTIN, HUGH LEE: Born 29 August in 1820. Believed to be the illegitimate son of Isabelle Martin who later married Thomas Stephenson. There is no definite proof of the previous statement. He appears to have been reared by Isabelle Martin Stephenson along with her eleven Stephenson children. He joined CO "H" of the

15th Ohio Infantry, having enlisted at Mansfield, Ohio, on 27 April 1861. He served during the famous three month Ohio Infantry service where it is reported that in those three months, the company saw more action than most men did during the entire war. He was mustered out 29 August of the same year. On his enlistment papers, he gave his age as 36, when in reality, he was 41 years old. He died 5 June 1895 and is buried at Eldersville.

MARTIN, JAMES: Believed to be the brother of David Martin named above. Served in CO "C", 140th PA Volunteer Infantry. Born in 1838, in Virginia. Was given a surgical discharge 18 March 1863. Was alive in 1880 and married with a wife and 5 children, living on Hanlin Hill near Rittenhouse Criss.

McCUNE, THOMAS: Born 4 May 1845, son of Thomas & Rebecca Johnston McCune, on the Kayatin (later Stroud) farm above Shintown. Served in CO "C" Pa. 140th Infantry. Discharged 3 June 1865. Between 1860 and 1869, five of his seven siblings died and were buried near the church at Eldersville. None of them were known to have ever married. Thomas moved his mother to Eldersville with him, leaving one remaining brother to run the farm. Rebecca died shortly after this move. Thomas lived alone until Christmas Day of 1888, when he went to be with those who had passed before him. He was 43 years of age. He was buried at Eldersville with the rest of the family, his father having died when he was an infant.

McCURDY, JAMES K., M.D.: Settled in 1855 as a practicing physician in Eldersville until the war. He then enlisted in CO "K", Pa. 140th serving as hospital steward until 17 February 1864, when he was transferred to the 153rd Regiment and commissioned as Assistant Surgeon. It is written that "he served with much credit". Upon return from the war, he began a practice at Cardville (Burgettstown), where he died 12 August 1891.

MELVIN, SAMUEL JONES: Son of William & Abigail Jones Melvin, born 3 February 1839 on the old Melvin Homestead on Irish Ridge. Enlisted 21 October 1862 into CO "A", PA 100th Infantry. Mustered out 24 July 1865. While in service, suffered Inflammatory rheumatism, chronic diarrhea, and typhoid fever. Served as a clerk at 9th Corp Headquarters. Kept a diary throughout the entire war. Died 19 June 1913.

METCALF, EDWARD: Born circa 1837 near the Pogue farm in southern Jefferson, the son of Edward and Margaret Meneely Metcalf. Later, he lived near the property recently owned by the late Mank Scouart. His military record was not found, but it is written that he died 7 May 1866 at the age of 28 and was buried at Bethel. Unfortunately, it is not known if his death

was service related, having occurred but one year after the close of the Civil War.

METCALF, NORRIS: Son of Daniel & Ruhanna Norris Metcalf, he was born circa 1836, near the Sutherland and McCrea families in the southern end of the township. Enlisted in CO "K", 140th PA Infantry. Was seriously ill with chronic diarrhea and sent home. He died immediately upon arriving home on 18 March 1863 and was buried at Bethel. He was 27 years old.

NOAH, JAMES LEE: Son of James & Cassie Madden Noah, he was born on the John Gardner farm off Eldersville Road 23 May 1841. He enlisted in CO "K", 140th PA. Artillery where he served from 22 August 1862 until 17 December 1863 when he was transferred to Battery "B", 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery. In the spring of 1864, he was transferred to Battery "C" 1st PA Light Artillery. He was made Corporal 12 April 1864 and promoted to Sgt. 10 January 1865. He was discharged 8 June 1865.

NOAH, SAMUEL: Born in Eldersville 31 July 1839, the son of John & Ruth Noah. Enlisted 6 August 1862 into CO "B" Ohio 98th Infantry. Died at Lebanon, Kentucky, 6 February 1863 of typhoid fever at the age of 23.

OSBORN, ROBERT C.: Son of James & Martha McKennett Osborn, Robert was born in Robinson Township 21 March 1841. After serving in the 4th PA. Cavalry & the 78th PA Infantry in the Civil War, he moved to Eldersville where he opened his own general store. After losing his first two wives to very early deaths, he married for the third time to Hattie McConnell of Hanover Township. It was this Hattie who became the proprietress of the well known Hattie Osborn's Hat Shop on Cedar Grove Road in Eldersville. Robert died 12 March 1900 and was buried beside his first two wives in the Eldersville Graveyard.

