

# Wertman *Lines*

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## ***Reserve these dates!***

- **Wertman Family Reunion 2008**
- **Friday-Sunday, 22-24 August**
- **Ashland, Ohio**

## **Dear Wertman Descendants,**

George Philip Wertman settled by 1749 in Lynn Twp., now in Lehigh Co., PA. Some descendants stayed in the area and are still there. Others moved on to Danville, PA. Martin's family moved to Berks County, PA. Large portions of the family went on to settle in Ashland, OH; Lockport, NY, and Genesee Co., MI. From these places, Wertman descendants have spread across the country.

At the 2007 reunion, members of the Wertman Family Association voted to return to Ashland, OH. You, your relatives, and friends are most cordially invited to attend the annual WFA reunion 22-24 August 2008. The researcher's meeting will be held on Friday. That evening, there will be a family dinner. The family picnic, business meeting, and auction will be held on Saturday. On Sunday, we will visit cemeteries where family members are buried and travel to locations of former Wertman homes. Look for details in a future e-mail or in the June *Wertman Lines*.

Frank Strickling, Vice President and 2008 Reunion Chair, has reserved a block of rooms for the Wertman Family Reunion at the AmeriHost Inn at I-71 and US 250, just east of Ashland. The discounted

rate is \$79 per night plus tax. Rooms must be individually reserved before 21 July by calling the AmeriHost at (419) 281-9809. Continental breakfast is available for inn guests. If you prefer, there is Super 8 motel across the street with a basic rate of \$65.88 plus tax.

Please join me in expressing appreciation to Frank and Judy Strickling for making arrangements for this year's reunion. We look forward to seeing you in August in Ohio.

Yours truly,

Russell C. Dannecker, President  
Wertman Family Association  
6th Great Grandson of George Philip Wertman



*Monument in Ebenezer Cemetery, New Tripoli, PA, dedicated 2007 by WFA*

## Family Relationships: Twists and Turns Following Wertman Women's Descendants

by Russell C. Dannecker

On Sunday, 19 Aug., the final day of the 2007 Wertman Family Reunion in Lehigh Co., PA, a number of family members car-pooled to Wertman-related sites following our able guides, Larry and Shirley Wertman. After visiting Neffs and Slatedale cemeteries, it had begun to rain, so we abandoned our tombstone research. After lunch, two cars drove to the Uriah Wertman farm in Lynn Twp., where Larry Wertman was born. Uriah (b 27 Jul 1852, d 29 Aug 1925, son of Daniel F. Wertman and Hannah Mantz) was Larry's grandfather. He is one of more than 100 Wertman descendants buried in Ebenezer Union Cemetery, New Tripoli, PA.

As we drove toward the Ontelaunee Gun Club (on George Philip Wertman's original land, and site of the Wertman researchers meeting 17 Aug.) along Fort Everett Rd., we stopped by the old Mosser farm, within sight of the Gun Club, where Richard and Shirley Daniels and I said goodbye to Larry and Shirley and started to drive back to our hotel.

On Gun Club Rd., we paused to take pictures of the old Everett homestead (east of the road) and the foundation stones of an early Wertman barn (west of the road). As Shirley Daniels took the pictures, we noticed a family picnicking under a large tree was watching us, so we decided to stop and tell them

why we were taking pictures. They had guessed that we wanted to purchase the foundation stones. Not so, I said, these stones were once on part of a Wertman farm. After an explanation of who we were and a description of the Reunion events, we said that we had just seen the Mosser farm and discovered that the woman we were talking with was Glenda Mosser Bennicoff. She shared some history of the Mosser farm and Elias and Philip Mosser. Glenda also said that their (Bennicoff's) home and farm had belonged to a George Wertman (prob. George William Wertman, b 10 Aug 1917). She remembered growing up with George. He lived on one side of the house, the Mossers on the other.

The Bennicoffs have preserved 200 acres of their farmland from development. The Mosser farm was sold and passed out of the family after nine generations. As Glenda described her family history, and showed us aerial photos of the Mosser and Wertman farms, it was clear that she was not only a Mosser but a Wertman descendant as well, with a double Wertman relationship.

Anna Maria (Mary) WERTMAN (b 01 Dec 1820 Lynn Twp, d 11 Apr 1900 New Tripoli) was the daughter of Andreas (Andrew) Wertman and Maria Elizabeth BROBST. She married Philip MOSSER 23 Feb 1841 and they had nine children. The eldest

*Foundation stones of an early Wertman barn remain on the Bennicoff farm. The family was eating under the large tree on the left of the photo.*



son was Elias Mosser (b 11 May 1842, d 25 Dec 1928) who married Elizabeth WERTMAN.

Andreas WERTMAN (b 10 Oct 1784 Rabert's Corner, Lynn Twp, d 25 Dec 1822 New Tripoli, bur Ebenezer Cem) owned the stone home on the corner of Gun Club and Lentz roads. He was the son of Jacob Wertman sr and Maria (Mary) and married Maria Elizabeth BROBST (b 15 Mar 1787 Lynn Twp, d 13 Mar 1872 Lynn Twp, bur Ebenezer Cem).

