

Snyder Collection

Guide to Abram C. Snyder Archival Collection , Companies A and G, 3rd Wisconsin
Regimental Cavalry

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Repository

Civil War Museum, Resource Center Kenosha, Wisconsin

Language of Material

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Abstract

This collection consists of 33 documents--muster roll records, certificates of service, (including dates served and locations) some personal letters, pension and health records, vouchers, miscellaneous communications from the U.S. War and Interior Departments, a death notice of Mr. Snyder, and some personal photos of Mr. Snyder in military dress.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Biographical note:

From State of Wisconsin Muster Roll: Abram C. Snyder/Residence Sparta, Wis./Mustered in Oct. 14, 1861/Transferred to Co. G. 2/28/1862. Co. G. Bugler, Mustered Out 2/14/1865; term expired.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW

The documents give us a picture of Abraham Snyder's service as a bugler with two companies of the 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry. The collection also goes into great detail as to the lengths which Mr. Snyder had to prove his disability after the war was over in order to continue to receive a pension.

COLLECTION LIST:

Doc.#1 of 33: Abram Snyder's " Certificate of Service" (2/28/62-2/14/65)

Noteworthy: List the number and locations of his service and engagements.

Doc. #2 of 33: Roster of the 3rd Reg. Cavalry Co “G”.)

Noteworthy: Lists the names, residences and dates of service. It also notes the numbers of deserters with the dates they enlisted and deserted in 1862 and 1864 respectively. (A. Snyder is listed on pg. 113.

Doc. #3 of 33: Benton Barracks, Mo. (“Camp Benton”).

Doc. #4 of 33: “New York Times” article of Mar. 28, 1862 mentioning the “Troop Train Accident” in Illinois. Lists the causes of the accident involving members of the 3rd Wis. Cavalry.

Doc. #5 of 33: Card numbers of Pvt. Snyder.

Doc. #6 of 33: Janesville, Wis. Muster Roll of A. Snyder from Jan. 31, 1862-Feb. 28, 1862. Noted that Mr. Snyder “joined up” in Oct., 1862 from Sparta, Wis.

Doc. #7 of 33: Muster Roll (Feb. 28th, 1862-March/April, 1862) Pvt. Snyder transferred from Co. A per order of Col. Barstow

Doc. #8 of 33: Muster Roll (May/June, 1862-Aug. 31, 1862) During this time A. Snyder was “promoted” from Pvt. to “Bugler” on the 14th of May, 1862.

Doc. #9 of 33: Muster Roll (Sept./Oct., 1862-Nov./Dec., 1862) During this period Pvt. Snyder was “promoted” from private to wagoner on Oct. 2nd. Also noted that he was paid through July 17th as bugler.

Doc. #10 of 33: Muster Roll (Jan./Feb. 1863-Mar./Ap., 1863) Noted that “horse and horse equipment were complete.”

Doc. #11 of 33: Muster Roll (May/June, 1863-June/Oct., 1863) “Horse and equipment complete”

Noteworthy: .Service period 51 days
Pvt. Snyder was “absent without leave”.
He served on Provost Guard Duty at Ft. Scott, Kansas
Was not paid while being transported from Milwaukee to Leavenworth City, Kansas

Doc. #12 of 33: Muster Roll (Nov./Dec., 1863-Jan./Feb., 1864) Horse and equipment “complete) Served 85 days.
Detailed as a “Teamster” in Z. M. Dept.

Doc. # 13 of 33: Muster Roll (Mar./April, 1864-May/June, 1864)
on D.S. At Van Buren, Ark. Since 5/27/64

Doc. # 14 of 33: Muster Roll (Mar./April, 1864-July/Aug, 1864)
Still stationed at Van Buren, Ark. While
on D.S.

Doc. # 15 of 33: Muster Roll (Sept./Oct., 1864-Nov./Dec., 1864)
Pvt. Snyder was marked "present on duty."

Doc. #16 of 33: Muster Roll (June 30, 1864-Feb. 18, 1865), Madison,
Wisconsin

Noteworthy: . Present and paid on Nov. 11, 1863 \$52.83 for
clothing and paid \$100 for arms and equipment.

Doc. #17 of 33: Pvt. Snyder receives his "Formal Discharge" papers
dated Feb. 18, 1865, in Madison, Wis.

Noteworthy: Pvt. Snyder served a total of 3 years, 3.5 months and
18 days in "The Grand Army of the Republic".

Doc. #18 of 33: Pvt. Snyder writes a personal letter to a friend, "Nancy"
dated Aug. 24th, 1867.

Noteworthy: In the letter he discusses his "deep affection" for her
with a hint of a written marriage proposal. Snyder is
"unsure" how she may feel toward him and his
proposal. Snyder also expresses his concern about
her injured finger.

