

# Wertman Lines

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## Plan Now!

- Annual Wertman Family Reunion
- 21-22 August 2020
- Lockport, NY

## Dear Wertman Descendants,

George Philip Wertman settled in 1749 in Lynn Township, present-day Lehigh County, Pennsylvania. A number of members of this family moved to the “great north woods” or what is today called the Rapids, Lockport, New York. So, like our ancestors before us, the Wertman Reunion will move west and be held in Lockport. It has been 17 years since we have visited this area. You, your relatives and friends are most cordially invited to attend the annual reunion of the Wertman family.

Yours truly,

RUSSELL C. DANNECKER, President  
Wertman Family Association  
6th Great Grandson of George Philip Wertman

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## In Memory Shirley Anne Daniels



It was with great sadness and shock that we learned of the death of Shirley Ann Daniels. Shirley and Richard have been with the Wertman Family Association since its inception in 1999. They organized countless reunions and Shirley served as the one and only Editor of Wertman Lines. We love them both and extended our deepest sympathy to the entire family.

### Obituary

Shirley Anne Daniels, 79, of Westminster, formerly of Columbia passed away on Saturday, November 2, 2019 at Carroll Hospice Dove House.

Born October 17, 1940, in Washington, D.C. she was the daughter of the late William Henry and Margaret Lee (Hummer) Wertman and was raised by her aunt and uncle. She was the loving wife of Richard Kenneth Daniels, who she married on August 1, 1987. (Continued)

**In Memory  
Shirley Anne Daniels**

(Obituary Continued)

Shirley was a graduate of Gettysburg College where she majored in English and minored in Art. She worked for the Howard County Government for Parks & Recreation as well as Public Information. She volunteered extensively at Carroll Lutheran Village, where she was a resident. Shirley enjoyed quilting, painting, genealogy and pottery. She was a member of St. John (Leisters) Lutheran Church where she sang in the choir.

Surviving in addition to her husband are sons Andrew Stephen Miner and wife Shannon of Ames, IA and Brian Daniel Miner of Camas, WA; stepdaughters Lois Marie Harper and husband John of Alexandria, VA and Laura Jeanne Crothers and husband Mark of Bolling Green, KY; brother William Wertman of Rockville and grandsons William and Henry Miner.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, November 8, 2019 at 11:00 am at Krug Chapel at Carroll Lutheran Village, 300 St. Luke Circle, Westminster, where the family will receive visitors from 10:00 am until the start of the service. Rev. Kristin Dubsy will be officiating. Interment will follow at St. John (Leisters) Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Shirley's memory to the Carroll Lutheran Village Resident's Assistance Fund, 300 St. Luke Circle, Westminster, MD 21158.

Arrangements handled by Pritts Funeral Home and Chapel, Westminster. Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.prittsfuneralhome.com](http://www.prittsfuneralhome.com).

**WERTMAN FAMILY HISOTRY**

Shirley Anne Wertman (1940-2019) > William Henry Wertman II (1907-1942) > William Henry Wertman (1872-1954) > John Forry Wertman (1850-1923) > John Wertman (1824-1909) > Daniel Wertman (1800-1879) > Samuel (Simon) Wertman (1775-1845) > Johan Martin Wertman (1750-1823) > George Philip Wertman I.

**2020 Reunion Plans**

*By Russell Dannecker, 2020 WFA Reunion Committee*

**21st Wertman Family Association Reunion**

**Friday-Saturday, 21-22 August 2020  
Lockport, Niagara County, New York**

The Wertman Family Association Reunion Committee (Russell Dannecker, Barbara Dannecker, Ronald Dannecker) is pleased to announce the preliminary schedule for the 2020 Reunion and Family Business Meeting. We hope that you will make every effort to attend.

**Schedule**

**Thursday, 20 August – Get Acquainted (Optional)**

5:30 PM -- All arriving early are welcome to join the group at a nearby restaurant (TBA) to eat, chat and get acquainted!

**Friday 21 August – Researcher's Meeting, Dinner**

9:00 a.m. -- **Researcher's Meeting**, Meeting Room at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel.

12:00 Noon — **Lunch**. Select your own lunch option at the nearby restaurants.

1:00 p.m. -- **Researcher's Meeting**, Meeting Room at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel.

4:00 p.m. – **Adjourn Researcher's Meeting**.

6:00 p.m. — **Dinner & Speaker**. Meeting Room at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel. We will have a catered dinner and a special guest speaker

**Saturday, 22 August – Picnic, Business Meeting, Family Auction, Erie Canal Cruise.**

We hope that all of the following activities will be held at Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises, Lockport Canal Side, 210 Market Street, Lockport, NY 14094.

12:00 p.m. – **Annual Business Meeting.**

12:30 Noon – **Family Picnic.** “Famous” 3-entrée Lunch Buffet -- Fresh Leaf Lettuce & Baby Spinach Garden Salad Carved Roast Beef Carved Roast Turkey Deli-style Corned Beef Mashed White Potatoes with Gravy Pasta Station with Marinara Sauce on the side Our Signature Maple-glazed Carrots Apple and Cranberry Sauces Various Condiments, Freshly Baked Breadsticks Chef’s Choice of Dessert | Coffee & Tea Station. Adult...\$19.95 Child Ages 8–10...\$12.75 Child Ages 2–7...\$8.75 plus taxes and optional Erie Canal Cruise. We will calculate a total cost.

2:00 p.m. — **Family Auction.**

3:00 PM -- Optional Following – **Erie Canal Cruise.**

#### **Hotel Arrangements**

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS BY 20 JULY 2020**

We have reserved a block of 15 rooms at the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel, 515 S Transit St, Lockport, NY for Thursday through Saturday / Sunday nights at a group rate of \$149.99 plus tax per room (Handicapped & Double Bed Rooms), per night. For \$10 per night you may upgrade to two Queen or one King Bed, Breakfast is included. You may reserve your room by calling (716) 434-6151. Ask to make a reservation under the Wertman Family Association Reunion.

#### **ROOM & HOTEL AMENITIES**

This Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel is a part of Western NY’s historic attractions, located just one mile from the Erie Canal Locks 34 and 35.

Minutes from the Erie Canal boat ride & caves, short drive to the Lake Ontario shoreline fishing & mighty Niagara Falls. There’s no better location for visitors who want fast commutes while on vacation or business travels. With an indoor heated swimming pool and a number of local businesses close by, guests can make the most of any trip. Our executive rooms offer a work area with free high-speed Internet, or head down to the business center to print out reports and plane tickets. Start the day’s adventure with our complimentary breakfast before

heading out.

Located within walking distance to over a dozen sit-down or fast food restaurants, the Best Western Plus Lockport Hotel offers a prime location to enjoy a great seafood, steak, Italian, or barbeque meal.

Spacious rooms and pillow top mattresses make guests feel at home. Combined with competitive rates and the friendliest staff, guests come for the brand recognition but return for the top-notch service and amenities. Every guest is treated like family here.

**Hotel Amenities:** 100% smoke-free hotel; Complimentary continental breakfast, deluxe style breakfast buffet available daily from 6:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday & Sunday. Enjoy a variety of hot and cold items served daily along with your freshly made hot coffee or tea; Indoor pool Heated Open Daily from 630a-9p; Exercise facility, open from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Interior corridor; 24-hour front desk; Laundromat, a coin operated washer and dryer is available for \$1.50 wash and \$1.00 to dry. Detergent is available at the desk for \$1; Cable or satellite television, 50 plus HD channels available through Time Warner Cable with Showtime Premium Channel included; Free wireless internet available in public areas; Free in-room wireless internet access; Air-conditioning; Elevator, wheelchair accessible; Parking for the physically challenged five spaces only; Free parking, 24-hour; ATM cash machine; 2 Commercial microwaves located in the lobby, available 24-hours a day for guest use.

**Room Amenities:** Cable or satellite television; AM/FM alarm clock; Coffee/tea maker Every room can wake up to fresh cup of coffee as they offer single cup coffee makers. Every cup is fresh; Refrigerator All rooms come with a mini fridge; Hairdryer Hand held hair dryers can be found in a black bag behind the bathroom door; Iron, ironing board All rooms offer an iron & board; Desk/work area, with desk top lamp; High-speed Internet access.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL**

The hotel is at 515 S Transit Street, Lockport, New York 14094

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT

The 2020 WFA Reunion Committee: If you have Reunion questions, phone Russ & Barbara Dannecker, at 401-647-3991 or e-mail [dannecker123@verizon.net](mailto:dannecker123@verizon.net). The Reunion Committee includes Russ Dannecker, Barbara Dannecker and Ronald Dannecker.

### 2019 Reunion Report

by Russell Dannecker

### New Tee Shirts

The first order of business was to distribute the new Family Reunion Tee-Shirts. Our many thanks to both Barbara Pierce & Earl Maurer. We reprint the tee-shirts every 5 years, so the next will be issued in 2024.



### Welcome

President Russell Dannecker welcomed all to the reunion. He asked the question Why Gettysburg? All of the following fought at Gettysburg in 1863.

Himebaugh, Daniel A., Private, 1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry, Sick, Survived War.

Moffett, William George, enlisted at age 14, Co. G, 1st Battalion, 14 United States Infantry, Survived War, attended 50<sup>th</sup> Gettysburg Reunion in 1913.

Moser, Aaron, Sergeant, 6<sup>th</sup> & 28th Pennsylvania Infantry, Died in War, 1864.

Moser, Gideon, Corporal, Co. E, 28 Pennsylvania Infantry. Severely Wounded Bullet in Head, Survived War.

Moser, Joseph, Private, 6<sup>th</sup> & 11th Pennsylvania Infantry, Survived War.

Vogel, Jacob, Private, Co. B., 2nd Battalion, 11 US Regular Infantry, Co. E, 1st Battalion, 11 US

Regular Infantry, Wounded at Gettysburg, Survived War, Died as a Result of Wound in 1874.

Because they were here! Now Let Us Walk in the Footsteps of our Heroes.

### National Archives, Research Trip

by Russell Dannecker

Washington, D.C., May 31 to June 10, 2019. Doug Wertman, Barbara Dannecker and Russell Dannecker participated in this research. Purpose: Photograph Military and Pension Records of Wertman Related Soldiers. Results: Nearly 5,000 photographs.



Found many interesting items. By way of examples: Casualty Sheet – James Ebner: Wedding Certificate – James Ebner & Susan Saybolt; Obituary – William H. Fidinger (Picture to Left); Marriage License – James S. Gordan & Anna Wertman; and a Tintype–Saul Franklin, showing his missing leg.

