

# Wertman

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## Reserve These Dates

- **Friday-Sunday, 15-17 August 2003**  
**Wertman Family Association**  
**Annual Reunion, Lockport, NY**

## Wertman Family Reunion 2003

By Russell C. Dannecker, WFA President

This year the Family Association will hold its reunion in Lockport, New York. Details will be announced shortly. We hope that you will be able to attend. We have already received inquiries from descendants from the area. Perhaps we can uncover more of the family history. See you all there!

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## History of Lockport, NY

The roots of modern Lockport begin in 1820 when there were three log cabins. In 1821, when it was announced that the Erie Canal would go through the area, all of Western New York was owned by the Holland Land Company. Esek Brown, John Comstock, Nathan Comstock, Zerro Comstock, James Connley, David Fink, Reuben Haines, Alman Millard, Joseph Otis, Nathan Rogers, Asabel Smith, Daniel Smith, Webster Thorn and Daniel Washburn purchased the land from this company, surveyed it, divided it into lots and sold it. Many homes and businesses sprang up in anticipation of the hundreds of workers the canal would bring. In fact, Lockport would not have existed without "Clinton's Ditch."

In 1822, Lockport became and still is the county seat. By the time the Erie Canal was finished in 1825, Lockport's population was 3,000. Jesse Haines did most of the surveying in Niagara County and in 1830 he published the first engraved map of Lockport. By 1865, Lockport's population had increased to 12,553 and it was declared a city. This made Lockport the first and largest city in Niagara County. Today the city's population is approximately 20,000.

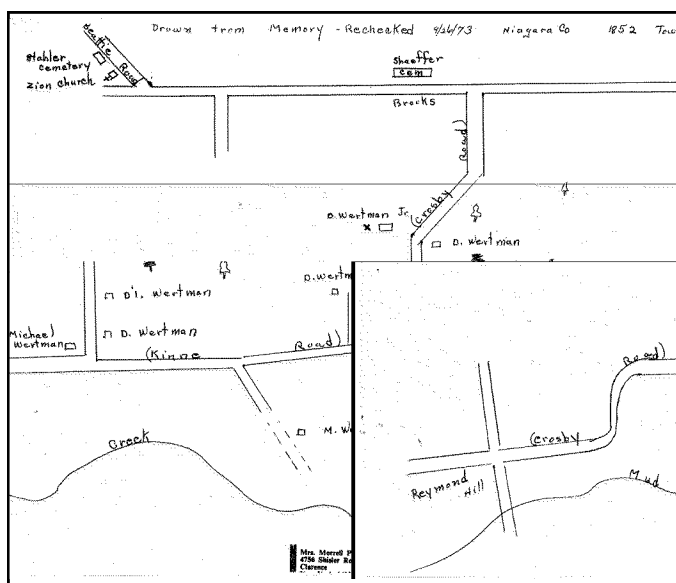
## Come to See the Famous Five Locks of Lockport on the Old Erie Canal

Imagine a young America, just pushing into the middle of the continent in 1820, with rich farmland, and woodlands as far as the eye can see, until eastern forests change into endless prairies. All the riches of the mid-continent seem at hand for the taking. But there is no easy way to get agricultural products and natural resources from the fertile Midwest to East Coast markets and on to Europe. Long chains of rugged mountains run southwest to northeast from Georgia to Canada. For these new United States, this is an economic

“iron curtain.” There must be a way to break the mountain barrier. There is but one little gap in the mountains, no wider than 1,800 feet, cut by the old river that New Yorkers called the Mohawk. After passing through this gap, the Mohawk River runs free to the east into the Hudson River near Albany. The mighty Hudson, first settled by the Dutch, flows south to the sea at New York City. Perhaps by using the Hudson River and the Mohawk River a canal could link New York City with Lake Erie and the middle of America.

In 1817 the leaders of New York State dared to dream the impossible. On July 4th of that year, ground was broken near Rome, New York, to begin the Erie Canal. In the wilderness of Western New York, the canal would have to climb almost 80 feet up a sheer stone cliff before it could turn southwest to Lake Erie. In a world-famous engineering marvel, five locks took the canal to the top of the same escarpment that created Niagara Falls. Niagara Falls is about 23 miles west of Lockport. The Lockport double “Flight of Five” locks made the Erie Canal possible. The Erie Canal greatly helped New York City become the huge success that it is today and gave New York State its nickname, “The Empire State.” All the world was amazed at the spirit of Young America and the engineering marvel of the Erie Canal. The most difficult canal construction of all was at Lockport.