Doc. #19 of 33: A 2 page personal letter from A. Snyder to Mr.
William Lochren(Commandant of Pensions) dated
Sept. 8, 1894

Noteworthy: Snyder wrote this letter on Sheriff W.W. Kendall's
Howard County Stationary from St. Paul, Nebraska.
This letter is a reply from Snyder to Mr. Lochren
explaining his whereabouts (where he lived and worked)
from Feb. 14, 1865 (when he was formally discharged
in Madison, Wis.) to his present residence.
The letter also explains the various medical treatments
Snyder received during his war convalescence and
mentions the names of the doctors who treated him.
No doubt Snyder is very concerned about his advancing
age and "continuing infirmities" and that he will loose
any/all of his financial compensation to continue
his treatments. He is hoping that this letter will keep
his funding for medical care in "good standing".

Doc. #20 of 33: "Proof of Disability Document" dated Mar. 9, 1895 from Gage City, Nebraska.

Noteworthy: This document was "notarized" by one Jacob Van Valkenberg and signed by A. Snyder. It attests that sometime in the fall of 1863 Mr. Snyder became "disabled" contracting Rheumatism and was hospitalized while in camp at Buren, Ark. The above notification was received by the U.S Pension Office on April 4, 1895. This document is a continuing effort by Mr. Snyder to document his illness and keep his pension benefits going.

Doc. #21 of 33: "Additional Evidence of Proof of Disability" dated March 23, 1895 from Knox City, Neb.

Noteworthy: Notarized by Wm. H. Jenney this letter gives a more detailed physical description of the consequences of Mr. A. Snyder's ailments, like "his hair falling out" as a result of "fever and sickness".

This commentary was made by "W. D." William Frank who served with Pvt. Snyder and recalled Snyder's ailments.

The document was further notarized by E.H. Mason dated March 23, 1895.

Doc. #22 of 33: Letter addressed to "Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Pensions", dated May 3, 1895.

Noteworthy: This was a brief letter written by Wm. Lockren, the employer of Abram Snyder. In order to validate Snyder's claims of war ailments and also requesting proof of his retirement pension and benefits with a copy of the letter to be sent to Wm. H. Janney of Bloomfield, Neb.

Doc. #23 of 33: A brief reply from Wm. H. Janney ("Commissioner of Pensions"), Bloomfield, Neb. Dated May 17, 1895 stating all the facts "as he recalls them" of Pvt. A. Snyder's physical infirmities he contracted in the service of his country from 1861-1865.

Doc. #24 of 33: Document Invoice #: 728742. This document was a reply from Ira Smith, age 64, Notary Public of Grant County who vouched for the "good character" and honesty of Abram Snyder in regards to his claims of illness and "post-war Rheumatic maladies".

Doc. #25 of 33: General Affidavit (Inv.#728742) from Grant County, Wis. It was penned by Notary John Reynolds, age 65 and stated the history of Abram Snyder's Rheumatic conditions from the years 1863-1867.

Doc. #26 of 33: This was an application made by A. Snyder for an "Invalid Pension" document as he appeared before Notary Z.S. Yarnall of Said County and State Marion McClough.

Noteworthy: That M. McClough served with Pvt. Snyder in the spring and summer of 1861 and again in the spring of 1866 vouching for his character and Mr. Snyder's illness claims during these periods.

Doc. # 27 of 33: First Column Report from the Dept.of Interior (Old#3-464) Western Div., Bureau of Pensions. It stated "the validity" of Snyder's enlistment, his service and medical history.

Second Column is recorded from the Pension Office of the War Dept., dated July 24, 1901. It confirms the facts of Snyder's age, his commanding officer and his muster roll records showing he was on active duty from Feb. 28, 1862 through June 30, 1864.

Third Column: Snyder's medical records here are cut off. (No records are found).

Doc. #28 of 33: DEATH NOTICE of Abram Snyder age 76 yrs., 5 mos., 26 days explaining where he died, causes of death, surviving relatives and the date, time, and location of his funeral.

Doc. #29 of 33: Photocopies of 3 personal artifacts of Mr. A. Snyder
His bugle
His powder and belt
His rocking chair (side view)

Doc. #30 of 33: More photos of A. Snyder's personal possessions
Front view of his rocking chair
interior carved designs of his rocker
His bayonet scaffold and waist belt.

Doc. # 31 of 33: Photo of Pvt. Snyder's "Grand Army of the Republic Badge" for his service rendered.

Doc. #32 of 33: Photos of Abram Snyder in civilian clothes late in his life (bearded and in military dress with his combat medal).
A copy of his personal signature

Doc. #33 of 33: Abram Snyder in old age (possibly
the last known photo taken of him).