PARKS, JOHN: No parental information. He enlisted 12 November 1861 into CO "B" PA 85th Infantry, when he listed his place of residence as Eldersville, PA. He was 17 years of age at the time. He was discharged for disability in 1862. No further information.

RAY, J.L., M.D.: Parentage unknown. Settled in Eldersville in 1861. In 1863 he joined the Union forces as assistant Surgeon. It is believed that he served in the Pennsylvania 97th Infantry. He served until the end of the war when he returned to the village and took up his practice again. He moved to Cross Creek Village in 1869 where he died in 1872. Burial place unknown.

REED, GEORGE ANDREW: Son of Andrew & Mary Ann Knox Reed, he was born and lived all of his life on the farm on Cedar Grove Road owned in 2006 by Duane Doak, and formerly known as the Cunningham and later, the Cree Stroud property. George was born in 1834

and was mustered into CO"K" of Pa 140th on 5 February 1864. He was 30 years of age at the time. In May of 1865, he was transferred to CO"F" of the 53rd. He never married. He died in 1912 and was buried with his family at Cross Creek.

RIDDLE, ROBERT: Born 13 April 1827, son of Samuel & Margaret Scott Riddle. Served in the Color Guard of the 1st West Virginia Infantry, then in CO"F" of PA 140th. Wounded at Gettysburg 2 July 1863. The mini ball in his leg troubled him the rest of his life. A strong young man prior to the war, he was never again able to ply his trade as a blacksmith. He was discharged 15 May 1865. Lived at one point in time at Hanlin Station where he married Elizabeth Hanlin. He died at the age of 63 on the 20th of July in 1890. He is buried near the Old Steubenville Pike at Tucker Cemetery.

ROBERTSON, LYCURGUS: Son of James P. & Elizabeth Robertson, was born at the family homestead on Cedar Grove Road owned in later years by the Cunningham and Kidd families. Eleanor Kidd lived in the house which has been standing since circa 1850. Lycurgus was born in 1844 and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. His military record was not available. He died at the age of 47 in 1891 and was buried at Eldersville.

SCHAFFER, CHARLES: Parentage unknown. Lived in Hanlin Station at one time. Served in CO"B", 4th PA Cavalry. Enlisted in February of 1864 and was discharged in July of 1865. No further info.

SCOTT, CASSIDY: Son of Charles & Margaret Cassidy Scott, was born on Bethel Ridge Extension on the old Baker, then Slasor, farm on 6 February 1841. Enlisted 23 September 1864 in CO "L", PA 2nd Heavy Artillery. Transferred 27 December 1864 to PA Battery "G" 125th Light Artillery. It was during his years in service that he learned the trade of a cobbler, making shoes behind the front lines for the rest of the servicemen. He followed this trade the remainder of his life. Mustered out 18 June 1865. Died 25 September 1917. Buried at Bethel.

SCOTT, SAMUEL C.: Son of Josiah and Rachel Vance Scott, he was born in the Walker Road area of the township in 1843. On 26 February 1864, he was mustered into CO "A", PA 3rd Cavalry where he served until 31 October 1865.

SCOTT, WILLIAM: Brother of Cassidy Scott listed above. Mustered into Company "K", PA 140th Infantry on 4 September 1862. Took part in each of the 32 battles in which the company was engaged and never received a scratch of injury, but suffered severely with the extensive marching due to tender feet. He was born 3 March 1839 at the Scott homestead on Bethel Ridge Extension and spent his life as a farmer after

returning from the war. He died 8 days before Christmas in 1920 at the age of 81. He was buried beside his wife of 50 years, his parents and his eleven siblings at Bethel.

SHIELDS, ROBERT: Born October of 1844 of unknown parents. Served in CO "C", 16 PA Cavalry. Enlisted 8 March 1864 and mustered out 17 August 1865. In 1900, he was living in what is today the David Gregorski home at the beginning of State Line Road. He had a wife and at least two children. No further info.

SMITH JAMES C.: Son of Catherine & unknown father who died young. Born 21 May 1834. Had at least 2 brothers and a sister before the death of his father. Catherine later married Thomas Stevenson who helped her raise these children. James C. served in CO "C" of 22nd PA Cavalry. He was captured by the Confederates and taken to Andersonville Prison where he died 6 June 1864. A tombstone for him has been erected at Bethel near that of his mother, Catherine, who, it is said, died of grief the 4th of January in 1865. James had lived with his mother and siblings near the Pogue family in Jefferson Township.