Lockport is also the birthplace of the inventor of volleyball. William Morgan, born on January 23, 1870, invented the popular game known around the world. As a boy, Morgan worked in his father’s Lockport boatyard building canal boats.



Wertman land in Lockport, 1852 (drawn 1973)

## Wertmans in Lockport, NY

by Russell C. Dannecker

Do you find it interesting how life will lead you places where you can indulge that passion we call Family History or Genealogy? During 2002, circumstances took me close enough to the great North Woods, now known as Lockport, in Niagara County, NY, for some research where a branch of the Wertman family tree established roots.

According to Michael Wertman’s obituary in 1895, “Mr. Wertman emigrated from Pennsylvania with his parents in 1833, locating in Lockport.” His parents were Daniel Wertman (b. 1786, d. 1864) and his wife Maria Barbara (Oswald) Wertman (b.1785, d. 1845). They brought with them at least nine of their eleven children. From this seed would grow a family tree that spread its branches to Michigan, Iowa, Arizona, and beyond.

As the 2003 Wertman Family Reunion will be held in Lockport, New York, I hope what I found will interest you enough to attend the Reunion 15-17 August. Here is what I discovered.

### Wills, Petitions and Letters of Administration

A visit to the Surrogate Court on the second floor of the Niagara County Courthouse was very interesting. They have a very willing staff, but a very small worktable next to the copier, in a vault. After retrieving the appropriate reference numbers from a fragile index book, I took an elevator to the basement of the old courthouse. As a young staff member unlocked the door and turned on the light, I noticed the stone, vaulted ceiling. Off this entranceway are two arched chambers where the records are stored in metal file cabinets. I found the following Wertman family records:

- Wertman, Daniel, Petition,  
d. 09 July 1864, Son of Johann Michael,  
Son of George Philip I
- Wertman, Jonathan, Will & Petition,  
d. 06 Mar 1907, Son of Daniel
- Wertman, Michael, Will & Petition,  
d. 05 Apr 1895, Son of Daniel
- Wertman, Lydia, Letters of Admin.,  
d. 23 Jan 1888, Wife of Michael
- Wertman, Hiram, Letters of Admin.,  
d. 31 Mar 1901, Son of Michael & Lydia
- Wertman, Mary, Will & Petition,  
d. 16 Oct 1901, Wife of Hiram

Wertman, William W., Letters of Admin.,  
d. 15 Mar 1904, Son of Moses, Son of  
Daniel

Wertman, Susan M., Will & Petition,  
d. 09 May 1897, Wife of William W.

Wertman, Bessie S., Letters of Admin.,  
d. 05 Dec 1921, Daughter of William W.  
& Susan

## Niagara County Historian

County governments in New York State provide for a County Historian. The Niagara County Historian's office is across the street from the Niagara County Courthouse in Lockport.

The Wertman file revealed a wealth of information unearthed by an early Wertman Family researcher, to whom we owe a great debt of gratitude: Isabel Eva (Jordan) Stage, born in 1908. Her mother was Eva Lydia (Schroeder) Jordan, born in 1877. Eva's mother was Lydia A. (Wertman) Schroeder, born in 1846. She was the daughter of Jonathan Michael Wertman, son of Daniel Wertman, son of Johann Michael Wertman, son of George Philip Wertman I. The Niagara County Historian's file is filled with information Isabel gathered over the years. Done in the days before copy machines were readily available, the research was mostly typewritten. These pages include correspondence with Wertman family members, birth and baptismal certificates, New York and Federal censuses, tax sheets, cemetery diagrams and inscriptions, obituaries, and war records. What a find! But Isabel's information did not end there. There was a reference to a Wertman Log Cabin file.

## The Wertman Log Cabin

In the 1970s, the County took pictures of all remaining old log cabins. A file labeled "Wertman Log Cabin" contains several pictures. Isabel also had inserted a map that marks the location of the cabin, on the farm of Daniel Wertman Jr. This is probably the Daniel who was born in 1816 and died in 1898. Isabel indicates that Daniel owned this farm from 1848 to 1859. The file also contains a letter to Isabel from a person whose family lived on the farm from 1901 to 1954. While the date of the letter is cut off, it is probably 1973. In that letter Mr. Howard Mitz writes the following:

"Now the log cabin. The part that is left originally stood where [the] house is now an[d] in the same position. Apparently it was towards the road. There was an addition on the west side of it believed to be plank. This part was destroyed.