Only a small portion of the documents have been transcribed. It is like opening a time capsule for each soldier.

## Daniel A. Himebaugh

by Russell Dannecker

How is He Related to George Philip Wertman I? Daniel A. Himebaugh (1839-1923) >> Michael Himebaugh (1818-1853) >> Daniel Himebaugh (1793-1850) >> son of Michael Heimbach (1762-1837) and Katharina Wertman (1765-Abt 1821) >> Jacob Wertman Senior >> George Philip Wertman I.

Private Daniel A. Himebaugh was born on 1 Jun 1839 in Lockport, Niagara, New York, United States. He died on 15 Apr 1923 in Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. He was buried on 18 Apr 1923 in Dutch Settlement Cemetery, Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States.

Daniel married Emily Amelia Fry, daughter of David Fry and Elizabeth "Betsy" Taylor, on 9 Apr 1863 in Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. Emily was born on 24 Oct 1842 in Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States. She died on 27 Jul 1919 in Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. She was buried on 30 Jul 1919 in Dutch Settlement Cemetery, Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States.



Emily Amelia Himebaugh nee Fry & Daniel A. Himebaugh

They had the following children.

F i. Florence Himebaugh was born on 23 Nov 1865 Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. She died on 22 Jul 1955, Branch Co., Michigan, United States.

M ii. Arthur Himebaugh was born on 18 Jan 1867 Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. He died on 14 Feb 1922 Battle Creek, Calhoun Co., Michigan, United States. He was buried on 17 Feb 1922 in Dutch Settlement Cemetery, Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States.

F iii. Frances Himebaugh was born on 14 Oct 1869 Orland, Steuben Co., Indiana, United States. She died on 25 Jul 1928 Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. She was buried on 28 Jul 1928 in Dutch Settlement Cemetery, Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States.

Alternate Birthdate for Frances Himebaugh, Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States

F iv. Myrtie Himebaugh was born on 7 Dec 1875 Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. She died on 31 Jan 1955 Centerville, Saint Joseph Co., Michigan, United States.

F v. Amanda Himebaugh was born on 19 Dec 1877 Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States. She died on 5 Dec 1894 Branch Co., Michigan, United States. She was buried in Dutch Settlement Cemetery, Bronson, Branch Co., Michigan, United States.

**Civil War Service** – Enlistment, Company B, 1st Michigan Infantry, 20 January 1862, Burr Oak, Michigan. He participated in the following battles: Battle of Mechanicsville or Beaver Dam Creek, Va. - June 26, 1862; Battle of Gaines' Mill, Va. - June 27, 1862; Battle of White Oak Swamp, Va. - June 30, 1862; Battle of Malvern Hill, Va. – July 1, 1862. Battle of Second Manassas, VA -- August 30, 1862; Battle of Antietam, Md. – September 17, 1862; Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., Marye's Heights - December 13, 1862; Battle of Chancellorsville, Va., April 30 to May 6, 1863; Battle of Gettysburg - The Wheatfield, July 2, 1863; Battle of The Wilderness (Orange Turnpike) - May 5, 1864 & Engaged on

May 6, 1864; Spotsylvania Court House - Laurel Hill, May 8, 1864 & Remained on Battlefield, North Anna Campaign; Battle of Totopotomoy Creek or Bethesda Church, May 30, 1864; Battle of Magnolia Swamp, Va., June 1, 1864; Battle of Cold Harbor, May 31 to June 12, 1864; Siege of Petersburg, starting on June 15, 1864; capture of the Weldon Railroad, August 18-19, 1864.

Siege of Petersburg, Va. **General Affidavit** -- Dated 3 April 1884 of Daniel Heimbauch. Taken sick with Diarrhea + Piles about the middle of August 1864, Sent to division hospital in front of Petersburg V. A., Stayed one night and the reason why was that as the Hospital was filled up with wounded and the noise made by the wounded and being present and seeing them suffer was more that I could stand, I had rather take my chance of life with my Regiment than in the Hospital, Went back to my regiment and took a little Caster Oil that I procure myself, Worked a light work taking care of Colonel Wm. A. Throop Horses.

**General Affidavit** -- Dated 3 March 1886 of Joshua Hawkins, Acquainted with Himbaugh prior to the war of the Rebellion we enlisted together, In war, I often "bunked" with said Himbaugh claimant, Himbaugh to be in good health until we were engaged in taking up the Weldon Railroad in Va., during the month of August, A. D. 1864, We both worked very hard, lifting and carrying away Railroad Iron, etc., Heimbaugh complain of having piles and diarrhea , Himbaugh was excused from service regarding Railroad work and was sent to take care of and see to Colonel Throop's horses.

**General Affidavit** -- 20 December 1897 of John G. Stepper, Capt. Co. "B", 1st Mich. Inf. I have known Daniel from a boy up, that in the fall of 1861, at Annapolis Junction, Md. Daniel contracted Chronic Diarrhea in the line of duty. That disease was brought upon Daniel by army diet, change of water & Climate, that chronic Diarrhea brought on & merged in Bleeding Piles about September of 1862, detached by my consent as a Regimental teamster because his Piles came down so that it was hard for him to duty on march.

Muster-Out, Expiration of Term of Service, 28 January 1865, Near Petersburg, Va.

**Received Pension** -- Date: 30 Dec 1886, Rate, \$2 per month, commencing 29 January 1865, and \$4 from 8 August 1881, and \$8 from 9 June 1886, Basis of Claim – That at Annapolis Junction Md. In the fall of 1861 and winter of 1861-2, he contracted chronic diarrhea which ran into piles about Sept. 1862.

**Suffered for 62 Years! Surgeon's Certificate** – Date: 2 February 1922. "States that he has had piles since his army service. Heart trouble for the past six years and rheumatism is the right hip, leg and knee (right) several years.; Names of Disabilities: Piles, since army service. Disease of heart. Rheumatism. Paralysis agitans, Condition: His condition is poor, skin sallow, eyes lacking in brightness, muscles flabby, hand un-calloused, Rate Recommended Pension: \$72.00 per month.

Died at Age 83.

## **William George Moffett**

by Russell Dannecker

How is He Related to George Philip Wertman I? William George Moffett (1847 -- 1931) > Husband of Elmira R. Wertman (1858 -- 1933) > Isaac Wertman (1821 -- 1898) > Daniel Wertman (1775 -- 1858) > Jacob Wertman > George Philip Wertman I.

1. Private William George Moffett was born on 19 Oct 1847 in Exchange, Derry, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 11 Mar 1931 in South Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried on 14 Mar 1931 in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

William married Elmira Rebecca Wertman "Ella", daughter of Isaac Wertman and Elizabeth Shaffer, on 16 Mar 1876 in Evangelical Lutheran Church, Turbotville, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, United States. Ella was born on 30 Aug 1858 in Delaware, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She died on 7 Jan 1933 in South Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United

States. She was buried on 9 Feb 1933 in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

They had the following children.

i. Infant Moffett was born on 18 Jan 1877. Infant died on 18 Jan 1877.

M ii. Donald Moffett was born on 3 Dec 1877 in Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 10 Oct 1880 in Reading, Berks Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

F iii. Osella Moffett was born on 3 Jun 1879 in Pennsylvania, United States. She died on 10 Oct 1880.

M iv. Charles Henry Moffett was born on 8 Jun 1881 in Pennsylvania, United States. He died in 1940. He was buried in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

M v. William Isaac Moffett was born on 8 Jun 1881 in Montgomery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 3 Mar 1963 in Williamsport Hospital, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried on 6 Mar 1963 in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

M vi. Paul Raymond Moffett was born on 30 Mar 1885 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 9 Mar 1925 in University Hospital, Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried on 11 Mar 1925 in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

M vii. Robert Warren Moffett was born on 5 Aug 1887 in South Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 2 Feb 1958 in Rural Valley, Armstrong Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried on 4 Feb 1958 in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

F viii. Edith Elizabeth Moffett was born on 5 Jan 1890 in South Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She was christened on

8 Oct 1905 in Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She died in Mar 1975 in Elizabethtown, Lancaster Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She was buried in Wildwood Cemetery, Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

**Civil War Service** -- Enlistment, Company: G, 1st Battalion, 14th United States (Regulars) Infantry, 6 October 1862, Williamsport, Pa. On 6 October 1862, at age 18., Birthdate is 19 October 1847, Actual age at Enlistment was 14 years, 11 months, and 17 days, So, he lied about his age to get in the Army. Height at Enlistment recorded as 5' 3", Surgeon's Certificates for Pension: 5' 9", How is that possible? He was only 14 years old.

He participated in the following battles: Battle of Gettysburg - the Wheatfield, July 2, 1863, Battle of The Wilderness (Orange Turnpike) - May 5, 1864 & Engaged on May 6, 1864, Spotsylvania Court House - Laurel Hill, May 8, 1864 & Remained on Battlefield, North Anna Campaign, Siege of Petersburg, Va., starting on 15 Jun 1864, Battle of the Crater, July 30, 1864, Capture of the Weldon Railroad, August 18-19, 1864,

Medical Records -- 18-20 Mar 1865 -- Inf. Tonsils, ret'd to duty; 20 Mar 1865 to -, Rubeola [German measles]; 20 Mar Apr. 1, 1865, Febris Inb. Ret'd to duty.

Muster-Out -- Expiration of Term of Service, 6 October 1865, Harts Island, New York Harbor.

**Applies for Pension** -- Date: 11 May 1892, Basis of Claim -- Rheumatism, Catarrh, Heart and Stomach Trouble and General Disability, Rejected. Applies Again for Pension -- Date: 13 April 1900, Basis of Claim -- Rheumatism, Heart Trouble, Catarrh and Stomach Trouble and General weakness and General Debility so he is not able to perform manual labor, 16 Dec 1902 -- Approved -- Rate, \$6 per month, commencing April 17, 1900.

He was very active in Veterans Affairs. Gettysburg Reunion of 1913. TUESDAY, JULY 1, 1913 -- VETERANS START FOR GETTYSBURG. -- Williamsport Delegation Started for Battlefield on

Special Cars Yesterday Morning. Passed Through The City During Day On Way To "The Front." -- The streets of Williamsport were lined yesterday with veterans of the Civil war on their way to Gettysburg and fiftieth anniversary of that great battle. Marched Erect. The bulk of the Oldtimers however gathered at Reno Post hall and some time before train time started out for a parade. In which they marched slowly but erect and smiling to their many friends, through the streets to Market Street station. Arrived there they boarded the trains and went away on the long trip. ... Those Who Went. The Williamsport veterans who went to Gettysburg were: ... William G. Moffett ...