Elizabeth WERTMAN mentioned above (b 05 Nov 1840, d 29 May 1926, bur Ebenezer Cem) was the daughter of Daniel Wertman and Salome DAUBENSPECK. She and Elias Mosser married 25 Dec 1869, as noted above. Anna Maria (Mary) Wertman and Elizabeth Wertman were first cousins once removed. Their common ancestors were Jacob Wertman sr and Maria.

I found an additional connection. Uriah Wertman [see paragraph 1] had a brother, David D. Wertman, who fought in the Civil War. David was drafted into Co I, 176th PA Drafted Militia Infantry as a corporal 16 Oct 1862 in Lehigh Co. He is on the Muster-In Roll 08 Nov 1862 at Philadelphia. From Nov 1862 to Jun 1863 he was employed in guard, picket and other duties in the Charleston, SC, vicinity. He was treated in the General Hospital at Hilton Head, SC, 19 Jul to 16 Aug 1863 and was mustered out of service 18 Aug 1863 at Philadelphia.

In an affidavit regarding David Wertman's pension claim, Joseph MOSSER age 73, Lynn Twp, 26 May 1883, states: "I know David Wertman said claimant for invalid pension for forty years. I have always resided near him since he was a boy and have known him to be a sound man before his enlistment for the reason that he served for me, and also worked for me as a day laborer ever since his discharge. He is complaining that he is subject to rheumatism. I cannot say for how long a time in each year he is unable to do manual labor. And he is not a sound man as he was before he enlisted. I asked him to do work for me, which he refused to do on account that he was not able to do it. He has a broken down constitution in every respect. He has been complaining to me frequently of his rheumatic spells which unfitted him to do labor."

David D. WERTMAN (b 03 May 1834, d 14 Nov 1903 Jacksonville, Lynn Twp, bur Ebenezer Cem) was the son of Daniel F. Wertman and Hannah



*Shirley Daniels and Russ Danecker with Glenda Mosser Bennicoff, her husband and son (rear)*

MANTZ. On 16 Jul 1857 in New Tripoli he married Florian MILLER (b ca 1835, d Mar 1897).

Daniel F. WERTMAN (b 20 Mar 1810 Lynn Twp, d 18 Sep 1890 Lynn Twp) was the son of Andreas Wertman and Maria Elizabeth BROBST. He married Hannah MANTZ (b 15 Jan 1809, d 14 Sep 1867 Lynn Twp, bur Ebenezer Cem) 10 Oct 1831, New Tripoli. Daniel's sister, Anna Maria (Mary) WERTMAN married Philip MOSSER in 1841. So Anna Maria (Mary) Wertman Mosser was David D. Wertman's aunt.

We took pictures and exchanged addresses. We mentioned the new George Philip Wertman memorial. The Bennicoffs invited us to return. As we stood in the rain to say goodbye we could tell that a family connection had been made.



*The old Mosser farm on Fort Everett Road.*

## Five Brothers in the Framework of History

by Shirley Miner Daniels

Some family data from Russell C. Dannecker, the late Richard Hull, Dora Kamalu, Ed Sterrett, and Tom Young

# denotes approximate date

- Unkn # Michael Wertman born
- # Jacob Wertman born
- 1740 colonial population estimate 889,000
- # George Philip [II] Wertman born
- 1741 American artist Charles Wilson Peale born
- Bering discovers Alaska
- first magazine published in America
- Philip Wurtzman [GPI ?] warrants 100 acres in Oley Twp, Phila Co
- 1743 Thomas Jefferson born
- 1746 Spanish painter Francisco de Goya born
- 1747 Navy hero John Paul Jones born
- Simon Wertman born
- 1749 Philip Wertman warrants land in Lynn Twp, Bucks Co
- 1750 Martin Wertman born
- 1751 James Madison born
- 1752 Lynn Twp becomes part of Northampton Co
- Colonies convert to Gregorian calendar
- PA Dutch settlers use Conestoga wagon
- 1756 French and Indian War begins
- composer Wolfgang Mozart born
- third US VP Aaron Burr born
- first chocolate factory in Germany
- 1758 lexicographer Noah Webster born
- Jacob Werdmann sponsor at baptism of Jacob, s/o Dieter Seidler, Anna Maria
- 1759 composer George Frederich Handel dies
- 1760 colonial population estimate 1,610,000
- Phillip [I] Wertman is a representative when Ebenezer Church buys land
- George Philip Wertman witnesses John Flack's will
- Jurg Philip Werdmann, Elisabeth Puhl sponsors at baptism of Jurg Philipp, s/o Jurg Christoph Heringh, Margaretha
- Jacob Werdmann, Maria Barbara Steenbruch sponsors at baptism of Marie Barbara, d/o Friderich Moser, Marie Barbara