"A later addition was another plank structure; this [was] remodeled and transferred to [the] new house. This part had a fireplace, the log cabin you saw must have been warmed by a space wood or coal stove as it had a part chimney starting upstairs on [the] west end. Custom was [to] run the stove pipe through the upstairs for heat. This building was moved to its present site with the aid of teams of horses, switch blocks and rollers on plank, and neighbors [cannot read].

"My father built the present house [in the] summer of 1928. I vaguely remember living in the house that summer until we moved into the new house. I was born in [the] log house as was my sister and brother. [The] log house has an upstairs going from possibly 1 ft. outside to maybe 8 ft. in [the] center [with] 2 rooms. [The] size of building [I] would guess [is] 26' x 32'. I would guess the logs are sided, originally covered by clapboards now missing. My father [had] covered the gable ends about mid '40s. [The] upstairs window and south door [are] original. A 3 ½ x 4-½ door was cut in [the] west end in [the] late '30s.

"After my parents moved out it was converted to storage. [It] also had use by hens to raise chicks. After that it was converted to a pigsty and used as long as my father was alive [until] 1951. Some where along about [the] early '40s I remember helping put a new floor in it. [The] material [was] boxcar siding. [I] don't believe it has been used since. After we sold the farm in '54, I began to wonder what the historical value would be on the log cabin. Its [sic] gradually sinking but will probably stand another 25 years or more as is. I was close to it but not in it about 2 years ago."

Author's note: The ruins of this log cabin appear to be vine-covered on the former Daniel Wertman Jr. farm.

### ***In the Next issue:***

- Minutes of 2002 Researchers' Meeting
- Minutes of 2002 Business Meeting
- 2003 Reunion Details
- and more!

### **Cemeteries**

During the course of two visits, I identified four Wertman cemeteries. These are the Hillside Cemetery, Angling Road, East Pembroke, NY, and St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Shaeffer (Brooks) Cemetery, and Stahler Cemetery (Zion Church), all in Lockport. Most of the family members are buried in either Shaeffer or Stahler cemetery. Both have rather large Wertman memorials [see below] as well as many individual grave markers.

The patriarch and matriarch of the Lockport branch of the family, Daniel Wertman and his wife Maria Barbara (Oswald) Wertman, are buried in the Stahler Cemetery. We will be sure to put these sites on the road tour for Sunday at the Reunion.

### **Maps**

The Niagara County Historian's office has a number of maps that show the location of Wertman homes. A handwritten copy of the 1855 map [see pg. 2] shows seven Wertman farms on Crosby Road and Kinne Road. The 1860 wall map of Niagara County shows fewer farms but many in the same locations. The Niagara County Historical Society sells reprints of the 1860 map and I purchased one for the Wertman Family Association.



*Wertman stones in the Stahler and Sheaffer cemeteries, Lockport.*

### ***Too Many Jacobs!***

*by Tom Young, Chair*

*WFA Historical Acceptance Committee*

Experienced Wertman researchers are well aware that documenting early members of our clan is often difficult. One such example is the case of the two Jacobs born in early Lynn Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania. Their births are clearly recorded (*The Record Book of Daniel Schumacher*, Picton Press, 1993).

Daniel Schumacher wrote:

- Jacob, c. 2 Aug 1761, age 5 days (son of Johan Michael Werdmann and Catherina)
- Jacob, b. 25 Aug 1764 (son of Jacob Werdmann and Maria), c. 28th in the morning one hour before daylight on account of weakness

The first question concerns the younger of these two, Jacob, b. 1764. As his health was apparently such that an early Tuesday morning baptism was considered necessary, did he survive to adulthood? No grave or burial record has been found.

We know from the 1821 estate file of Jacob Wertman Sr. of Lynn Township that he was survived by a son, Jacob. But, was it this Jacob? Another possibility is an unidentified Jacob (1777-1851) first found in Hemlock Township, Columbia County. We know from cemetery, church, deed and estate records that he is closely associated with two known daughters of Jacob Wertman Sr., but was he their brother? German families have been known to later reuse the name of a deceased child.