The Evening News (Harrisburg, Pennsylvania) Mon, May 17, 1926 Page 8 -- William G. Moffett, of Williamsport, a Civil War veteran attending the convention of the North and West Branch Association of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, was injured Saturday when he fell to the pavement from a float during a parade, while the float was turning a corner.

Williamsport Sun-Gazette (Williamsport, Pennsylvania) Wed, Apr 7, 1937 Page 4. Ten Years Ago Today [7 April 1927] -- ... William G. Moffett was named chairman of the general committee for the Memorial Day observance here at a meeting held yesterday at Reno Post Hall.



Veteran William George Moffett. In Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Veterans Uniform. Note 64 on Cap. The Reno Post of Williamsport was Post # 64.

**Increases Pension** -- Date: 7 November 1929. Basis of Claim – Suffering from low blood pressure ... and complaining of being dizzy and faint most of the time, so much so that he does not feel safe to be alone; ... I have asked this man to have an attendant with him at all times as I believe he needs same, he is not necessarily confined to the house, may take short walks but must have personal attendant with him ... At times he has been confined to bed. Physician's Affidavit -- Dated 27 October 1924. \$72 per month, commencing September 18, 1924

**Wife Applies for Pension.** Elmira Rebecca Moffett nee Wertman. Date: 13 March 1931, Widow of: William G. Moffett, Marriage: Turbotville, Pa., 16 March 1876, by Rev. Uriah Myers, Soldier Died Date: 11 March 1931, Soldier Died Place: South Williamsport, Pa., Pension Approved: \$40 per month, commencing March 14, 1931.

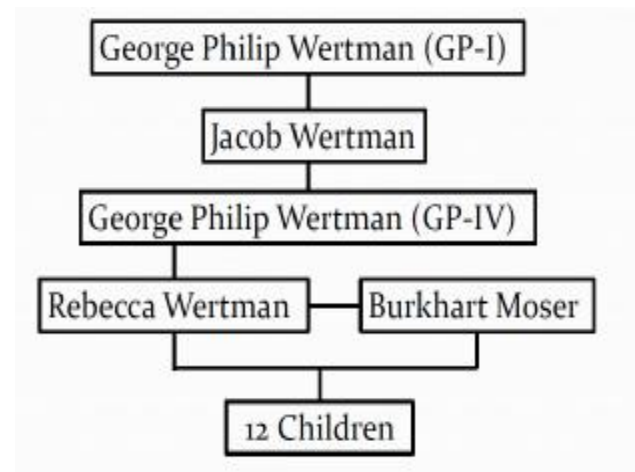
## Moser Family, Four Civil War Brothers

by Richard Daniels

Moser Research -- Many Wertman branches have not been researched. Moser line was just one of them.

Moser research added over 460 descendants. Now have about 10,700 descendants of GP-I Over 12,000 counting DNA proven lines.

Relationship.





Burkhart and Rebecca Moser -- Burkhart was born 3 Feb 1800, Lehigh Co., PA. Rebecca was born ca 1800, Mosserville, Lehigh Co., PA, They were married about 1826. Lived in or near New Tripoli in the 1930s, Lived in Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., in 1850 , Lived in West Penn Township, Schuylkill Co., in 1860. Burkhart died 20 Jun 1863, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co. PA, Rebecca died ca 1888, Tamaqua. Both buried Saint John's Cemetery, Tamaqua.

Children -- Daniel (1827-1895), William (ca 1828 - ?), Joseph (1830-1907), Abraham (1833-1910), David William (1834-1929), Elias (1836-1868), Gideon (1839-1915), Aaron (1840-1864), Catherine (1844-1920), Lewis (1847-1904), Mary (1868-1898), Amanda (ca 1849-?).

Daniel Moser -- Born 1827, Berks Co.?, Married about 1926 to Caroline Herring, had ten Children, died 1895, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., PA, Buried St. John's Lutheran Church, Tamaqua.

William Moser -- Born ca 1828, Pennsylvania, Last found in 1850 census in Mauch Chunk, Carbon Co., Death and burial are unknown.

Joseph Moser -- Born 27 Dec 1830, Lynn Township, Lehigh Co., PA, Married 2 Feb 1871 to Lydia Ann Heister, One Child - Aaron Burkhardt Moser, died 12 Mar 1907, Lansford, Carbon Co., PA, Buried, Saint John's (German Lutheran) Cemetery, Tamaqua.

Abraham Moser -- Born 13 Jan 1833, Pennsylvania, married about 1861 to Sarah A. MacIntosh , Six Children, died 31 May 1911, Summit Hill, Carbon Co., PA, Buried Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery, Summit Hill, PA.

David William Moser -- Born 28 Aug 1834, New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., PA, Married ca 1860 to Sarah Rickert, Five Children, Died 27 Jan 1929, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., PA, Buried Washburn Street Cemetery, Scranton, PA.

Elias Moser -- Born 30 Oct 1836, Pennsylvania, married to Lydia Ann Heister, Two Children -- Elizabeth and Mary Elmira, Died 9 Oct 1868, Pennsylvania, Buried Saint John's Cemetery,

Tamaqua, When Elias died, Lydia Ann married Joseph Moser.

Gideon Moser -- Born 1 Sep 1839, Pennsylvania, married about 1872 to Cora Tiffany, Three Children -- Burkhart, Wallace, and Carrie, Died 2 Jan 1915, Dalton, Lackawanna Co., PA, Buried Odd Fellows Cemetery, Tamaqua.

Aaron Moser -- Born ca 1840 Pennsylvania, Not Married, No Children, died 9 May 1864, Buried, Unknown.

Catherine Moser -- Born 14 Nov 1844, Pennsylvania, Married ca 1871 to Phineas G. Whetstone, Four Children -- Mamie, Erma, Curtis, and Elizabeth, died 25 Mar 1920, Scranton, Lackawanna, Co., PA, Buried Dunmore Cemetery, Dunmore, Lackawanna Co.

Lewis Moser -- Born Apr 1847, Pennsylvania, Married ca 1869, Elizabeth Barrett, Eight Children, Died 29 Feb 1904, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., PA, Buried Washburn Street Cemetery.

Mary "Polly" Moser -- Born 21 Apr 1849, Pennsylvania, married about 1875, Rossiter Raymond Chase, Six Children, died 1898, prob. Scranton, Buried Washburn Street Cemetery, Scranton, PA.

Amanda Moser -- Born ca 1847 Pennsylvania, Last found in 1860 census in West Penn Township, Schuylkill Co., PA, Death and Burial are unknown.

A Family of Service. Civil War Solders -- Joseph Moser (1830-1907), 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Vol., David William Moser (1834-1929), 199 PA Inf. Regt., Gideon Moser (1839-1915), 28<sup>th</sup> PA Inf. Regt., Aaron Moser (1840-1864), 28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Vol.

David William Moser Service -- Entered Service 24 Sep 1864, Scranton, PA, Union Army, Company G., 199th PA Inf. Regt., Siege of Petersburg, Assaults on Forts Gregg and Alexander (Whitworth), Battle of Appomattox Court House, Discharged 28 Jun 1865.

199<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers -- Formed in the Philadelphia area in October 1864., Moved to Deep Bottom Landing, Va., October., Attached to 1st

Brigade, 1st Division, 10th Army Corps until Dec 1864., Attached to 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 24th Army Corps to Jul 1865.

199<sup>th</sup> Action -- Duty in trenches before Richmond, VA., until March 1865, Assaults on Forts Gregg and Alexander, 2 April., Fall of Petersburg, 2 April , Pursuit of Lee, 3-9 April. Battle of Rice's Station, 6 April. Battle of Appomattox Court House, 9 April. Surrender of Lee and his army. Duty at Richmond, Va., until June 1865., Consolidated with 188th Penn. Infantry 28 June 1865.

199<sup>th</sup> Losses -- Regiment lost during service 2 Officers and 30 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 52 Enlisted men by disease. Total 84.

Legacy -- Archive of 35 letters written by private David Moser, 199th Pennsylvania Infantry, from various locations including Philadelphia, Dutch Gap, VA, Richmond, Burkville Station, and Appomattox Court House, dating from September 1864 through June 1865. The group also includes an 1865 letter that soldier Edwin Rickert sent to his sister, Sarah Moser. David Moser was Pennsylvanian German and spelled many of his words phonetically. Sold for \$1,200 on 9 Jun 2017.

## Aaron Moser

by Russell Dannecker

How is He Related to George Philip Wertman I? Aaron Moser (Abt 1840-1864) >> son of Brukhard Moser (1800-1863) and Rebecca Wertman (1806-1888) >> George Philip Wertman IV (1779-1823) >> Jacob Wertman Sr. >> George Philip Wertman I.

1. Sergeant Aaron Moser was born about 1840 in Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 9 May 1864 in In Transit to Hospital, Ringgold, Catoosa Co., Georgia, United States. Aaron was confirmed on 27 May 1860 in, Summit Hill, Carbon Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

**Civil War Service.** Three Enlistments, #1. Company A, Pennsylvania 6th Infantry Regiment, 22 Apr 1861, Mauch Chunk, Pa. 11 days after Fort Sumter Surrendered., Mustered Out: 27 Jul 1861, Harrisburg, Pa., 3-month Unit – Very Start of War –

In response to President Lincoln's call for 75,000 Volunteers. Pennsylvania 6th Infantry Regiment -- Moved to Philadelphia, Pa. April 22, Duty along Pittsburg, Wilmington & Baltimore Railroad May 7-28, Moved to Chambersburg, Md. May 28, Cross Potomac and advance on Martinsburg, Va., Occupation of Martinsburg, Va. July 3., Advance on Bunker Hill July 15., Moved to Charleston July 17, Mustered out July 27, 1861.

#2. Company E, 28 Pennsylvania Infantry, 2 September 1861, Mauch Chunk, Pa., Enlisted for 3 Years, Rank of Private. Aaron Moser participated the following engagements: Battle of Antietam, Md. - September 17, 1862, Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. - April 30 – May 6, 1863, Battle of Gettysburg, Pa. – July 1-3, 1863 at Culps Hill, Battle of Chattanooga, Tn. – Lookout Mountain – November 24, 1863, Battle of Ringgold Gap, Ga. – November 27, 1863, Battle of Dug Gap (AKA Mill Creek Gap), Ga. – May 8, 1864 (Mortally Wounded in Action),

He received a promotion from Private to Corporal between January to February, 1863. Aaron was wounded at Chancellorsville, Va. between May 2-3, 1863. Discharged at age: 23, on a Roll Dated: Wauhatchie, Tenn., Dec. 26, 1863 where he is Muster-out on Dec. 26, 1863. #3. Company E, 28 Pennsylvania Infantry, Age: 23, Roll Dated: Wauhatchie, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1863., Enlisted for 3 Years, Rank of Corporal, Enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer. Promotion, Corporal to 2nd Sergeant, 1 January 1864 vice Gustavius Hartley reduced by order of Col. Ohl.