SMITH, THOMAS J.: Lived in Eldersville beside John Beany across from the entrance to Scott Hollow Road. He was born in 1844, the son of Eleazer & Margaret Smith. On 12 November 1861 he enlisted in CO "B", PA 85th Infantry. He died in August of 1862 of disease and was buried on the 18th of that month in Cypress Hill Cemetery, Long Island.

STEPHENSON, THOMAS J.: Son of James & Isabelle Stephenson, born circa 1843 near Eldersville. On November 12, 1861 he mustered into Co "B", PA 85th Infantry. No further information on Thomas has revealed itself.

STEVENSON, SAMUEL: Son of Robert & Rachel, born in 1837. Lived near the Arthur Campbell and Marquis (Maggs) farms. Served in Company "A", PA 85th Infantry. Promoted to 1st Sgt. 9 June 1864.

STOCKTON, WILLIAM A.F.: Born 23 February 1840 in Jefferson Township, the son of the Reverend John, D.D. & Nancy Clark Stockton. Was a Captain in CO "K", PA 140th Infantry, and promoted to Major in April of 1865. Mustered out with the Company 31 May 1865 at Washington D.C. Died of a fever 21 July 1877 and was buried at Cross Creek Village where his father had served as minister of the Presbyterian Church for 50 years.

WALKER, WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON: Born on one of the old Walker farms near Walker Road in Jefferson in 1840, the son of David S. & Elizabeth Vance Walker, and the grandson of the area's first Walker pioneers, namely, Alexander & Elizabeth Norris Walker. On 27 August 1861 he mustered into CO "A" of the PA 100th Infantry, commonly known as the "Round Heads". He enlisted as a musician. He died in camp at Kalmona Heights, D.C., of

disease - the second death in the regiment, on 4 October the same year at the age of 22 years, 1 month, and 24 days. The grief stricken father, upon receiving word of his death, hitched his team of horses to the wagon and drove to the camp to claim the body. His heartbroken family buried him in the family plot at Cross Creek Village.

WHEELER, ULYSSES S.: Born in 1841 in Eldersville on the property of his parents, John and Hannah Sharpe Wheeler. (This later was the land where Hattie Osborn's Hat Shoppe once stood.) On September 4th in 1862, he mustered into CO "K" PA 140th Infantry and served until the end of the war in 1865. He was in every one of the 32 battles fought by the company. He was wounded in the battle of Chancellorsville in May, 1863, and at Todd'a Tavern in May of 1864. Ulysses was described by one of his fellow soldiers as "a noble hearted fellow and a worthy soldier". He developed heart trouble as a result of the war and dropped dead on his front porch at the age of 63. He is buried at Union Cemetery, Steubenville, Ohio.

WRIGHT, DARIUS: Born in Jefferson Township 24 May 1838, the son of John and Editha Wright. Enlisted in CO"R" 12th Virginia Regiment. Died 28 December 1862 in Morefield, VA. Is buried with his parents at the Tent Presbyterian Church, Brooke County, VA.

WRIGHT, ISAAC: Son of Samuel & Nancy Lawther Wright. Lived on the homestead of his pioneer grandfather, Samuel Wright, Sr. behind where Robertson Fruit Farm was eventually located. He was born 17 September 1831 and died 30 January 1864, at the age of 32 years 4 months and 13 days. He served in CO "B", 85th PA Infantry. Is buried at Eldersville.

WRIGHT, SILAS: Born in Eldersville 16 January 1844, son of Nicholas Wright and grandson of Samuel, the pioneer. At the age of 16, he enlisted in CO"B", 85th PA Infantry , where he served for 3 years, 4 months and 3 days. He was in 23 battles and at one point was saved from death by a buddy. Upon returning home, he became a pipeline walker for Standard Oil Company. It was later calculated that during his 22 year tenure at this job, H e had walked distances whose sum would equal three times around the world. He died of pneumonia in 1922 at the age of 78, and is buried at Oak Springs Cemetery near Canonsburg.

WRIGHT, THOMAS, J.: Lived on the Wright farm down Creek Lane. Was the son of David & Eliza. Born in 1844, he enlisted at the age of 16 in CO"B", PA 85th Infantry in the fall of 1861. Died at National Hotel Hospital in Baltimore, MD, on 31 May 1862 of wounds received at the battle of Fair Oak, VA, on May 24 at the age of 17. He was buried at Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, MD, Grave M-119.