

## George Winkle Collection

Guide to the George Winkle Archival Collection, Company D, 107<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry of Volunteers

### DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

#### Repository

Civil War Museum, Resource Center Kenosha, Wisconsin

#### Language of Material

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#### Abstract

This collection consists of 3 historical documents and two photos.

### ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

#### Use Restrictions

None

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#### Provenance

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#### Biographical note:

George Winkle was born March 25, 1837, in DeWitte County, Illinois.

George Winkle made his residence in the town of Waynesville, DeWitte County, Illinois.

At the time of his enlistment he was 25 years old, stood 5' 11 1/2" tall, light hair, gray eyes, light complexion, was married and listed his occupation as farmer.

He enlisted in Company D on September 4, 1862, under an S. McGowan signing up for a period of 3 years enlistment in Springfield, Illinois. He was

mustered out of service by a Captain Briscoe in Salisbury, North Carolina, achieving the rank of Private on June 21, 1865. Mr. Winkle Died on December 9, 1887, reaching the age of 50.

Doc.#1 of 5: Declaration for Original Invalid Pension, The State of Missouri, County of Cass by the Clerk of the County Court, dated, January 1, 1886

Noteworthy: Declares that George Winkle who enrolled on July 1, 1862, serving in Company D, 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Illinois Infantry Volunteers and under the command of Leander McGraw, was discharged at Camp Butler on July 10, 1862.

While in the service in Franklin, Tennessee, and engaged in action against the enemy, received a bayonet wound over the left eye causing the loss of sight of said eye.

Also at Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, in June and July, he from excess and Hard Marching contracted a varicose ulcer of the left leg.

That he was treated in hospitals in Louisville, Kentucky, and Marietta, Georgia.

That he was never been employed in the military or naval service otherwise than stated above.

That since leaving the service he has resided in Iowa from fall until Spring, 1865, then removed to Kansas where he remained one year when he came to Cass County where he now resides.

That prior to his entry in service, he was a man of good, sound, physical health, and being, when enrolled, a Farmer.

That he is now very greatly disabled from obtaining his subsistence by manual labor by reason of injury or disability, above described in the service of the United States;

And he therefore makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the invalid pension roll of the United States.

He hereby appoints, with full power of substitution, MILO B. STEVENS & COMPANY., of Chicago, Illinois, His true and lawful Attorneys to prosecute his claim.

That he has never received nor applied for a pension. That his Post office Address is Archie County of Cass, the State of Missouri

Claimant's Signature: Geo + Winkle  
Attested by: Geo D. Little and John James

Also personally appeared, Jasper N. James, residing at Archie and James Fraces residing at Archie, whom I certify to be apparently respectable and entitled to credit, and who being by me duly sworn, say they were present and saw George Winkle, the claimant, sign his name (or make his mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said

claimant, and their acquaintance with him, that he is the identical person who represents himself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of his claim.

Signed, Jasper N. James  
James Fraces

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this 1st day of January A.D. 1886; and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, & etc., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing; and that I have no interest in the prosecution of his claim.

Signed, Geo. I. Shepard  
Clerk of the County Court  
Geo. D. Little D. C.

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MILOW B. STEVENS & COMPANY  
WAR CLAIM  
JAN. 14, 1886  
ATTORNEY  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS., NO. 13

U. S. PENSION OFFICE  
JAN. 14, 1886

INVALID  
Claim for Pension.  
ORIGINAL

George Winkle, Applicant  
Priv., Co., D, 107<sup>th</sup> Regt.  
Ill. Infy Vols.  
Enlisted, July 1, 1862  
Discharged, July 10, 1865

FILED BY  
MILO B. STEVENS & CO.,  
PENSION CLAIM ATTORNEYS

Doc. #2 of 5: From the War Department, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, December 21, 1886. Document confirming the Volunteer Enrollments (listing his service and engagements from September, 1862 through June, 1865. (This reference document was used in verifying George Winkle's enlistment and service in his attempts to apply and receive his continuing post Civil War pensions coming to him.) Here also we get the information as to where and when Private Winkle became wounded/ill.