If Jacob, b.1764, did die young, it is probable that Jacob, b.1777, is the son of Jacob Sr. who administered his father's 1821 estate. If Jacob, b.1764, lived to adulthood, who is the father of the Jacob, b.1777? And what became of Jacob, b.1764?

There are a number of early Lynn Township records for these young Jacobs, but it is not possible to determine with certainty which Jacob to link with any record.

Jacob Jr. took the Oath of Allegiance on 12 April 1778. If this is Jacob, b. 1761, the son of Michael, why did he take the oath at such a young age? He was not yet 17. (The law required the oath of those over age 18.) Perhaps he felt the need to show his patriotism, as his uncle Philip was a Tory, who had fled to the British about this time.

Jacob, a single man, first appears on the Lynn Township assessment list of 16 June 1786. This could be either Jacob, since both would have been over the age of 21. As they were both born in mid-year, neither would have appeared on the 1782 list, which is the next earlier one known to survive. Single men were only taxed after attaining the age of 21. All Lynn County tax or assessment lists (except one) for which we have dates occur early in the year. It is likely that the 1782 list was prepared before late July when the older Jacob would have been 21, therefore he should not appear (which he doesn't). His first list would have been 1783, which did not survive, nor did the lists for 1784 and 1785. The younger Jacob's first tax list appearance would have been 1786 (the first list prepared after August 1785, when he was 21).

By 22 May 1788, when the next available assessment list was prepared, Jacob Jr. is no longer listed as single. He is assessed a small amount for what is probably personal property. This list marks the first appearance of a single Michael. He may be important in the later identification of our Jacobs.

In both 1789 and 1790, an apparently married Jacob Jr. and a single Michael are still being taxed in Lynn Township. (Thanks to Historical Acceptance Committee member Dora Kamalu for the Lynn Township tax list transcriptions.)

The 1790 Federal Census for Lynn Township finds Jacob Jr. as a head of household with an apparent wife, son and daughter. I say apparent because we cannot say for certain what their relationship to the head of household might be, although wife and children seems likely. The fact of children born before 1790 will be significant later in this article.

Son Jacob, b.1764, is not found in Jacob Sr.'s 1790 household. Present are four males under the age of 16, probably known sons: Daniel, George Philip and Andrew. Who is the fourth? Perhaps, Jacob, b.1777. But, is he a son?

Son Jacob, b.1761, might be listed in Michael Sr.'s 1790 household. Three males under the age of 16 should be John, Henry and Daniel. Two males

age 16 and over should be Michael Sr. and probably one older son. This could be either George Philip, or the previously unidentified Michael Jr. or Jacob (depending upon what identity you assign to Jacob Jr. — a separate head of household). It is also possible that the extra male is a son-in-law, as all six daughters (and wife, Catherina) are also still at home. I would tend to favor Michael Jr., as he is found on the 1790 Lynn Township tax list as a single man. But, we haven't proved Michael Jr. as a son of Michael Sr. although it seems likely.

By the time of the Federal Direct Tax of 1798 and the 1800 Federal Census, Jacob Jr. and Michael Jr. are gone from Lynn Township.

It can be seen that we cannot say with any certainty which of our young Jacobs is found in each of these early records. As we move forward in time, the situation does not get any more clear.

A Jacob is found in 1800 Penn Township, Northampton County, but only with three children born after 1790. His 1830 census record indicates that he was born between 1760 and 1765, but no evidence of his exact age has been found. As such, he could be either of our Jacobs, but probably not the man found in 1790 Lynn Township with children. No evidence of those early children has been found in this family.

Also found in 1800 Penn Township is George, known from later records to be George Philip, son of Michael. But, is he a brother, cousin or no relation at all to his near neighbor, Jacob? Other than proximity in the census, no connection between these two men has been found.

Another Jacob is found in 1800 Penn's Township, Northumberland County, with two daughters born before 1790. He died there in 1806, leaving five children including sons, George and Jacob. He is considered some relation to our Lynn Township clan, as his estate owed money to Simon. No evidence of his exact age has been found.

Also found in 1800 Penn's Township is Michael, probably b.1765 and also with sons, George and Jacob. It seems likely that he is the Michael found in earlier Lynn Township records, but is he a brother, cousin or no relation at all to his near neighbor, Jacob?