- Daniel Oswaldt, Magdalena Werdmannin sponsors at baptism of Daniel, s/o Valentin Schuck, Anna Elizabeth;
- baby died, 3 days old
- # Michael Wertman marries Catherine Flack
- 1761 Michael Wertman's son Jacob born; sponsors Jacob Werdmann, Catharina Maria Flach
- 1762 Michael Werthmann, Catharina sponsors at baptism of Johann Michael, s/o Peter Heymbach, Maria Elisabeth
- Daniel Straub, Catharina Magdalena Werthmann sponsors at baptism of Catharina Magdalena, d/o Carl Straub, Maria Catharina
- # Jacob Wertman marries Anna
- 1763 French and Indian War ends
- Philip [II] Wertman marries Michael Wertman's son Jurg Philip [III] born; sponsors are Jurg Philip Werdmann [I? II?], Anna Maria Flachin
- Simon Werdmann, Martin Werdmann confirmed at Weissenberg Church
- 1764 Stamp Act imposes taxes on printed materials and paper goods
- Jacob Werdmann's son Jacob born; baptized "in haste on account of weakness"; sponsors Michael Werdmann, Catharina George Philip Wertman [I? II?] witnesses Ebert-Oswald marriage
- 1765 Jacob Wertman's dau Katharina born
- 1767 Townsend Act imposes new taxes on Colonial trade
- 1768 Napoleon I born
- # Simon Wertman marries Barbara Stabelton
- # Martin Wertman marries Elizabeth
- 1770 Boston Massacre
- composer Ludwig von Beethoven born
- 1771 Simon Wertman's dau Christina Barbara born
- # Martin Wertman's dau Mary Elizabeth born
- 1772 # Simon Wertman's dau Maria Magdalena born
- 1773 Philadelphia Museum founded
- Boston Tea party
- Martin Wertman's son Daniel born
- 1774 First Continental Congress meets in Phila