Wounded, Place of Casualty: Mill Creek Gap, Ga., Nature of Casualty: Wounded serious, Date of Casualty: May 8, 1864. Dead, Discharge Reason: Death received a G. S. Wound at the Battle of Mill Spring Gap, Ga., May 8th / 64 in side and Died May the 9th near Ringgold, Ga., Last Paid: 26 December 1863; Clothing Amount: \$11.85; Bounty Paid: \$60.00 advanced bounty and one month pay \$13.00 , Stoppage Due: One canteen Lost through neglect. U.S., Registers of Deaths of Volunteers, 1861-1865, Name: Aaron Moser, Death Date: 9 May 1864, Death Place: In Transit L [to] G[eneral] H[ospital] Ringold, Cause of Death: Abdomen & Fore Arm Fract. The Philadelphia Inquirer, Monday, July 18, 1864, Rolls of Honor – The following list of casualties received from Kenesaw Mountain, is a full record of the losses in the Twenty-eight Pennsylvania Volunteers, in recent actions in Georgia: -- WOUNDED – Sergt. Aaron Moser, E (died).

Declaration for Mother's or Father's Application for Army Pension -- Aaron Moser's mother Rebecca Moser nee Wertman Claims his Pension. Date: 8 August 1878, Age: 72, Spouse of: Burkhart Moser, Relationship to Spouse: Widow; Soldier: Aaron Moser who died from wounds rec'd in battle near Mill Spring Gap, Ga. May 9, 1864, Relationship to Soldier: Mother.

Dependent Parents Award -- Date: 7 April 1885, 5+ years after first application., Claimant: Rebecca Moser, Relationship to Soldier: Mother, Soldier: Aaron Moser, Rank: Sergeant, Rate, \$8 per month, commencing May 10, 1864 the day after death of soldier.

## Gideon Moser

by Russell Dannecker

How is He Related to George Philip Wertman I? Gideon Moser (1839-1915) >> son of Brukhard Moser (1800-1863) and Rebecca Wertman (1806-1888) >> George Philip Wertman IV (1779-1823) >> Jacob Wertman Sr. >> George Philip Wertman I.

1. Corporal Gideon Moser was born on 1 Sep 1839 in, New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 2 Jan 1915 in, Dalton,

Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried on 5 Jan 1915 in Dunmore Cemetery, Dunmore, Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. Alternate Birthdate for Corporal Gideon Moser, 1838. He was buried in 1921 in Odd Fellows Cemetery Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

Gideon married Clara Arletta Tiffany, daughter of Orvill Tiffany and Polly Marcy, on 24 Oct 1870 in, Nicholson, Wyoming Co., Pennsylvania, United States. Clara was born on 17 Nov 1840 in, Harford, Susquehanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She died on 11 Sep 1922 in 828 Richmond Street, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She was buried on 14 Sep 1922 in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

They had the following children.

M i. Burkhart Moser IV was born about 1873 in Pennsylvania, United States.

M ii. Wallace Gideon Moser was born on 21 Jan 1875 in, Coaldale, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 6 Dec 1956 in Saint Mary's Keller Hospital, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried in Dunmore Cemetery, Dunmore, Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

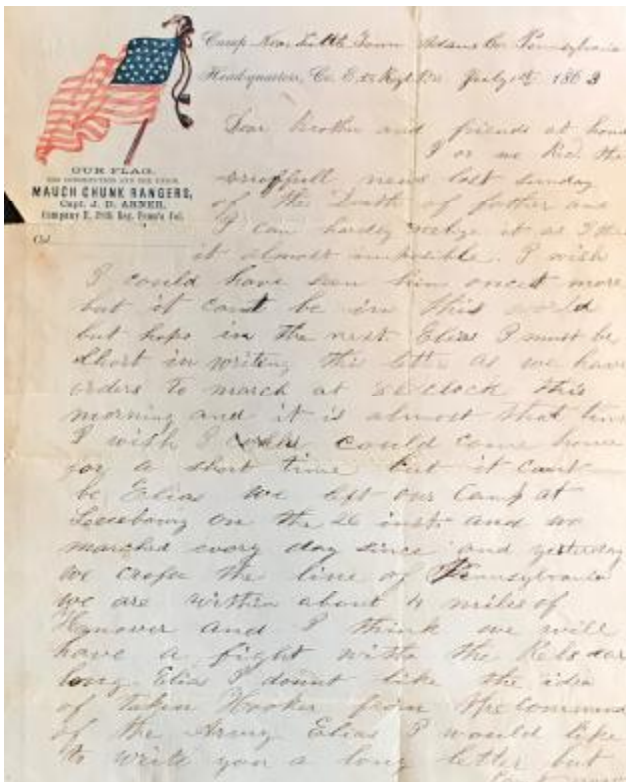
F iii. Carrie E. Moser was born about 13 Aug 1877 in, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She died in Apr 1889 in, Scranton, Lackawanna Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She was buried on 8 Apr 1889 in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

iv. Moser.

**Civil War Service.** Two Enlistments -- #1. Company E, 28 Pennsylvania Infantry, 2 September 1861, Mauch Chunk, Pa., Enlisted for 3 Years, Rank of Private.

Gideon Moser fought at the following battles: Battle of Antietam, Md. - September 17, 1862, Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. - April 30 – May 6, 1863,

Battle of Gettysburg, Pa. – July 1-3, 1863, Culp's Hill, Battle of Chattanooga, Tn. – Lookout Mountain – November 24, 1863, Battle of Ringgold Gap, Ga. – November 27, 1863 (Wounded), Battle of Dug Gap (AKA Mill Creek Gap), Ga. – May 8, 1864, The Atlanta Campaign, Ga. – May 7 – September 8, 1864, Sherman's March to The Sea, Ga. – November 15 – December 24, 1864, Carolinas Campaign, February - April, 1865, and Grand Review of Armies, Washington, D.C., on May 23–24, 1865.



Letter from Gideon Moser to Elias Moser (brother), dated 1 July 1863 (first day of battle, before 8:00 AM), Camp Near Little Town, Adams Co., Pa. (just outside Gettysburg).

Wounded -- Place of Casualty: Chancellorsville, Va., Date of Casualty: May 2-3, 1863. Wounded, Place of Casualty: Ringgold, Ga., Date of Casualty: November 27, 1863. Discharge -- Age: 24, Roll Dated: Wauhatchie, Tenn., Dec. 26, 1863, Muster-out Date: Dec. 26, 1863. #2. Enlistment -- Company E, 28 Pennsylvania Infantry Age: 24 Roll Dated: Wauhatchie, Tenn., Dec. 27, 1863. Enlisted for 3 Years Rank of Private Enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer. Promotion -- Private to Corporal, 1 January 1864 vice Aaron Moser (brother) promoted

to Sergeant. Co. Muster-out Roll -- Gideon Moser, Corporal, Age: 27, Alexandria, Va., July 18, 1865. Last Paid to: April 30, 1865; Clothing Account -- Last Settled: December 31, 1864 Drawn Since: \$33.02 Due soldier: \$ Due U. S.: \$1.88 Bounty paid: \$210.00, Due: \$190.00 Remarks: Vet. Vol. Promt'd from Priv. to Corp'l Jan 1 – 64. Severely wounded at Battle of Ringgold, Ga., Nov. 27 – 63. Stop. for Springfield Rifle ...

Wounded -- Treatment, Return from War Department, Surgeon General's Office, 10 July 1873, "... admitted in Chattanooga General Field Hospital November 28, 1863 for G. S. W. head F. W. and was sent to Murfreesboro, Dec 25, 1863. Name also given as Gideon Mozlis." "The ball entered one- and one-half inches above the right eye and was never extracted after repeated efforts of probing for it by the Army Surgeons." -- Gideon Moser. Wounded --- How Severe? Surgeon's Certificate -- Date: 16 Sept. 1885, "G. S. W. of head, deafness & loss of sight of right eye, pains in head, neck & shoulders & dizziness. Ball is still in brain.; Cause of Disability: Ball ??? frontal bone 1 ¼ inches above center of right brow, at this point there is some loss of bone, a deep (1/2 inch) depression for a circumference of half a dollar, ball is said to remain still in the head. W'd ??? large enough to admit ball ..."

With Such a Severe Wound, Why Did He Continue to Serve? "He received a gunshot wound in the head, which incapacitated him totally from doing any duty as a soldier and was sent to Chattanooga Hospital and on his return reenlisted, in the same comp. and regiment but never was able to perform the duties of a soldier satisfactorily and would have been discharged by reason of said wound, but was allowed to remain in the service of the United States, on account of his previous conduct as a good and faithful soldier." Jacob D. Arner, Captain Commanding Company E in the 28th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers

Pension -- Original Invalid Claim. Date: 17 February 1873. Basis of Claim -- "... that while in the service as aforesaid the following wound at the Battle of Ringgold, Georgia on or about the 24th day

of November, A.D. 1863, he received a gunshot wound in the head, and the ball has not been extracted, which impaired his hearing and incapacitated him for the duty and was sent to Hospital at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and from thence to his Regiment, Said wound has since impaired his hearing still more, and is nearly totally disabled for performing manual labor. Age 39. Original Invalid Claim, 13 May 1874. Rate, \$13 per month, commencing 23 April, 1873. Basis of Claim – G. S. W. of head received at battle of Ringgold, George November 27, 1863 causing loss of hearing.

Continues to Suffer -- General Affidavit -- Dated June 1885 of Clara A. Moser, age 44. Wife of Gideon Moser Disabilities & Disadvantages Dull, heavy pain in his head constantly Frequently increasing to an acute pain His right eye becomes greatly inflamed Small drops of matter appear under the eyelid & from the right nostril. Frequent attacks of dizziness. Dizziness comes on more frequently when overheated. Pain increases when he is exposed to heat.

Active in Veterans Affairs -- The Scranton Republican Mon Nov. 8, 1897. 28th Pa. Infantry Monument Gideon Moser to attend dedicatory ceremonies in Chattanooga, Tn., 15 November 1897. The Scranton Republican Thu Sep. 4, 1913. Veterans Address League -- Two of the" oldest members of the congregation and also Civil war Veterans, D. W. and Gideon Moser (brothers), addressed a meeting of the Lather league of St. Mark's church last evening, Telling of their experience during the great rebellion.