It seems only one thing is certain from this mass of information. Penn's Township Jacob cannot be the son of Jacob Sr. because he d.1806 and we know that Jacob Sr., who d.1819, was survived by a son, Jacob. I'm not aware of any situation in

a German family where there were two living children with the same name. In addition, the 1821 estate settlement of Jacob Sr. does not make a payment to any grandchildren, which should be the case if the deceased Jacob Jr. were his son.

My claim that this Jacob and his near neighbor, Michael, are brothers and sons of Michael Sr. is far from proven. Readers with any knowledge of these families are invited to join the discussion and provide a solution to the problem.

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### **Wertman Civil War Records**

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#### **Wertman, John**

*Unit: Co. K, 2 Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery*

*Enlisted: Philadelphia PA 2-8-1862*

*Discharge: City Point VA 1-29-1866*

*Marriage: to Elizabeth*

*Notes: At Petersburg VA about the last of 6-1864  
contracted chronic diarrhea. From 8-1865 to  
discharge worked with Freedman's Bureau.  
Two wives. First died six weeks after mar-  
riage. Elizabeth is second wife.*

#### **Wertman, Jonathan**

*Unit: Co. B, 55 Pennsylvania Infantry*

*Birth: Reading PA Abt 1840*

*Enlisted: Harrisburg PA & Beaufort SC  
17 Sep 1861 & 18 Dec 1863*

*Discharge: Petersburg VA 30 Aug 1865*

*Notes: Residence: Chester Co. 7th Cong. District*

#### **Wertman, Alexander**

*Unit: Co. D, 4 Ohio Cavalry*

*Occupation: Waiter*

*Birth: Syracuse NY Abt 1844*

*Enlisted: Camp Jefferson KY 1-11-1862*

*Discharge: Huntsville AL 8-21-1862*

*Notes: Discharged on Certificate of Disability for  
gunshot wounds received in action on 3 Aug  
1862. Wounds were in the left leg and armpit.  
They were received while on the railroad  
trains from Knoxville to Stevenson AL.*

#### **Wertman, Cyrus**

*Unit: Co. D, 7 Pennsylvania Cavalry*

*Occupation: Shoemaker*

*Birth: Northumberland Co. PA Abt 1843*

*Enlisted: Harrisburg PA 3-8-1864*

*Discharge: Macon GA 8-23-1865*

*Notes: Enlisted in 14th Congressional District  
for Douglas Twp., Montgomery Co. PA.  
Received local bounty of \$60. Sick in Hospital  
on 25 Dec 1864.*

#### **Wertman, Daniel S.**

*Unit: Co. B, 172 Pennsylvania Infantry*

*Enlisted: Harrisburg 1862*

*Discharge: Harrisburg Abt 15 Oct 1862*

*Marriage:* Kewausville PA 7-14-1851 to Barley Eckroot by S. R. Rogers, D. D.

*Death:* 1-19-1886

**Wertman, David**

*Unit:* Co. I, 176 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Birth:* Abt 1834

*Enlisted:* Lehigh Co. PA 10-16-1862

*Discharge:* Philadelphia PA 8-18-1863

*Marriage:* 6-16-1857 to Floranda Miller by John Zenich

*Death:* 11-4-1903

*Notes:* Chronic rheumatism. Was in hospital at Hilton Head SC 7-19-1863 to 8-16-1863. In 1898: 9 children, 6 living. Lynn Twp. neighbor offers affidavit

**Wertman, Elias D.**

*Unit:* Co. D, 173 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Birth:* Abt 1836

*Enlisted:* Camp Curtin PA 10-28-1862

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA 8-18-1863

*Death:* 9-24-1906

*Notes:* Wife died 12-5-1888. Never had children. 1897: Residence Tamaqua PA

**Wertman, Elijah**

*Unit:* Co. C, 187 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Laborer

*Birth:* Mahoning, Montour PA 1833

*Enlisted:* Philadelphia PA 1-19-1864

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA 8-3-1865

*Marriage:* 6-21-1856 to Lavina Aungst

*Death:* Mahoning, Montour PA 6-30-1906

*Notes:* In July 1864 was in hospitals at Petersburg VA, City Point VA, Willeto Point NY, and Philadelphia PA. Died in the State Hospital for the Insane. Suffered from post-apoplectic dementia. Former residence and place of burial, Danville PA.