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| <p>1775 American Revolution begins, Lexington MA<br/>Wilderness Road blazed by Daniel Boone<br/>American artist Gilbert Stuart born<br/>Jacob Wertman's son Daniel born<br/>Martin Wertman's son Samuel/Simon born</p> <p>1776 Declaration of Independence adopted<br/>Jacob Wertman born [son of Jacob sr?]<br/># Philip [II] Wertman's dau Margaret born</p> <p>1777 Articles of Confederation adopted<br/># Jacob Wertman's dau Margaretha born<br/>Philip, Jacob, Michael, Jacob [jr], Martin<br/>Wertman on militia muster rolls<br/>Philip [prob I], Martin Wertman take Oath of<br/>Allegiance<br/>Philip [II] Wortman fled to British in Phila,<br/>served 3 years with Bucks Co Vols</p> <p>1778 flush toilet invented<br/>Michael, Jacob Wertman took Oath of<br/>Allegiance</p> <p>1779 bicycle invented<br/>Martin Wertman, Elizabetha sponsors at<br/>baptism of Margareda Catherina, d/o Carl<br/>Straub, Maria Catharina<br/>Jacob Wertman's son George Philip [IV]<br/>born</p> <p>1780 # Michael Wertman's son John born</p> <p>1781 Cornwallis surrenders at Yorktown VA;<br/>End of Revolutionary War<br/>planet Uranus discovered<br/>severe influenza epidemic in Phila<br/>Philip [GPII] Wertman's land confiscated</p> <p>1782 British take Loyalists to NS<br/>Bank of North America established in Phila<br/># Martin Wertman's son John born<br/>Philip Wartman [GPI?] transfers Oley/Alsace<br/>land to Conrad Keller</p> <p>1783 earthquake kills 50,000 in Italy<br/>writer Washington Irving born<br/>Michael Wertman's son Henry born</p> <p>1784 Jacob Wertman's son Andreas born<br/>Simon Wertman's son John born<br/>Philip [II] Wortman on Muster Roll of<br/>Loyalists in Digby, NS</p> <p>1785 Simon Wertman's son Johann Jacob born</p> <p>1786 Davy Crockett born<br/>Michael Wertman's son Daniel born<br/>Jacob Wertman's dau Maria Elizabeth born</p> <p>1787 DE, PA and NJ declare statehood</p> | <p>Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia</p> <p>1788 Measles epidemic in Phila<br/>New York declares statehood</p> <p>1789 Bill of Rights adopted<br/>French Revolution begins<br/>Benjamin Franklin dies<br/>George Washington is first US President</p> <p>1790 First Federal Census: US population 3.9M<br/>Simon Wertman, Albany Twp Berks Co<br/>Jacob Wertman, Lynn Twp Northampton<br/>Jacob Wertman jr, Lynn Twp Northampton<br/>Martin Wertman Lynn Twp Northampton<br/>Michael Wertman Lynn Twp Northampton<br/>Philip Wertman [GPI] has died</p> <p>1792 Simon Wertman, Barbara sponsors at<br/>baptism of Philip Zehner</p> <p>1793 Yellow Fever epidemic in Phila to 1798<br/>Fugitive Slave Law passed<br/>Eli Whitney develops cotton gin<br/>Simon Wertman, Barbara sponsors at<br/>baptism of David Kritz</p> <p>1794 Whiskey Rebellion: frontier settlers in<br/>western PA challenge Federal govt<br/>Simon Wertman is executor for estate of<br/>Jacob Kuntz</p> <p>1795 Simon Wertman is executor for estate of<br/>Henry Reichelderfer<br/>Philip [II] Wortman marries Jane Purcell</p> <p>1797 John Adams is second US President</p> <p>1799 George Washington dies<br/>Martin Wertman has moved to Berks Co</p> <p>1800 Library of Congress founded<br/>abolitionist John Brown born</p> <p>1801 Thomas Jefferson is third US President</p> <p>1802 West Point Academy established</p> <p>1803 Ohio becomes seventeenth state<br/>Louisiana purchase doubles size of US<br/>writer Ralph Waldo Emerson born</p> <p>1804 Aaron Burr kills Alexander Hamilton in<br/>duel<br/>Locomotive invented in England<br/>Lewis and Clark lead expedition to Pacific</p> <p>1805 author Hans Christian Andersen born</p> <p>1806 Simon Wertman is executor for estate of<br/>Tobias Stebelton</p> <p>1807 Robert E. Lee born<br/>poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow born<br/>Yellowstone Park discovered</p> |
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- 1807 steamboat Clermont begins regular Hudson River service NYC to Albany  
Congress suspends trade with Europe during Napoleonic wars  
Simon Wertman buys land in Bloom Twp, Northumberland [now Columbia] Co
- 1808 Jefferson Davis born  
magnesium discovered
- 1809 Abraham Lincoln born  
writer Edgar Allan Poe born  
food canning invented  
James Madison is fourth US President
- 1810 Michael Wertman buys land in Mahoning Twp Northampton Co  
Martin Wertman and wife [2] Margaret Reichelderfer sell half of Berks Co land to Martin's son Daniel
- 1810 gyroscope invented
- 1811 Lynn Twp becomes part of Lehigh Co  
Schuylkill Co formed  
Cumberland Road begins in MD  
Philip [GPII] Wortman adopts Philip Wortman Dowling
- 1812 War against England through 1815  
author Charles Dickens born
- 1815 Otto von Bismarck born
- 1816 stethoscope invented
- 1817 James Monroe is fifth US President  
04 July Erie Canal begun  
writer Henry David Thoreau born  
Michael Wertman dies in Columbia Co, leaves 6 sons, 6 daughters
- 1819 poet Walt Whitman born  
novelist Herman Melville born  
Philip [II] Wortman dies in Digby NS; property to widow Jane, then to adopted son Philip Dowling; executors to sell some property if dau Margaret should require £10  
Jacob Wortman dies in Lynn Twp, leaves widow Maria, 4 sons, 5 daughters
- 1820 beginning of documented passenger lists  
Missouri compromise: for every slave state admitted, free state must be entered  
Simon Wertman, blacksmith, formerly of Berks Co, dies in Columbia Co
- 1821 Clara Barton, Red Cross founder, born
- 1823 Martin Wertman dies in Berks Co; leaves widow Margaret, 3 sons, 1 daughter

## Compare the Signatures

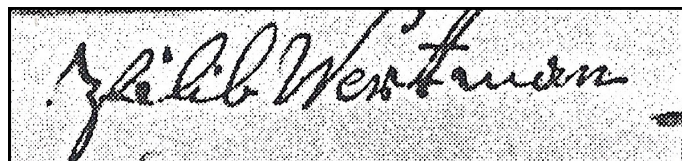
by Shirley Daniels

Thanks to Laurel Meyer of Columbus, OH, we have a verified signature of Philip Wertman from an estate inventory. This is the first signature below. Her ancestor, Michael Kern, married the widowed Susannah Christina Wetterholt, whose husband, Johannes Jacob Wetterholt, was killed by Indians in the Fall of 1763. Thomas Everett and Philip Wertman helped her to administer her husband's estate. But was this GPI or GPII?

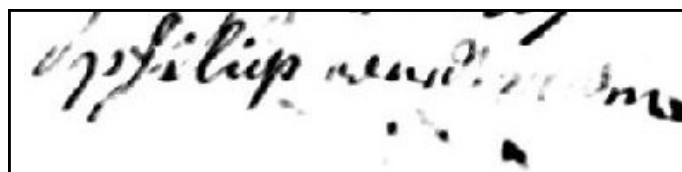
There were 41 persons who signed a petition on 04 May 1757 pleading for better protection from the Indians. A microfilm in the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg provided the second signature below. Is it George Philip Wertman's name?