Clara A. Moser nee Tiffany Claims Pension. Gideon died January 2, 1915. Widow Of: Gideon Moser. Marriage Under Name Of: Clara A. Tiffany, Marriage Place: Nicholson, Penna., Marriage Date: 24 October 1870, Marriage By: Rev. William H. Strauss. Widows Pension, 14 October 1916 -- Name: Clara A. Moser, Widow Of: Gideon Moser, \$12 per month, commencing January 15, 1915, \$20 per month, commencing Sept. 8, 1916.



Civil War Infantry Insignia

## Joseph Moser

by Russell Dannecker

How is He Related to George Philip Wertman I? Joseph Moser (1830-1907) >> son of Brukhard Moser (1800-1863) and Rebecca Wertman (1806-1888) >> George Philip Wertman IV (1779-1823) >> Jacob Wertman Sr. >> George Philip Wertman I

1. Private Joseph Moser was born on 27 Dec 1830 in, Lynn, Lehigh Co., Pennsylvania, Unites States. He died on 12 Mar 1907 in, Lansford, Carbon Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried in Saint John's Cemetery, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

Joseph married Lydia Ann Hiester, daughter of Jacob Hiester and Rose <Hiester>, on 2 Feb 1871 in Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States. Lydia was born on 16 Feb 1842 in Shamokin, Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She died on 24 Jun 1920 in, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Co., Pennsylvania, United States. She was buried on 28 Jun 1920 in, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States. They had the following children.

M i. Aaron Burkhardt Moser was born on 29 Sep 1871 in, Coaldale, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He died on 9 May 1944 in Palmerton Hospital, Palmerton, Carbon Co., Pennsylvania, United States. He was buried on 12 May 1944 in, Tamaqua, Schuylkill Co., Pennsylvania, United States.

**Civil War Service.** Two Enlistments -- #1. Company H, 11 Pennsylvania Infantry 15 October 1861, Mauch Chunk, Pa. Enlisted for War (3 Years) Rank of Private. #2. Enlistment -- Company H, 11 Pennsylvania Infantry, Age: 33, Roll Dated: Mitchell's Station, Va., January 1, 1864., Enlisted for 3 Years, Rank of Private, Enlisted as a Veteran Volunteer.

Joseph Moser participated in the following battles: Second Battle of Manassas, Va. – August 29 - 30, 1862, Battle of Antietam, Md. - September 17, 1862, Battle of Fredericksburg, Va. – December 13, 1862, Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. - April 30 –

May 6, 1863, Battle of Gettysburg, Pa. – July 1, 1863, First Day, Battle of The Wilderness - May 5 - 6, 1864, Engaged both days, Spotsylvania Court House - May 8, 1864 & Remained on Battlefield May 8, 1864 – May 21, 1864, North Anna Campaign May 23-24, 1864, Battle of Cold Harbor - - May 31 to June 12, 1864, Siege of Petersburg, Va., starting 15 Jun 1864, Battle of the Crater, July 30, 1864, Battle of Weldon Railroad, August 18-19, 1864, Battle of Hatcher's Run, February 5–7, 1865, Grant's final assaults and Lee's retreat April 2, 1865, Appomattox Campaign, Va., April 2 – 9, 1865, Battle of Appomattox Court House, Va., 9 April 1865, Surrender in McLean House at Appomattox Court House, Va., 9 April 1865, Grand Review of Armies, Washington, D.C., on May 23–24, 1865.



Surrender in McLean House at Appomattox Court House, Va., 9 April 1865.

Mustered Out of service -- Co. Muster-out Roll -- Joseph Moser, Private, Age: 31, Bells Cross Roads, Va., July 1, 1865. Due soldier: \$14.47, Bounty paid: \$210.00, Due: \$190.00, Remarks: Discharge Furnished Veteran Volunteer.

Pension -- Declaration for an Original Disability Pension. Date: 26 July 1890., Basis of Claim – Kidney Disease – Injury of Body – Shortness of Breath – Heart Disease., Age 59. Invalid Pension, 2 Feb 1892 – REJECTED. Declaration for Invalid Pension. Date: 18 April 1894., Basis of Claim – Rheumatism in Strain in Back and Shortness of Breath, Age 63. Invalid Pension, 19 August 1895 - Rate, \$6 per month, commencing April 26, 1894, Disabled by: Rheum. & disease of respiratory

organs. Surgeon's Certificate -- Dated 2 October 1901 -- Age 71, Rheumatism 12 years, Disease of respiratory organs 10 years, Heart Disease 10 years, Right inguinal Hernia 9 years, Senility, General Disability, Catarrh, Shortness of breath 12 years, Strain in back 25 years. Increase Invalid Pension, 8 January 1903 -- Rate, \$12 per month, commencing September 24, 1902, disabled by: Total inability to earn a support by manual labor.

Joseph Moser died 12 March 1907.

Lydia Ann Moser nee Hiester Claims Pension. Declaration for Widow's Pension, 25 March 1907, Name: Lydia A. Moser; Age: 65 , Widow Of: Joseph Moser, Marriage Under Name Of: Lydia A. Moser; Marriage Place: Tamaqua, PA.; Marriage Date: 2 Feb 1871; Marriage By: Rev. J. C. Julius Kurtz, Prior Marriage: Married to Elias Moser (Joseph's Brother) who died Oct 9, 1868. Widows Pension, 26 October 1918 -- Name: Lydia A. Moser, Widow Of: Joseph Moser, \$8 per month, commencing March 27, 1907, \$20 per month, commencing Oct 26, 1916. Dies 24 June 1920.

## Jacob Vogel

by Russell Dannecker

How is He Related to George Philip Wertman I? Jacob Vogel (1840-1874) married Lydia A. Wertman (1846-1910) >> Jonathan Michael Wertman (1815-1907) >> Daniel Wertman (1786-1864) >> Johann Michael Wertman (1742-Abt 1817) >> George Philip Wertman I.

1. Private Jacob Vogel was born on 22 Mar 1840 in, Shawnee, Niagara Co., New York, United States. He died on 28 Sep 1874 in Rapids, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States. He was buried about 30 Sep 1874 in Shaeffer Cemetery, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States. Jacob resided in 1855 in E.D. 1, Wheatfield, Niagara, New York, United States. He resided in 1865 in District 01, Wheatfield, Niagara, New York, United States. He resided in 1870 in New York, United States.

Jacob married Lydia A. Wertman, daughter of Jonathan Michael Wertman and Hanna Preisch, on 8

Aug 1865 in, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States. Lydia was born on 9 Aug 1846 in Rapids, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States. She died on 23 Jun 1910 in, Clarence, Erie Co., New York, United States. She was buried about 25 Jun 1910 in Shaeffer Cemetery, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States.

They had the following children.

M i. Edward Franklin Vogel Senior was born on 21 Jun 1866 in Niagara, Niagara Co., New York, United States. He died on 24 Nov 1949 in Latham, Moniteau Co., Missouri, United States. He was buried in Green Grove Cemetery, Latham, Moniteau Co., Missouri, United States. He resided in 1880 in Clarence, Erie, New York, United States. He resided in 1910 in Martin, Kiowa, Kansas, United States. He resided in 1920 in Pilot Grove, Moniteau, Missouri, United States. He resided in 1930 in Moreau, Moniteau, Missouri, United States.

M ii. Hanfert Jonathan Vogel was born on 6 Oct 1869 in New York, United States. He died on 8 Jul 1873.

M iii. Jonathan Vogel was born on 8 Jul 1873. He died on 10 Apr 1878. He was buried in Shaeffer Cemetery, Lockport, Niagara Co., New York, United States.

Civil War Service. Enlistment -- Company B, 2nd Battalion, 11th United States Infantry, 17 June 1862, Canandaigua, NY., Enlisted for War (3 Years), Rank of Private, Age 22. Transferred -- Company E, 1st Battalion, 11th United States Infantry, March, 1863.

Jacob Vogel fought at the following battles: Battle of Gaines' Mill, Va. -- June 27, 1862, Second Battle of Manassas, Va. -- August 29 - 30, 1862, Battle of Chancellorsville, Va. - April 30 - May 6, 1863, Battle of Gettysburg - the Wheatfield, July 2, 1863 (wounded), Battle of The Wilderness - May 5 - 6, 1864, Engaged both days, Spotsylvania Court House - May 8, 1864 & Remained on Battlefield May 8, 1864 - May 21, 1864, Battle of Cold Harbor -- May 31 to June 12, 1864, Siege of Petersburg, Va., Starting 15 Jun 1864, Battle of the Crater, July 30,

1864, Battle of Weldon Railroad, August 18-19, 1864, Jacob Vogel Captured on 19 August 1864.



Private Jacob Vogel

Sick and absent as follows: November & December 1862 -- Sick in Hospital at Fort Independence, Boston Harbor, MA. Missed Battle of Fredericksburg, Va. -- December 13, 1862.

Sick and absent as follows: July & Aug. to Nov. 1863, Absent sick -- wounded in action at Gettysburg, Penna., July 2 / 63. Medical records, treated: July 2 to 19, 1863 for G. S. Left Thigh flesh & July 20 to Oct 21, 1863 Gun Shot wound left thigh, Returned to duty: Oct 21 to 28, 1863, Convalescent furlough: Oct. 28, 1863 for 10 days and returned to duty Nov. 23, 1863, Medical Board Exam: Dec. 7, 1863 recommended for Invalid Corps, wound left thigh, Jan. & Feb. 1864 Service with Invalid Corps.

Prisoner of War -- Prison, Salisbury, NC Jacob Vogel confined from August, 1864 to May 2, 1865. Prisoner of War Records -- Captured near Petersburg, Va., Aug. 19 / 64, Confined at Richmond, Va. Aug. 20 / 64, Sent to Salisbury, NC, Paroled at N. E. Ferry, NC. March. 2 / 65, Reported at Camp Parole, Md. March. 14 / 65, Furloughed

March 18/19/65, Body rec't May 9 / 10 / 65, Sent to Camp Distribution, Va. May 29 /65.

Discharged -- June 17, 1865 at Richmond, Va, Expiration of Service, Rank: Private.

No Pension -- Jacob Vogel never claimed a Pension. Died 28 September 1874, at age 34 Cause of Death? Mortally Wounded at Gettysburg! Lydia Claimed his Pension – Stated that Jacob had a “severe wound in thigh and continuous results and effects culminating in death.” 10 years after the battle.