**Wertman, George**

*Unit:* Co. F, 97 New York Infantry

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* Lockport NY 8-17-1842

*Enlisted:* Lockport NY 7-28-1863

*Discharge:* Washington DC 7-18-1865

*Marriage:* Clarence Center NY 10-29-1868 to Mary Ann Leib by Rev. Harrison Hunt

*Death:* Flint MI 5-11-1914

**Wertman, George W.**

*Unit:* Co. F, 120 Ohio Infantry

*Enlisted:* Ashland OH 8-19-1862

*Discharge:* Died in Service

*Death:* Van Buren Hospital LA 5-9-1863

*Notes:* Died of diarrhea & disability. Marked sick in hospital from 2-1863.

**Wertman, George Westley**

*Unit:* Co. B, 97 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Wheelwright

*Birth:* Lewis Twp., Northumberland Co. PA 12-9-1847

*Enlisted:* Towanda PA 10-26-1864

*Discharge:* Newburn NC 6-8-1865

*Marriage:* Turbotville PA 2-23-1866 to Clara Smith by James DeBarr, JP

*Death:* Lewis, Northumberland Co. PA 6-16-1915

*Notes:* Drafted 1 year. Substitute for John Burton of Derry. Mustered out while a patient in hospital. Suffered injury to right kneecap while jumping a ditch on the march and striking against a rock near Raleigh NC in April 1865. 18 children.

**Wertman, Henry Leonard**

*Unit:* Co. G, 178 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Enlisted:* Camp Curtin PA 10-21-1862

*Discharge:* Yorktown VA 2-13-1863

*Marriage:* to Mary L Gearhart

*Death:* Wilkesbarre, Luzerne Co. PA 3-28-1910

*Notes:* The pension is claimed by Mary A. Wertman. The Pension Examiner writes, "This claimant is one of the most notoriously depraved and low women I have ever had occasion to meet as a claimant..." "

**Wertman, Herman**

*Unit:* Co. C, 154 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Birth:* Abt 1842

*Enlisted:* Philadelphia PA 1-13-1863

*Discharge:* Deserted from Swanson St. Barracks, Philadelphia PA on 2-1-1863.

**Wertman, Hiram**

*Unit:* Co. D, 7 Pennsylvania Cavalry

*Occupation:* Blacksmith

*Birth:* Montour Co. PA Abt 1833

*Enlisted:* Valley Twp, Montour Co. PA & Huntsville AL 10-25-1861 & 11-28-1863

*Discharge:* Hunstville AL & Macon GA 11-28-1863 & 8-23-1865

*Marriage:* Danville PA 8-25-1859 to Rebecca Ann Cooper by Rev. Wolf, D. D.

*Death:* 5-30-1912

*Notes:* 3 children listed. Appointed Farrier 6-30-1862. In hospital; Murfreesborough TN Feb & Mar. 1863 & Nashville TN 1864

**Wertman, James**

*Unit:* Co. —, 3 Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery

*Unit:* Co. F, 188 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Laborer

*Birth:* Montour Co. PA Abt 1843

*Enlisted:* Danville PA 2-23-1864

*Discharge:* Deserted

*Notes:* Transferred to the 188 PA Vol on 4-1-1864. Sick in hospital Nov-Dec 1864. Deserted from US General Hospital, Fortress Monroe VA 11-19-1864.

**Wertman, James W.**

*Unit:* Co. G, 1 Pennsylvania Artillery

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* Lawrence Co. PA 8-16-1843

*Enlisted:* New Brighton PA 2-23-1864

*Discharge:* Philadelphia PA 6-29-1865

*Marriage:* As of 6-12-1898 is widower

*Notes:* As of 6-12-1898 no children are living

**Wertman, John**

*Unit:* Co. B, 187 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Puddler

*Birth:* Danville, Montour Co. PA Abt 1841

*Enlisted:* Philadelphia PA 1-20-1864

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA 8-3-1865

*Marriage:* Columbia Co. PA 5-26-1859 to Catherine Rants by J. R. Robbins

*Death:* Danville, Montour Co. PA 5-4-1918

*Notes:* 8 children listed

**Wertman, John L.**

*Unit:* Co. E, 129 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Birth:* West Penn PA 8-29-1840

*Enlisted:* Tamaqua PA 8-7-1862

*Discharge:* Died in service

*Death:* Falmouth VA 1-1-1863

*Notes:* Have soldier's letters from VA. Have picture. Died of typhoid fever. The L. stands for Levan.