The third signature was photocopied from a Loyalist claim 06 Apr 1786 from Philip Wertman of Digby, NS, formerly of Northampton [sic] Co., PA, requesting compensation for property that Pennsylvania took from him after declaring him treasonous and payment for his three years service to the British in the Company of Bucks Co. Volunteers under command of Captain William Thomas during the "late unhappy Dissentions in America."

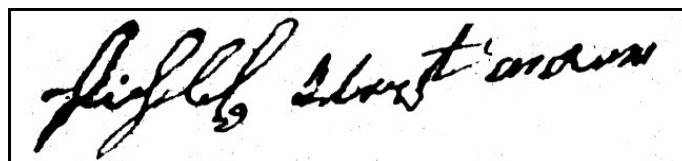
What do you think?



Signature on Wetterholt estate inventory ca 1764



Signature on 1757 petition about Indian defense



Signature on 1786 Loyalist claim from GPII

## Memorials and Markers: Jacob Vogel and William Walter Wertman

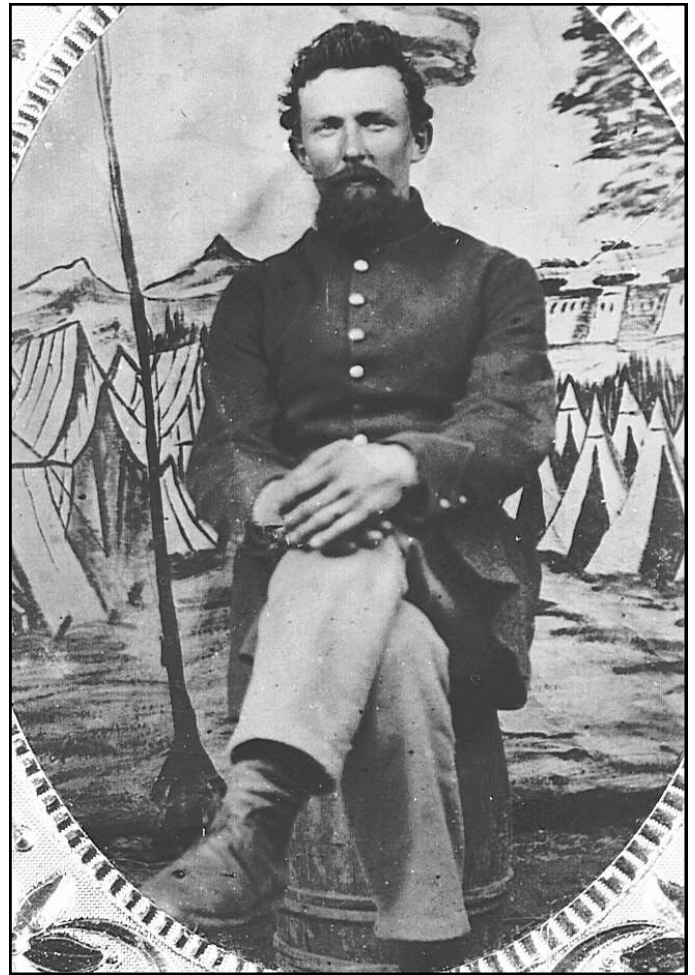
by Russell C. Dannecker

In 2007, the U. S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs provided veteran grave markers for Pvt. Jacob Vogel and Pvt. William W. Wertman, both from New York. In large part due to the efforts of Anita Reid, the city of Lockport, NY financed footings for headstones for these two veterans of the Civil War who were wounded and suffered the rest of their lives.

### Jacob Vogel

On a warm July day last summer, I climbed to one of my favorite spots – Little Round Top at Gettysburg, PA. From there, a panoramic view of the entire battlefield shows many monuments, but looking west across the valley you notice a semi-circle of similar memorials. These markers on the *crest of the rocky wooded hill* are for some US Army Regulars who fought there 01-03 Jul 1863.

Official Records of the Civil War contain the following account of the battle written by Jacob Vogel's commanding officer 16 July 1863: "In obedience to the circular from brigade headquarters, I have the honor to furnish in brief a report of the operations of the Eleventh U. S. Infantry at the battle of Gettysburg, on the 2nd instant. In company with the other battalions of the brigade, we moved about 5 p. m. from our resting place, nearly opposite the center of the army, to near the Sugar Loaf or Round Top Mountain, a point near the left of the line. Immediately upon reaching this, we were ordered to advance in line of battle, passing from the shelter of a wood across an open field, through which ran a heavy morass [Plum Run]. We advanced in good order, although exposed to a flank fire from the enemy, and halted immediately in front of a piece of woods [at the *crest of the rocky wooded hill*], where we lay some half hour or more. Our brigade then relieved some troops of the Second Corps, for which purpose we advanced into the woods, at the same time changing our direction by a wheel to the left. After firing a few rounds in the woods, it was discovered that the enemy was turning our right flank, and we were ordered to fall back, which was done in good order until we reached half way across the open



Jacob Vogel, 11th US Regular Infantry

field, when we became exposed to a cross-fire of the enemy, the effect of which was most deadly upon officers and men. Our loss up to this time had been comparatively slight, but in a few minutes we lost nearly half of the regiment, and that, too, without inflicting the slightest damage upon the enemy. We finally reached the wood, when we were enabled to reform and face the enemy. Our loss in this engagement was fearful. Out of 261 enlisted men and 25 officers, the regiment lost 106 enlisted men and 10 commissioned officers, among the latter some of our best officers."

