

Bill Rodgers sent the following article about his Civil War Ancestors. I hope other members of the roundtable will also send me stories of their ancestors.

I had a great-grandfather, John S. Rodgers, who fought with Hampton' Independent Battery F of the Pennsylvania Light Artillery. Through a family member who researched our family tree, I was able to obtain a number of his records. These have included a copy of the "Consent in Case of Minor" form signed by my great-great grandfather, Isaac Rodgers, allowing my great grandfather to enter military service on April 22, 1863. My great grandfather (along with his half- brother Milo Stewart) were at Gettysburg on July 1-3, 1863 and saw action at the Peach Orchard, and faced Pickett's Charge. He was in a number of other battles until he was finally discharged on June 26, 1865. Both my great grandfather and his half- brother's names are on the Pennsylvania monument at Gettysburg. I was extremely proud to show both of my sons their names on a visit to Gettysburg.

Other documents copies that we have are as follows:

1. Application for a pension dated March 29, 1915
2. Copy of " Volunteer Enlistment", signed April 22, 1863. (He was 5'8" tall, with "hazel" eyes, and description of hair and eyes) is difficult to read.
3. His picture in later life.
4. His application for an increase to his military pension dated January 8th, 1931. Describing my Great Grandfather as being "in bad shapesince he was kicked by a horse".
5. A copy of the funeral bill dated February 19, 1936. Total cost \$126.25.

My great grandfather is currently buried off of a country lane in rural Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. I have cousins who currently tend the grave site of my great grandfather and his 2nd wife, Margaret. I have a concern that once these care takers have become too old or pass on the grave site will become overgrown and lost. I have contacted Senator Joe Manchin III, of West Virginia via phone and letters regarding our concerns. Since 2012, we have heard nothing. Senator Manchin sits on the Senate Armed Services Committee, also.

Carol, my wife, had a great -grandfather, Samuel Immel, Private, Company F (not sure, can't tell from the handwriting on discharge paper), 168 Regiment of Pennsylvania Militia, served 9 months. Dates of service were from October 16, 1862 till July 25, 1863. He served in Virginia and North Carolina. He was listed as a "farmer", he was 5'10" with "dark" complexion, with brown eyes, and black hair. He was 28 years of age.