Lydia A. Vogel / Shrader nee Wertman Claims Pension. Declaration for Widow’s Pension, 13 February 1904 -- Name: Lydia A. Shrader formerly Vogel; Age: 57, Widow Of: Jacob Vogel , Marriage Under Name Of: Lydia A. Wertman; Marriage Place: Lockport, N.Y.; Marriage Date: 8 Aug 1865; Marriage By: John Downing , One Child, Edward F. Vogle, born June 21st, A.D. 1866, Other Marriage: remarried to Philip Shrader (Now Deceased) on Nov. 18, 1875. Widows Pension, 7 June 1904 -- Name: Lydia A. Vogle nee Shrader Widow Of: Jacob Vogle REJECTED. “On the grounds that evidence filed fails to show that cause of soldier’s death and Clts. declared inability to furnish necessary evidence to connect his death with the military service.” Letter, E. E. Jordan (daughter Eva) of Wibaux, Montana to Bureau of Pensions, dated June 10, 1908. “... I wish to inquire regarding a pension for my mother, Mrs. Lydia A. Shrader (widow). Letter from Pension Office, 25 June 1908, ... you are advised that as you remarried after the soldier’s death, you have no title...”

**The Soldiers Are Coming!**  
by Kathy Bucher, WFA Webmaster

2019 brought some dramatic changes to the Wertman Family Association (WFA) Website with the addition of a new military section. Imagine being able to review the Civil War pension documents for your Wertman ancestor without going to the National Archives in Washington, DC or to turn the pages of a



scrapbook that includes pictures of his family, his service and even the battle flags he fought under.

Now, thanks to Russ Dannecker, you may be able to do that. Slowly but surely, the WFA is loading information on the military service of the descendants of George Philip Wertman from the time of the colonial militias until the present on the website. The project has started with individuals who served in the American Civil War and will later expand to other major conflicts including the American Revolution and War of 1812, World War I, and World War II.

On the American Civil War page is a list of some the known descendants who served in the military in that conflict and their home location. Then, for selected individuals, there are links to find:



- a summary of the individual’s service and pension records,



- a family group sheet for that person with sources,
- a “scrapbook” which often contains pictures of the individual and his family as well as pictures and maps reflecting his military service,
- copies of his military service records from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), and
- copies of his pension file documents from NARA.

Thanks to Russ Dannecker, the WFA received permission of the American Battlefield Trust to include their maps of the actual battlefields on the WFA website to show exactly where each descendant fought.

Other family researchers are encouraged to send information on their Wertman ancestors who served in one of the major conflicts to the WFA Historical Acceptance Committee or one of the officers of the WFA for inclusion on the website.

## **George Philip Wertman (GPWI) Recognized as First Family of Pennsylvania**

By Kathy Bucher

The Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania has officially recognized George Philip Wertman (GPWI) as a First Family of Pennsylvania in the “Colony and Commonwealth: 1683-1790” period. First Families of Pennsylvania (FFP) is a lineage society (<https://genpa.org/first-families-of-pennsylvania/>) for individuals who can prove that they are a direct descendant of an individual who was a resident of Pennsylvania during one of three time periods. Colony and Commonwealth is the earliest period.

In 2017, as the archivist of the WFA, I began a quest to have George Philip Wertman (GPWI) recognized as a FFP ancestor and to prove my descent from him. The process seemed straightforward – identify the ancestor, complete the application form, assemble the documentation, pay the fee, and wait for the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania to review the application. Then submit any additional information as requested. Although inclusion in the lineage society is only for the direct line for which evidence is submitted, that proof can be used by other individuals. Thus, I thought, in addition to providing recognition for George Philip Wertman as an early resident of Pennsylvania, it would help other WFA members. Another major benefit of this endeavor was that it would force me to collect primary source materials on my line of descent from my grandfather John Gideon Laidacker to Christiana Wertman - Gideon Wertman – Henry Wertman - Johan Michael (AKA Michael) Wertman – George Philip Wertman. Everything should be in the WFA archives.....well maybe not.



The major challenge was to submit documentation to meet the genealogical proof standard. This means that I had to show that I had done a reasonable, exhaustive search for information, that the evidence I presented was reliable and accurately interpreted, that I had resolved any conflicting evidence, and that there was a complete and accurate citation for all of

my sources (Board for Certification of Genealogists, *Genealogical Standards*, 50th Anniversary Edition. Nashville & New York: Ancestry Imprint, Turner Publishing, 2014. pages 1-3, and Thomas W. Jones, *Mastering Genealogical Proof*. Arlington, Va.: National Genealogical Society, 2013). Official records of birth, marriage and death were the ideal sources and were readily available for more recent ancestors. However, as I went farther back into the 1800s and 1700s, I had to rely on tax records, deeds, wills, land grants, census records, church records, and any other documents I could find. I even took pictures of tombstones to include in the application to provide evidence of birth and death dates as well as marriages.

Fortunately, I was able to find primary source materials that directly stated events (birth, death etc.) for a lot of my ancestors. However, there were three major hurdles: Placing Gideon Wertman with the proper father; proving that Henry Wertman was the son of Johan Michael Wertman (his will does not name his children), and proving that Michael Wertman was the son of George Philip Wertman (no baptism record or will exists).

Although the WFA recognizes Gideon Wertman as the son of Henry (Heinrich) Wertman, there are other researchers who have listed Gideon's father as Daniel Wertman. To refute this, I was able to show the following:

1. Henry Wertman named his son Gideon in his will. (*Will of Henrich Wertman*. Columbia Co., Pennsylvania. Wills and Administration Records, Volume 3, 1850-1867, p. 637-638. Image 363 on Ancestry.com. Accessed 18 July 2019)
2. Using census searches, I was able to show that there was only one Gideon Wertman living in the areas of Montour, Northumberland and

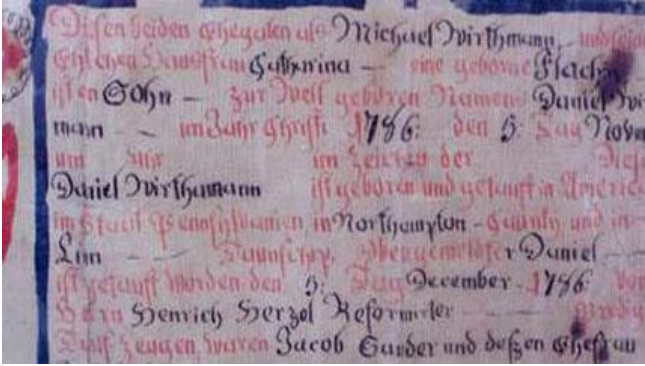
Columbia Counties in the appropriate time period.

([https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/35/?name=Gideon\\_Wertman&event=pennsylvania-usa\\_41&birth=1809&count=50;](https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/35/?name=Gideon_Wertman&event=pennsylvania-usa_41&birth=1809&count=50;) and [https://www.familysearch.org/search/record/results?givenname=Gideon&surname=Wertman&birth\\_place=Pennsylvania&birth\\_year\\_from=1805&birth\\_year\\_to=1815&count=20](https://www.familysearch.org/search/record/results?givenname=Gideon&surname=Wertman&birth_place=Pennsylvania&birth_year_from=1805&birth_year_to=1815&count=20)).

3. The will of Daniel Wertman who died in 1858 and is incorrectly credited as the father of Gideon Wertman, mentioned a daughter Catharine and a son Daniel. There is no mention of any other children either by name or inference (i.e. all my children) in the will. (*Will of Daniel Wertman*. Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania. Will Book 4, p. 599. Image 338 on Ancestry.com. Accessed 18 Jul 2019)

Next, to provide evidence of the link between Henry Wertman and his father Michael Wertman, I had to use a variety of non-traditional resources and include a justification of their use. For example, there is no known existing birth and baptism certificate for Henry Wertman. Fortunately, there is one in the old fraktur form for his brother Daniel. Using this fraktur as well as other documents, it was possible to show the parentage of Henry Wertman as follows:

1. The birth and baptism certificate of Daniel Wirthumann [Wertman] born 1786 listed his parents as Michael Wirthmann [Wertman] and Catharina Flach [Flack]. The place is Linn [Lynn] township in Northampton County, Pennsylvania. (*Certificate of Birth & Baptism of Daniel Withman*, Lynn Twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania ca. 1799. Original in a private collection held by Anonymous)



2. The Articles of Agreement hidden in a deed book in 1815 in Columbia County, PA show that Henry Wertman and Daniel Wertman are brothers and the sons of Michael Wertman and Catherine his wife. "...the said Henry and Daniel Wertman doth further agree that if the said Catharine their mother should die before their father or ..." (*Agreement between Michael, Henry and Daniel Wertman*. Columbia Co., Pennsylvania. Deed book B2, p. 43. Image 392. FamilySearch.org. Accessed 18 Jul 2019)

3. A deed from Cadwallader Roberts to Michael Wertman links the Michael Wertman of Lynn Twp., Northampton Co., PA to the Michael Wertman of Columbia Co., PA. (*Deed from Cadwallader Roberts to Michael Wirtman*. Northumberland Co., Pennsylvania. Deed Book Q, p. 17-18. LDS Film number 961200, images 14 and 15. Accessed 18 Jul 2019)

Proving that Johan Michael was the son of George Philip Wertman was the last problem. The checklist for the application indicated that every document had to "clearly prove what I am saying that it proves." (<https://genpa.org/first-families-of-pennsylvania/how-to-apply-to-first-families/>). Unfortunately, that can be difficult in the 1700s and even more difficult when the ancestor was living on what was then the frontier of Pennsylvania.

There is no mention of George Philip Wertman in any list of early Pennsylvania German settlers

such as *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808* by R. B. Strassburger and W. J. Hinke. Nor are there any known deeds or a will on file in Bucks, Northampton, Lehigh, or neighboring Berks County made by George Philip Wertman although he is mentioned in some deeds as holding adjoining property. However, it seemed to me that, while there may not be direct evidence of the life and death of George Philip Wertman and the birth of his son Michael, there is, in fact, a great deal of indirect evidence and even some negative evidence that, when put together, illuminate his life and his relationships.