One of the wounded men was Jacob Vogel, who married Lydia A. Wertman shortly after returning from the war. From this report we can conclude that in all likely hood Jacob was wounded about 6 p.m. on 02 July 1863 as his unit retreated.

According to Jacob Vogel's military records at the National Archives in Washington, DC, he was born in Shawnee, NY. This farmer was 22 years old

when he enlisted in the infantry. He had blue eyes, light colored hair, light complexion, and was 5 feet 9½ inches tall.

His military history shows that in Nov. and Dec. 1862 he was sick in hospital at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, MA. He received a gunshot wound to his left thigh 02 July 1863 at the Battle of Gettysburg, and after convalescence, returned to duty 23 Nov. 1863. On 19 Aug. 1864, he was missing in action at Yellow House, VA, -- captured. Correspondence from his commanding officer on 19 Aug. states, "The enemy broke through the line I had just established between my position and that on the plank road, and moving rapidly on my right flank, compelled the whole of Crawford's and Ayres' divisions [Vogel's division] to fall back. A heavy fight took place, and the whole line has been regained, taking many prisoners.... Our loss is heavy, being considerable in prisoners. I will report more



*Lydia Wertman and Jacob Vogel pose for a wedding photograph*

definitely when I get returns." Later, the Major General reported, "I find my losses in prisoners have been very considerable. ... Ayres has lost very heavily and General Hayes [Vogel's brigade commander] is missing."

The Brigade Commander who took charge after Hayes and Vogel were captured, wrote, "At daylight on the morning of the 18th of August the brigade ... broke camp and moved off in a southwesterly direction toward the Weldon railroad, striking that road at the Yellow House, six miles from Petersburg, about 10 a. m. Up to this time the troops had met with very little opposition, excepting from a small force of the enemy's cavalry, which had been readily dispersed and driven back. On arriving opposite to the Black house the brigade deployed in two lines of battle across the railroad, with... [a] portion of the... New York Volunteers thrown out as skirmishers. In this disposition we advanced slowly and steadily up the railroad for about three-fourths of a mile, under a heavy artillery fire, and most of the way through a dense undergrowth of pine and oaks, until the front line arrived within about thirty yards of the farther edge of the woods, beyond which, in Davis' cornfield, our skirmishers were actively engaged with those of the enemy. They had already driven the enemy's skirmishers beyond the Davis house, and had compelled one of their batteries to retire front, and presently advanced out of the woods in front of the Davis house in two strong lines of battle,

Jacob VOGEL (b 22 Mar 1840 Shawnee, Niagara Co, NY; d 28 Sep 1874 Clarence, Erie Co, NY; bur Shaffer Cem, Lockport, Niagara Co, NY) was the son of William Vogel and Eva Barbara LUCAT.

He married Lydia A. WERTMAN (b 09 Aug 1846 Rapids, Lockport; d 23 Jun 1910 Clarence, Erie Co, NY; bur Shaffer Cem), d/o Jonathan Michael Wertman and Hanna PREISCH on 08 Aug 1865 in Lockport. Their children were:

- Edward Franklin Vogel (b 21 Jun 1866 Niagara, Niagara Co, NY; d 25 Nov 1949, Latham, Moniteau Co, MO; bur Green Grove Cem, Latham); m Ethel Theresa COPE
- Jonathan Vogel (b 08 Jul 1873; d 10 Apr 1878; bur Shaffer Cem)



sweeping our skirmishers before them and striking our line in front and flank with such violence that, after considerable resistance, they were forced to retire to the rear edge of the woods, carrying with them the greater portion of their wounded. Here a new line was established and breast-works thrown up. In this position the command remained during the afternoon and night of the 18th.

“On the morning of the 19th our dead and wounded were recovered. On the afternoon of the 19th the enemy attacked our lines in force, breaking through the troops of the division on our right, and rapidly enveloping the ...Infantry, which were posted in the front line of works on the right of the railroad. The enemy striking our rear so suddenly, many of the regiments... were forced to fight their way through, losing by this means heavily in prisoners.”

Jacob Vogel remained in prison for seven months until paroled in March 1865. He was discharged at the end of his three-year enlistment, and returned home in June 1865. Less than two months later, he married Lydia Wertman. Their marriage lasted just over nine years. Jacob died in 1874. What was his cause of death? In her Declaration for Original Pension, Lydia Shrader, nee Wertman, states, “... his military career: severe wound in thigh and continuous results and effects, culminating in death.”