**Wertman, Levi**

*Unit:* Co. G, 104 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Unit:* Co. D, 173 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Carpenter

*Birth:* Lehigh Co. PA Abt 1839

*Enlisted:* Camp Curtin PA & Pottsville PA 10-28-1862 & 2-27-1865

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA & Portsmouth VA 8-18-1863 & 8-25-1865

*Marriage:* Lehighon, Carbon Co. PA 5-29-1864 to Mary Fenstermaker by E. A. Bauer

*Death:* West Penn PA 12-30-1900

*Notes:* 4 children listed

**Wertman, Nathan**

*Unit:* Co. G, 93 Illinois Infantry

*Occupation:* Stone Cutter

*Birth:* Lancaster Co. PA 1-4-1828

*Enlisted:* Cederville IL 8-6-1862

*Discharge:* Benton Barracks, St. Louis MO 8-16-1863

*Marriage:* WI to Mary Cate by Israel Smith, JP

*Death:* Des Moines IA 6-20-1912

*Notes:* Discharged for disability. Loss of 3 fingers of left hand. Wound received in battle at Vicksburg MS on 5-22-1863. 3 children listed as living as of 7-4-1898.

**Wertman, Norman**

*Unit:* Co. G, 196 Ohio Infantry

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* Ashland OH 11-22-1847

*Enlisted:* 3-15-1863

*Discharge:* Baltimore MD 9-11-1865

*Marriage:* Fredonia KS to Sarah Ann Nelson

*Death:* Oxford KS 9-25-1920

*Notes:* As of 5-5-1898 3 children listed as living

**Wertman, Philip L.**

*Unit:* Co. G, 104 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Unit:* Co. D, 173 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Carpenter

*Birth:* Schuylkill Co. PA 3-10-1836

*Enlisted:* Camp Curtin PA & Pottsville PA 10-28-1862 & 2-27-1865

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA & Portsmouth VA 8-18-1863 & 8-25-1865

*Marriage:* Kutztown, Berks Co. PA 8-29-1860 to Sarah Amelia Fenstermaker

*Death:* Lehighon, Carbon Co. PA 2-7-1929

*Notes:* Appointed Corporal 10-28-1862



**Wertman, Reuben**

*Unit:* Co. F, 72 Ohio Infantry

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* Columbia Co. PA Abt 1819

*Enlisted:* Harrisville OH 12-27-1861

*Discharge:* Died in service

*Marriage:* Bloomsburgh, Columbia Co. PA  
6-20-1839 to Rebecca Leiby by D. S. Tobias

*Death:* Harrisville, Medina Co. OH 5-28-1862

*Notes:* Taken sick after battle of Shiloh due to exposure during and after the battle. Sent home with chronic diarrhea and typhoid fever. Died at home of disease. As of 10-21-1863, 2 living children under age 16 are listed.

**Wertman, Robert M.**

*Unit:* Co. D, 202 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Carpenter

*Birth:* Northumberland Co. PA Abt 1834

*Enlisted:* Lewisberg PA 8-16-1864

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA 8-3-1865

*Marriage:* Danville PA 9-9-1856 to Mary Ellen Galbrath by Rev. J. M. Yoemans

*Death:* 4-23-1911

**Wertman, Samuel**

*Unit:* Co. D, 173 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* West Penn Twp, Schuylkill Co. PA  
10-19-1841

*Enlisted:* Camp Curtin PA & Pottsville PA  
10-28-1862 & 2-27-1865

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA & Portsmouth VA  
8-18-1863 & 8-25-1865

*Marriage:* Tamaqua PA 2-12-1865  
by Rev. L. K. Derr

*Death:* 4-23-1930

*Notes:* Disabled by rheumatism, piles & chronic diarrhea contracted at Norfolk VA June 1863. As of 12-10-1897, 9 children are living.