Although county histories are notoriously inaccurate, I referred to the *History of Lehigh County, Pennsylvania* by Roberts, Stoudt, Krick, and Dietrich, which lists George Philip Wertman as one of the "progenitors of the first families in this section [Lynn Township] of the territory (Vol. II, p. 831) and a "pioneer settler" of the district (Vol. I, p. 812) (Roberts, C. R., J. B. Stoudt, T. H. Krick & W. J. Dietrich. *History of Lehigh County Pennsylvania*. Allentown, Lehigh Valley Publishing, 1914). Then I proved the information in the *History of Lehigh County* through primary documents such as:

1. George Philip Wertman had early Pennsylvania Land Warrants in 1749 and 1750 in the part of Bucks County which later became Northampton and then Lehigh County. It is not until 1768 that another Wertman male filed a warrant for land in Lynn Township. (*Pennsylvania, Land Warrants and Applications, 1733-1952*. Ancestry.com. From: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. State Archives. *Land Warrants*. Accessed 29 Jul 2017; and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania State Archives. *Warrant*

Registers, 1733-1957. RG-17. "Bucks County Document Images" Accessed 26 Aug 2017 from [www.phmc.state.pa.us](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us))

2. George Philip Wertman's name appeared in a variety of documents in Lynn Township, Northampton County, Pennsylvania including the following:

a. Although the original was either "burned in a fire" or "missing" (according to both the Church and the local Lynn-Heidelberg Historical Society and confirmed by a conversation between Frederick Weiser and Ed Sterrett of the Wertman Family Association in 2001), George Philip Wertman signed the 1760 document to purchase land for the Evangelical Lutheran and Reformed congregation in New Tripoli, Lynn Twp., Northampton Co., Pennsylvania. (Ebenezer United Church of Christ. *About us: Our history.* <http://ebuccnewtripoli.org/about/history.html>. Accessed 26 Nov. 2017)

b. Philip Wertman is included on a 1761 tax return of Lynn Township in the list of married men. (Northampton Co., Pennsylvania. Recorder of Deeds. *Miscellaneous manuscript records – Tax list of Linn Township.* Film 251680, Item 3. Image 418-420. Family Search.org. Accessed 25 Aug 2017).

c. He signed a 1762 petition to lay out a road "on the other side of the Blue Mountain." (Northampton Co., Pennsylvania. Recorder of Deeds. *Miscellaneous manuscript records*, Film 241680, Item 3, Images 472, 473. Family Search.org. Accessed 25 Aug 2017)

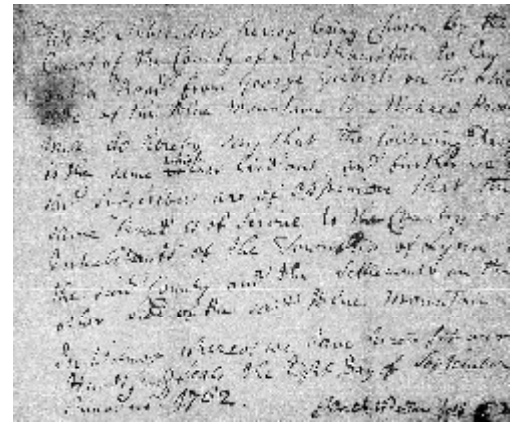
d. A 1765 court ruling appointed him guardian of the children of John Shover. (Northampton Co., Pennsylvania. *Orphans' Court Records, 1752-1795.* Vol A-E, Image 120. "Pennsylvania probate Records, 1683-1994." Family Search.org.)

Next, I used the following evidence to establish the relationship between Michael Wertman and his supposed father George Philip Wertman.

1. Mathews and Hungerford's *History of Lehigh & Carbon Counties in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania* lists several sons of George Philip Wertman including Michael, "George Philip, John Martin, Jacob and Simon." (Mathews, A., & A. N. Hungerford. *History of Lehigh & Carbon Cos. in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.* Philadelphia, Everts & Richards, 1884, p. 304)

2. Y-DNA testing by the Wertman Family Association DNA Project shows the match of nine male descendants of three Wertman males and presumed sons of George Philip Wertman – Michael, Jacob and Martin. (Wertman Family Association DNA Project. *Y-DNA Testing of Male Descendants of 3 "sons of George Philip Wertman."* Results as of 11 Aug 2018. Family Tree DNA. Link from Wertman Family Association DNA Project) <https://wertman.weebly.com/dna-results.html>. Accessed 20 Sep 2018)

3. The 1785 tax list placed Michael, Jacob and Martin Wertman in Lynn Township, Northampton County. (Published



*Pennsylvania Archives.* Third Series. Volume XIX. Lynn Twp. Harrisburg, State Printer, 1897. p. 116-120)

4. Approximately 20 years after George Philip Wertman's original purchase other Wertman

males began to acquire land beginning with Michael, the first son noted in Mathews and Hungerford. (McCrea, Kenneth D. *Pennsylvania Land Applications*. Vol 1: east Side Applications, 1765-1769. Strasburg, PA, Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, 2002. p. 255.)

5. Not only was the land acquired by Michael and other Wertman males in Lynn Township, but it was next to or near the land of George Philip Wertman (Chapman, I. A. *Draft of the Original Surveys' of Lehigh County*. Pennsylvania State Archives, RG - 17. Warrantee Township Maps. Lynn Township).

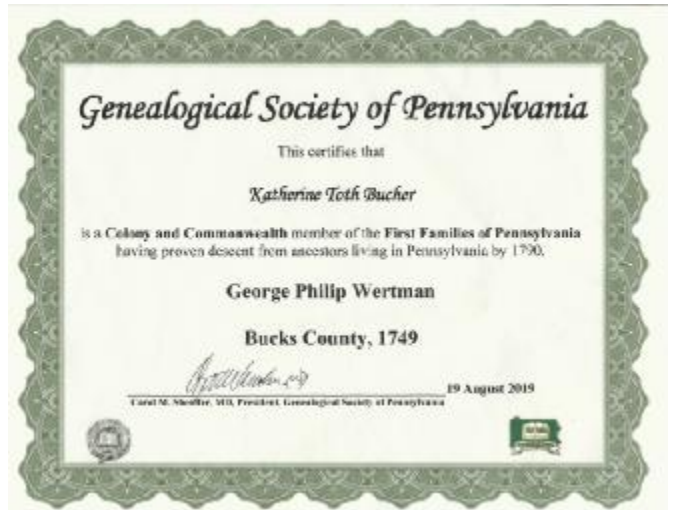
6. Other than George Philip Wertman, there were no other Wertman male of the proper age in Lynn Township, Northampton County, PA to be the father of Michael Wertman.

Thus, I made the case that George Philip Wertman who warranted land in 1749 was the first Wertman to arrive in Lynn Township, Bucks (later Northampton, and then Lehigh) County, and the only possible father of Michael Wertman.



After two years of research, I submitted my application to the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania along with

hundreds of pages of photocopies of original sources. Finally, the letter arrived accepting George Philip Wertman as a First Family of Pennsylvania in Bucks (later Lehigh) County, 1749.



## Wertman Monuments on the Gettysburg Battlefield

by Russell Dannecker (Source: Stone Sentinels, <https://stonesentinels.com/>)

On Saturday, the Wertman Family toured the Gettysburg Battlefield. Under the direction of Deb Novotny, a licensed Gettysburg Battlefield Guide we visited the monuments which have been erected to the units in which our ancestors served. At each stop we placed United States Flags in honor of our ancestors.

Our first stop was the 11<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry, the unit in which Joseph Moser served.



**About the monument to the 11th Pennsylvania Infantry** -- The monument consists of a bronze statue of a soldier standing atop a granite base, the total standing a little over thirteen feet high. On the front of the monument, which faces away from

Doubleday Avenue, is a bronze tablet of the Coat of Arms of the State of Pennsylvania underneath the carved full moon symbol of the First Corps. A bronze statue of Sallie, the regimental dog, is just above the base on the front of the statue. The monument was dedicated on September 3, 1889 by the State of Pennsylvania.

**The 11th Pennsylvania at Gettysburg** -- The 11th Pennsylvania was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Colonel Richard Coulter. He took over command of the brigade on July 1st, and Captain Benjamin F. Haines took command until he was wounded on July 3. Captain John B. Overmyer then took over the regiment. Present at Gettysburg: 23 officers and 269 men; Killed and died of wounds 13 men; Wounded 8 officers 54 men; Captured or missing 57 men; Total 132.

Our second stop was the **28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry**, the unit in which Aaron & Gideon Moser served.



**Original monument to the 28th Pennsylvania Infantry on Slocum Avenue** -- The rough-hewn stone monument is inset with a bronze tablet. It is dominated by the five-pointed star that is the symbol of the Union 12th Corps. A carved stone forage cap is in the center of the base.

**The 28th Pennsylvania at Gettysburg** -- The 28th Pennsylvania was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Captain John H. Flynn. It brought 370 men to the field, losing 3 killed, 23 wounded and 2 missing.

Our third stop was the **1<sup>st</sup> Michigan Infantry**, the unit in which Daniel A. Himebaugh served.



**About the Monument to the 1st Michigan** -- The monument is a granite shaft on a four-foot square rough-hewn granite base, and stands a little over ten feet tall. The front has a carved relief of crossed rifles hung with a cap, canteen, and cartridge box. An inscription of the Maltese Cross symbol of the Fifth Corps is on the left side, and a brass tablet with the Seal of the State of Michigan is on the front base. The monument was erected in 1888 and dedicated on June 12, 1889 by the State of Michigan.

**The 1st Michigan Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg** -- The First Michigan was commanded at the Battle of Gettysburg by Colonel Ira C. Abbott, a merchant from Burr Oak, Michigan. He was wounded on July 2nd, and Lieutenant Colonel William A. Throop took command, despite also being wounded. The regiment brought 21 officers and 240 men to Gettysburg, and lost First Lieutenant Amos Ladd of Company K and four enlisted men killed, 6 officers and 27 men wounded, and 4 men missing.

Our fourth stop was the **11th United States Regular Infantry**, the unit in which Jacob Vogel served.



**The 11th United States Regular Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg** -- The regiment brought six companies to the field: B, C, D, E, F & G. Major Delancy Floyd-Jones, a career Army officer from Oyster Bay, New York, commanded the regiment at the battle. He was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious conduct. Captain Thomas Barri and Lieutenants Matthew Elder, Henry Rochford, Herbert Kenaston, Amaziah Barber were killed or mortally wounded. Present 25 officers and 281 men. Casualties: killed 8 officers and 16 men; wounded 7 officers and 85 men \*including Jacob Vogel); missing 9 men.