### **William Walter Wertman**

William W. Wertman enrolled as a private 28 July 1863 at Lockport, NY, the same day his first cousin, George Wertman, also from Lockport, enrolled in the infantry. George was Lydia Wertman's brother. William was nearly 22 years old. During the next 17 months he would marry, go off to the front, participate in some of the most intense fighting of the war (at Spotsylvania Court House William's Sixth Army Corps would fight beside George's Fifth Army Corps), and be permanently disabled. In July 1864 he was sent to DeCamp General Hospital at David's Island, NY Harbor. Cousin George arrived at the same hospital in August 1864.

We are blessed to have an original document kept by this soldier: *The Soldier's Book, Pocket Diary for Accounts and Memoranda for Non-Commissioned Officers and Privates of the U. S.*

*Volunteer and Regular Army.* In what appears to be his writing, the title is, “Military History of William Wertman, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York.”

This diary contains the following: “Drafted 28 July 1863. Enlisted for 3 years

“Height 5 feet, 11 inches, blue eyes, left eye spoiled, light complexion; 21 years, 11 months and 16 days old when enlisted; Next of Kin, Wife, Susan M. Wertman [not his wife at time of enlistment], and Sister, Mary E. Wertman, both of Lockport.

“Amount of Pay Received, 17 March 1864, advanced payment of bounty, \$38.00, pay master at Elmira. Memorandum of Allotment, 16 March 1864, from William Wertman to Susan Wertman, \$25.00 to Lockport, Niagara Co., New York.

“Account of Clothing Received: 20 August 1863, 1 forage cap, 1 blouses, 1 trousers, 2 flannel shirts, 2 drawers, 1 booties, 2 pair stockings, 1 blanket. 18 January 1864, 2 pairs of drawers. 25 April 1864, 1 rubber blanket, 1 piece tent. 26 April 1864, 1 blouses, 1 trousers, 1 pair drawers. 30 August 1864, 1 forage cap, 1 trousers, 1 flannel shirt, 1 pair drawers.

“Chronology of Service – U. S. American, Wm. Wertman. During my time in the Service. Drafted



*William Walter Wertman, 122 NY Infantry*

the 28 day of July 1863 in the town of Lockport, Niagara County, State of New York. Reported and Excepted [sic] the 15 day of August 1863 and went into camp that 20 day of August 1863 in the town of Lockport. Left Lockport camp the 21 day of August 1863 and came to Elmira Chemung Co Barracks No 3. Taken sick the 3 day of September 1863 and went to Hospital in Elmira. Went home on a Furlow [sic] the 17 day of December 1863. Came back to the hospital the 27 day of December 1863. Discharged from the Hospital the 4th day of January 1864 and came to Barrack No 3 in Elmira again. Left Elmira for the Regt the 12 day of March 1864 arrived in Cleveland the 13 day of March. Left Cleveland the 14 for Columbus arrived there that night. Left Columbus the 15 and arrived in Sandusky that night with the Regt. [Why was William's regiment sent to Sandusky, OH? In 1864 the US Govt feared an invasion from Canada!] The Regt left Sandusky the 13 day of April 1864 for the front. We arrived at Brandy Station the 18 of April 1864 and went in camp too [sic] miles from the Station.

[Separate piece of paper] "Drafted July 28, 1863. Excepted [sic] August 20th. Left Lockport Aug. 22

Coalharbor June 1st 1864.  
wounded about 4 o'clock P.M.  
in right hip by a minnie rifle  
taken to Brigade hospital  
at White House landing.  
Transferred on boat Mayflower  
to Washington. placed on  
board the Methopolas <sup>arrived</sup>  
at David's Island N.Y. city  
June 15 - 1864.  
Discharged from hospital  
Dec. 23 - Arrived home Dec 26  
Company E.  
122nd N.Y. State Volunteers  
1 Brigade 3, Division  
6th Army Corps.  
Commanded by  
Gen. Sedgwick.

A page from William Walter Wertman's diary



Susan Kinne, wife of William Walter Wertman

for Elmira. Had typhoid fever. Sore foot. [three words unreadable] Sandusky City Ohio. Left Sandusky April 3rd and went to the front at Brandy Station. Broke camp May 3rd. Crossed the Rapidan river and fought in the Battle of the Wilderness May 5th and 6th. Spotsylvania [sic] Court House 5 days, Pamunkey a skirmish lasted 4 hours. Coal [sic] harbor June 1st, 1864. Wounded about 4 o'clock P. M. in right hip by a minnie rifle. Taken to Brigade hospital at White House landing. Transferred on boat Mayflower to Washington. Placed on board the Methropolas [sic]. Arrived at David's Island N. Y. City June 15 1864. Discharged from hospital Dec 23. Arrived home Dec. 28th 1864."

An early Wertman Researcher, Isabelle Jordan Stage, wrote, "Speaking of William's enlistment in the war, Aunt Melissa once said, 'Susan was teaching school on Raymond Hill that summer, and the school closed for the summer on the day that Bill Wertman's regiment entrained for the South; — Wisterman and I went over to Raymond Hill to bring Susan home.' At Christmas time William Wertman came home on a short furlough and he and Susan were married on Christmas day, 1863." This fits with William Wertman's furlough dates, but his marriage did not make it into his military diary.