Noteworthy: Respectfully returned to the Commissioner of Pensions that George Winkle, a Private of Company "D", 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Illinois Volunteers, was enrolled on the 1st day of August, 1862, at Clinton, Illinois (for 3 years), and is reported on Muster in Roll of co. dated at Springfield, Illinois, September 4, 1862, and on Roll from Muster into October 31/62 & subsequent Rolls to April 30/63, present. Roll for May and June/64, present. Absent sick at Bowling Green, Kentucky." Rolls" for July and August, and September and October, & November and December/63 present. Roll for January & February/64, "Absent sick at Knoxville, since February 9<sup>th</sup>/64." "Rolls for March & April & May & June/64 present. Rolls for July & August, September & October & November & December/64. "Absent sick at Hospital since July, 1864. Rolls for January & February & March & April/65 present. Muster out Roll of Company dated at Salisbury, North Carolina, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 1865, reports him present and mustered out on that date. Remark, "U.S., \$38.07 for transportation while on furlough." Return for November/64, reports him Absent sick at Nashville, Tennessee. Name George Winkle not found. The Regiment Hospital records are not on file. Return for July shows him absent, left sick in Field Hospital at Georgia to November, 1864 and same report December '64 and January, 1865, absent sick at Nashville, Tennessee. December 2, 1864 reports him wounded Nature, location of wound and date and place not stated another casualty list of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 2 D.W. 2 A.C., November 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 1/64 shows George Winkle, Private, Co~ 107<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry Wounded November 30<sup>th</sup> at Franklin nature and location.

Signed, C.C. Dauger  
Adjutant General

Doc. #3 of 5: Widow's Declaration for Pension or Increase of Pension, State of Missouri, Cass County, dated, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889 (Note: This document reveals where, when, and what specific injury Private Winkle received while serving the United States that ultimately led to his cause of death twenty two years later, and also that he married a widow and by their union had a surviving daughter who was fourteen years of age at the time this Declaration was made and issued.

Noteworthy: Personally appeared before me Clerk of the County court a Court Record within and for the County and State aforesaid Margaret C. Winkle, aged 42 years, who, being duly sworn according to law, makes the following declaration in order to obtain,

the Pension provided by the Acts of Congress granting pension to widows. That she is the widow of George Winkle who enlisted under the name of George Winkle on August 1, 1862, in Company "D"m 107<sup>th</sup> regiment, Illinois Infantry Volunteers.

In the war of 1862-65, while serving at The Battle of Kenesaw, Georgia Mountain in June, 1864, did incur varicose veins of the left leg.

Also at The Battle of Franklin, Tennessee, December 17, 1864, received a bayonet wound in action over the left eye, resulting in the loss of sight of said eye, and finally resulting in his death on December 8, 1887.

That at the time of his discharge, he bore the rank of Private, and that she was married under the maiden name of Margaret E. Staley to said George Winkle on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 1868, by H. K. Ritter J. P. at Austin Township, Cass County, Missouri.

There being no legal barrier to such marriage: that neither she nor her husband had been previously married, but she had been married to Samuel Staley who is dead.

That she has to present date remained his widow; that the following names and dates of birth of all legitimate children yet surviving who were under sixteen years of age at father's death, viz.

Betty Franklin Winkle of soldier by \_\_\_\_\_, born, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1875, that she is has not in any manner engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion in the United States; that a prior application has been filed by the aforesaid soldier prior to his death and numbered #559,120, that she hereby appoints, with full power of substitution and revocation, C.S. McArthur of Pleasant Hill, Cass County, Missouri, her attorney to prosecute the above claim; that her residence is Archie, Missouri, and her Post Office address is Archie, Cass County.

Missouri  
D.K. Hall  
K. Cummings

her  
Margaret X E. Winkle  
mark

Also personally appeared D.K. Hall, residing at Harrisonville and S.L. Cummings residing at Archie, Missouri. Persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they were present and saw Margaret E. Winkle, the claimant sign her name (make her mark) to the foregoing declaration: that they have every reason to believe from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

D. K. Hall  
K. Cummings

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D., 1989,

Geo. I Shepard  
Clerk County Court

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WIDOW

CLAIM FOR PENSION

Margaret E. Winkle

Private, Company "D", 107<sup>th</sup> Regiment

Illinois Infantry Volunteers

Filed by

C.S. McArthur

Pleasant Hill

Cass County, Missouri

Doc. #4 of 5: Photo document of George Winkle taken in civilian clothes after the Civil War. The pins on his lapels may be service pins from his military duty.

Doc.# 5 of 5: Photo document of George Winkle probably taken shortly after his enlistment into the Army of the Potomac.