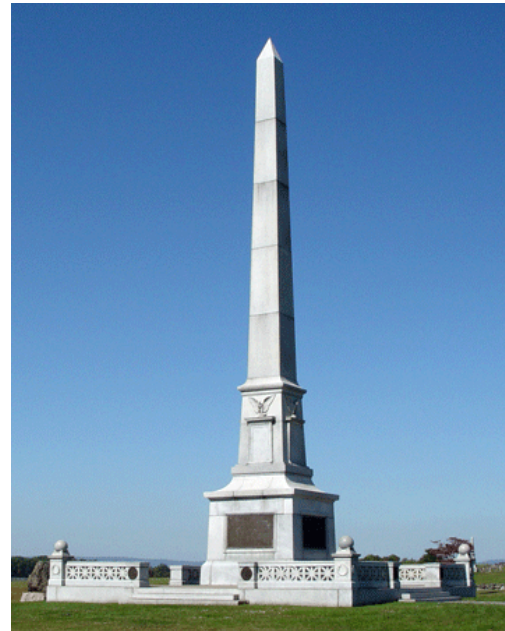
Our fifth stop was the **14th United States Regular Infantry**, the unit in which William G. Moffett served.



**The 11th United States Regular Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg** -- Captain Crocius R. Giddings commanded the regiment at Gettysburg. He was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious

conduct in the battle. Casualties: Killed 16 Men; Wounded 2 Officers and 106 Men; Missing 4 Men.

On the way to the Pennsylvania State Monument, we drove by the monument to all the **United States Regulars** who served including Jacob Vogel and William G. Moffett.



**About the monument to the United States Regulars** – The 85 foot high monument was carved from Mount Airy granite by sculptor Karl Bitter. Four large bronze plaques are set into each side of the lowest level of the monument. It was dedicated on May 30, 1909. Erected by the Congress to commemorate the services of that portion of the Army of the Potomac composed of cavalry, artillery, infantry and engineers of the Regular Army of the United States in the Gettysburg Campaign June-July 1863.

Our sixth stop was the **Pennsylvania State Monument**, to honor the Moser Brothers, Joseph, Gideon and Aaron.



**About the State of Pennsylvania Monument --** The State of Pennsylvania Monument is the largest monument on the Gettysburg battlefield. The tip of the sword of the statue of Winged Victory is 110 feet high. A spiral staircase takes visitors to the roof of the monument, which offers a panoramic view of the battlefield.

The monument is made from North Carolina granite set over an iron and concrete frame. Rising over all Sculptor Samuel Murray created a 7,500-pound statue of Winged Victory from melted down Civil War cannons which stands on top of the dome. He also created the reliefs over each of the arches.

**Pennsylvania at the Battle of Gettysburg --** Pennsylvania Soldiers of the Army of the Potomac who participated in the Battle of Gettysburg: 2,133 Officers of whom 73 were killed or mortally wounded; 32,144 enlisted men of whom 1139 were killed or mortally wounded; Total engaged or on duty 34,247 – total killed or mortally wounded 1,212.

**Regimental and Battery rosters --** The base and the interior of the monument are lined with bronze tablets of the Pennsylvania regiments and batteries who fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. Each tablet lists the roster by company of the officers and men of that unit. The monument has the names of over 34,000 Pennsylvanians who participated in the battle.



Our final stop was the **High Water Mark of the Rebellion** monument where we took our Family Reunion Photo (see last page of this newsletter).



**About the High Water Mark of the Rebellion Monument --** The monument to the High Water Mark of the Rebellion was dedicated in 1892 by the Gettysburg Battlefield Memorial Association. The monument is in the form of a giant bronze book opened to display two pages which list the units of both sides that took part in Longstreet’s Assault on July 3, 1863. The book stands on a stone base set with tablets.

**National Archives Document Transcription Project. Want to Help?**  
by Russell Dannecker

As mentioned above we have obtained literally nearly 5,000 photographs of the Military and Service records of the Wertman related soldiers, that are available at the National Archives and Records Administration in Washington, DC. Our goal is to transcribe these records and as noted the article entitled The Soldiers Are Coming! by Kathy Bucher, WFA Webmaster,



we will be posting them the Wertman Family Association Website.

We need your help! Transcribing these documents is an enormous task. There is an old saying: "How do you peel a ton of potatoes? One potato at a time!" Well the same is true here.

In translating the documents thus far I have noticed that they fall into certain categories, such as Muster Roll, Application for Pension, General Affidavit, Surgeon's Certificate, etc. I have developed a templet for each. For example, for a: *General Affidavit -- Dated \_ of \_ a resident of \_ in support of the claim of \_*. It reads: After filling the blanks the actually words in the Affidavit are transcribed.

If you are interested in helping here is what I propose. I will send you One document picture with the appropriate template (in Word format). You will work on only one at a time, at your own pace. Once you return the completed templet to me you can decide if you want another. I will keep track of who has what and we will work on only one soldier at a time. Eventually all the "potatoes" will be peeled.

We hope that you can help. Just let me know.

### **The Wertman Gene Pool**

by Tom Young, Project Administrator

The Wertman Family Association DNA Project has now entered its 14th year. It began in early 2007 with the submission of a sample from a descendant of Martin, son of George Philip Wertman (GP1) to The Sorenson Molecular Genealogy Foundation (SMGF). This research project was chosen because they offered a 43 marker Y chromosome test at no charge, requiring only a four generation pedigree chart. We encouraged males of known Wertman ancestry to take advantage of this offer. A total of six men joined the project

With the passing of James Sorenson, funding decreased and the free testing slowed. We were able to take use their offer of \$20 per test for surname projects to complete our remaining 5 samples. This phase of the project was very successful. We learned that five men, all descendants of GPI (2 Michaels, 2 Jacobs and 1 Martin) matched indicating a common ancestor. The 6th sample from a descendant of George Wertman of Pickaway County, Ohio also matched indicating that he was somehow related to GPI.

The Y chromosome is passed, usually unchanged from father to son, although occasional random mutations can occur. A number of markers, Short Tandem Repeats (STRs) at defined regions are tested and the more of these that match, the better. Zero, one or two mismatches are preferred. We used these six results to predict with reasonable certainty, the haplotype of GPI, which was the goal of Phase 1 of the project. Men thought to be descended from GPI could now test to verify their paper trail.

With the demise of SMGF, we selected Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) to host our project. Their standard test is 37 markers, only 32 are the same as those from SGMF. At this stage of the project, this was considered enough. We recruited three more Phase 1 members (1 Michael and 2 Jacobs) and as expected, all matched. We also tested four Wertman men of unknown ancestry. We had entered Phase 2 of the project where these men could learn if they were related to GPI. Three matched.

These were descended from Jacob of Montour County, Pennsylvania; Jacob of Tuscarawas County, Ohio and Michael of Trumbull County, Ohio, The fourth, a descendant of John Wertman of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania was off on an unexpected five

markers. He was considered a statistical outlier and probably related to GPI. Further testing strengthened this belief. We had now entered Phase 3 of the project using Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) to further refine the results.

Previous testing had predicted the Wertman haplogroup (defined by their furthest downstream SNP) to be either R-M269 or R-U152. Actual individual SNP testing revealed our haplogroup to be R-Z35, which is consistent with the predictions. The most complete SNP test available was Big Y 500 (now Big Y 700.) We tested one member and it returned the same R-Z35 result. What is the use of a very expensive test that returns information already known? Big Y is a SNP discovery test.

It maps over 12 million bases looking for mutations (SNPs.) When the original results were returned, we had over 30 unnamed SNPs. These are mutations shared by no one else in the database and once named will create new downstream branches in the known Y chromosome haplotree. Since that time, we have been further refined to R-BY164497. This is a very active area of research and the future of Y chromosome testing. As more men test, our results should continue to be refined.

The Wertman Family Association Board has approved a scholarship program to pay for tests of certain GPI descendants. Remaining are 3 men descended from Simon and 2 from Martin. Also included in this offer are men from Wertman lines of unknown ancestry. Examples of these are: Hans Adam of Philadelphia and Montgomery County, Pennsylvania; George Philip of Fillmore County, Minnesota; Jacob of West Penn Township, Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania; John of Hamburg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania; John of

Northumberland County, Pennsylvania; And others approved by the project administrators.

***Links of interest:***

**Results:** <<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jGNWwcG2CILnMMZZW0oMJuFpwUClo6X6FYtIBj7Kl4I/edit#gid=0>>.

**Join:** <<https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Wertman>>.

**Those wishing to Contribute:** <<https://www.familytreedna.com/group-general-fund-contribution.aspx?g=Wertman>>.

**2019 Election and Appointment for Officers**

by Russell Dannecker, President

The 2019 Nominating Committee (Earl Maurer, Shirley Daniels and Tom Young) proposed the following slate and received each candidate's approval to be placed on the ballot for election at the 2019 Annual Meeting in Gettysburg, PA. The nominees are: (Two-year terms): President – Russell C. Dannecker; Vice-President – Hal Merz; Secretary – Doug Wertman; Treasurer – Maryann Cronk; Archivist – open; Webmaster – Kathy Bucher; Board Members – (4year term) – Shirley Daniels, Nancy Johnson. Each of the above was elected to the positions indicated.

In accordance with the Wertman Family Association By-Laws, President Russell Dannecker made the following appointments with the concurrence of the Executive Board. Archivist – Earl Mauer; Director at Large – Filling the vacancy caused by the death of Frank Strickling, Minerva Arner will serve the rest of his term until 2021; Director at Large – Filling the vacancy caused by the death of Shirley Daniels, Richard Daniels will serve the rest of her term until 2023.



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The 2019 Wertman Family Reunion Tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield. Our guide made the flag. Picture is taken at the High Water Mark Memorial on Cemetery Ridge.

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## About the Wertman Family Association (WFA)

Since 2000, the rejuvenated Wertman Family Association has held annual reunions in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, New York, and Virginia. Those who attend learn more about relatives who lived before them, and form relationships with cousins from around the country. A unique feature of these events is a full-day session for researchers to share their discoveries. An earlier family association held reunion picnics in Pennsylvania and Michigan for a large group of relatives in the 1920s and 1930s.

Via our website, [wertman.info](http://wertman.info), strangers can discover long-lost family connections. The Wertman web pages disseminate accurate information about the family's heritage. In August 2007, the association dedicated a monument in the old graveyard at Ebenezer Union Church in New Tripoli, Lehigh Co., PA. The black granite stone is in memory of the Wertman family that came to Lynn Township by 1749, including the "founding father," George Philip Wertman (a deacon at Ebenezer Church), and his five known sons, George Philip, Jacob, Johann Martin, Johann Michael, and Simon.

We invite you to join us!

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**Plan now to attend the Annual Wertman Reunion 21-22 August in Lockport, NY**

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