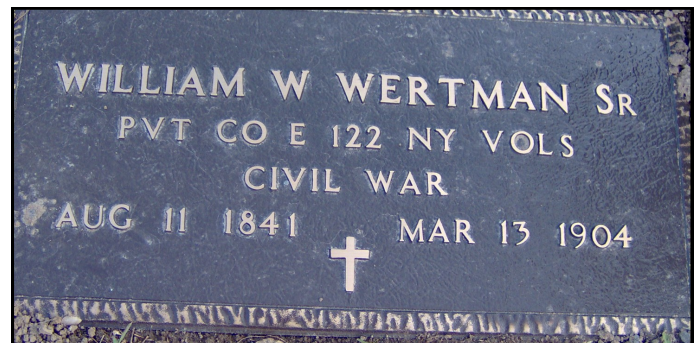
One thing that did make William Wertman's military diary is: "Coal [sic] harbor June 1st 1864. Wounded about 4 o'clock P. M. in right hip by a minnie rifle." This is written from a wounded private's point of view. From a General's point of view, Ulysses S. Grant reported on the same day, "On the 1st day of June an attack was made at 5 p.m. by the Sixth Corps and the troops under General Smith, the other corps being held in readiness to advance on the receipt of orders. This resulted in our carrying and holding the enemy's first line of works in front of the right of the Sixth Corps and in front of General Smith. During the attack the enemy made repeated assaults on each of the corps not engaged in the main attack, but were repulsed with heavy loss in every instance. That night he made several assaults to regain what he had lost in the day, but failed."

For William Wertman, the war was over and life would be changed forever. He could no longer stand or walk upright. He returned to his home and bride three days after their first wedding anniversary. William Wertman and Susan Kinne had two days as husband and wife before he went to war. But life moves on. Nine months after his return their first daughter Nellie was born.

Since their deaths, the graves of Jacob Vogel and William Wertman did not indicate their military service. Both of these men served their state and country well. Both received severe wounds. It has been long enough. Finally they have the recognition they deserved.



*The battlefield at Cold Harbor where William Wertman was wounded*



William Walter WERTMAN [Sr] (b 11 Aug 1841 Lockport, Niagara Co, NY; d 13 Mar 1904 Lockport, bur Shaffer Cem., Lockport) was the son of Moses Wertman and Sara PREISCH.

He married Susan M. KINNE (b 28 Aug 1843 Rapids, Lockport; d 09 May 1897 Rapids, Lockport; bur Shaffer Cem) on 25 Dec 1863 in Lockport. Their children were:

- Nellie Wertman (b 28 Sep 1865, Lockport; d 02 Aug 1866 Lockport, bur Shaffer Cem)
- Minnie Wertman (b 1866/67 Lockport)
- Maynard Morris Wertman (b 23 Sep 1867 Rapids, Lockport; d 03 Jul 1901; bur Shaffer Cem); m Cora A. KOPP
- Lillian A. Wertman (b 02 Aug 1870 Lockport; d 1945 Lockport; bur Shaffer Cem)
- William Walter Wertman [Jr] (b 26 Apr 1878 Lockport; d 16 Aug 1967 Rochester, Monroe Co, NY; bur Riverside Cem, Rochester); m Mary Elizabeth MCGIBBON
- Susan Bessie Wertman (b 23 Apr 1880; d 05 Dec 1921; bur Shaffer Cem)
- Archibald "Archie" S. Wertman (b 08 Feb 1882 Rapids, Lockport; d 31 Mar 1940 Lockport; bur Shaffer Cem); m Elizabeth C. MAHAR

## First DNA Results Online

by Tom Young

The WFA DNA Project with the Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF) has begun. After approximately 11 months, the first sample (*Martin 01*) has results posted to the database for 25 out of 37 markers. (SMGF tests a few markers at a time for many individuals rather than all markers for one individual.) We would hope that descendants of each son of GPI would match each other at least for 36 of 37 numbers.

A quick examination indicates that *Martin 01* does not match a compilation of numbers for the Moncton NB and NY/NJ clans who tend to be Wortman or Workman. We can prove or disprove relationships when we get results from more descendants. We would like to have two results from each of GPI's sons, so those who received a test kit at the 2007 reunion are urged to submit their paperwork and samples.

To learn more about SMGF and to request a test kit, go to <<http://www.smgf.org>>, or contact me for more information <[teyoung3@verizon.net](mailto:teyoung3@verizon.net)>.

### Wertman Home in Online Postcards

Neil Oswald sent the following link to the Koch collection of postcards on the Lynn/Heidelberg Historical Society. It contains some very interesting pictures of New Tripoli, PA including a Wertman home. <<http://www.lynn township.org/gkcollection/index.htm>>

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