**Wertman, William**

*Unit:* Co. E, 131 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Carpenter

*Birth:* Northumberland Co. PA 8-12-1842

*Enlisted:* Lewis Twp. PA 8-8-1862

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA 5-23-1863

*Marriage:* Turbotsville PA to Mary Elizabeth Keiser by Rev. J. F. Wornpool

*Death:* Dewark PA 2-25-1917

*Notes:* In hospital in Washington 8-20-1862 to 10-5-1862. In hospital at Sharpsburg 10-30-1862 to 2-6-1863. As of 6-4-1898, 6 children listed as living

*Wife* Mary Elizabeth, Keiser, b.23 Apr 1849, Berry, Seneca Co. NY

*Brother* Jacob Z. Wertman, 68 years old in 1917

*Daughter* Wertman, Emma Jane, b.13 Aug 1872

*Daughter* Wertman, Cora Ida, b. 13 June 1875

*Daughter* Wertman, Sarah Ella, b. 6 June 1877

*Daughter* Wertman, Chrissa Annetta,  
b. 29 July 1879

*Daughter* Wertman, Lenna Elvina,  
b. 22 Sep 1881

*Son* Wertman, William Edwin, b. 1 May 1884

*Description at time of enlistment:*  
height, 5 feet 10½ inches; complexion, light;  
color of eyes, gray; color of hair, light.

*Cause of Death:* Apoplexy

*Declared Reason for Invalid Pension:* Lumbago  
& hemorrhage

*Address at death of Veteran:* Dewart PA

*Address at death of Widow:* 41 Huffman St.,  
Williamsport PA

**Wertman, William W.**

*Unit:* Co. E, 122 New York Infantry

*Birth:* Abt 1841

*Enlisted:* Lockport NY 7-28-1863

*Discharge:* De Camp General Hospital,  
Davids Island NY 12-23-1864

*Marriage:* Lockport NY 12-25-1863 to Susan M.  
Kinnie by Rev. L. R. Griffith

*Death:* 5-15-1904

*Notes:* Wounded in the Line of duty at Cold Harbor VA on 6-1-1864. A rifle ball struck him in the right hip. It is very difficult for him to stand or walk. As of 7-31-1898, 5 children were listed as living.

*Son* Wertman, Maynard M., b. 23 Sep 1867

*Daughter* Wertman, Lillian A., b. 2 Aug 1870

*Son* Wertman, William W. Jr., b. 26 Apr 1878

*Daughter* Wertman, Susan B., b. 23 Apr 1880

*Son* Wertman, Archie S., b. 8 Feb 1882

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**Wertman, William W.**

*Unit:* Co. D, 7 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* Northumberland Co. PA Abt 1841

*Enlisted:* Dewart PA & Nashville TN 9-15-1861  
& 11-28-1863

*Discharge:* Nashville TN & Macon GA  
11-27-1863 & 8-23-1865

*Notes:* May & June 1862 - Absent in hospital.  
Regimental Teamster.

**Wertman, Willoughby**

*Unit:* Co. A, 74 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Unit:* Co. D, 173 Pennsylvania Infantry

*Occupation:* Miller

*Birth:* Schuylkill Co. PA 11-12-1844

*Enlisted:* Camp Curtin PA & Espy PA  
10-28-1862 & 2-25-1865

*Discharge:* Harrisburg PA & Clarksburg, VA  
8-18-1863 & 8-29-1865

*Marriage:* Allentown PA 1-14-1875  
to Mary M. Stein by E. F. Pitcher

*Death:* Allentown, Lehigh Co. PA 6-24-1920

*Notes:* Prior Marriages: (1) To Fianna Lechleit-  
ner, 4-1864 at Tamaqua PA by Rev. Levi Derr.

Divorced 1867 in Pottsville PA. (2) To Jannie  
Hoag at White Haven PA by Rev. Solomon in  
1872. Died 6-21-1873 at Allentown. Buried at  
Union Cemetery, Allentown. 1 child.

**Wortmann, Henry**

*Unit:* Co. B, 3 Pennsylvania Artillery

*Marriage:* Brooklyn NY 2-11-1869 to Clemence  
Maria Olsommer by J. K. Searles

*Death:* 5-6-1903

*Notes:* At York PA right leg caught in bumper of  
two rail cars. Children: 7 boys and 3 girls, 8  
are living as of 8-26-1880.

**Wortman, Robert W.**

*Unit:* Co. K, 6 Pennsylvania Artillery

*Occupation:* Farmer

*Birth:* Fayette PA Abt 1839

*Enlisted:* Pittsburgh PA 9-2-1864

*Discharge:* Washington DC 6-13-1865

*Marriage:* Somerset Co. PA 6-18-1871 to Katie  
Snyder by William Silbraugh

*Death:* Dodge City KS 4-30-1894

*Notes:* 3 children listed