

Guide to the Garrett Van Fleet Archival Collection (Private, Company F, 77th Ohio Volunteer Infantry)

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Repository

Civil War Museum, Resource Center, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Language of Material

Material in English

Abstract

His collection contains a copy of the Civil War Service Record and Pension Record of Garrett Van Fleet; copies of originals held in the National Archives.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Use Restrictions

No photocopying please

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Provenance

The Garrett Van Fleet Archival Collection was copied, as written, from the originals.

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BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Garrett Van Fleet was born in Morgan County, Ohio on _____ 1824. When he enlisted in Company F, 77th Ohio Infantry at age 40, he had been a married farmer with six children. The enlistment notes stated he had a light complexion and stood 5' 7" with black eyes and dark hair. He enlisted on February 11, 1864 in Marietta, Ohio for a three-year term of service. He was captured during the engagement at Marks Mills Arkansas on April 25, 1864. As a result of his 10-month imprisonment, he suffered a variety of physical disorders and applied for a government pension. In 1870 he settled in Wisconsin and died on January 16, 1904 in Forest, Wisconsin.

Doc. #1. Cover Sheet Summary, Enlistment, Muster Roll and Summary of Van Fleet's service record, including attendance, activities, \$60 bounty paid, reenlistment record. 11 pages.

Doc. #2. Memorandum from Prisoner of War Records. 1 page.

- Doc. #3. Surgeon's Certificate listing disease of the mouth and tongue, diarrhea, rheumatism, scurvy and lameness as a result of his imprisonment. Dated October 5, 1898. 5 pages.
- Doc. #4. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions form and Adjutant General's Office, Wisconsin. Statement of Wm. Hall, a witness attesting to Van Fleet's ailments.
- Doc. #5. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions form. Statement of Wm. A. Bender, a witness attesting to Van Fleet's ailments. 3 pages.
- Doc. #6. Office of Dr. J. Echelberry. Letter in support of Van Fleet's pension application. 1 page.
- Doc. #7. Statement of Elijah ____? Letter in support of Van Fleet's pension application. 2 pages.
- Doc. #8. Notarized statement of John Jones. Letter in support of Van Fleet's pension application. 2 pages.
- Doc. #9. Statement of Thos. Rowland. Sept. 28, 1898. 2 pages.
- Doc #10. Notarized physician's (Dr. J. W. Vana) statement in support of Van Fleet's application. 2 pages.
- Doc. #11. Statement of Dr. J. Echelberg from Springfield MA indicating that Van Fleet was "a sound and healthy man," before entering the service. 1 page.
- Doc. #12. Statement of Samuel Henry in support of Van Fleet's application. September ____, 1898. 1 page.
- Doc. #13. Record and Pension Office form stating that Thomas Rowland, Andrew Walker and Samuel Henry were all captured at Marks Mills with Van Fleet. 1 page.
- Doc. #14. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions form from Andrew Walker. 3 pages.
- Doc. #15. War Department, Adjutant General's Office. Form returned by Thomas Rowland. 1 page.
- Doc #16. Statement of Miles Ellis in support of Van Fleet. Dec. 5, 1887. 1 page.
- Doc. #17. Department of the Interior, Pension Office. Sept. 9, 1887. Statements supporting letters of Samuel Henry and John Rowland as messmates of Van Fleet. 3 pages.
- Doc. #18. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions. Nov. 1887. Asking for further confirmation of Van Fleet's disability and response to the letter. 6 pages.

- Doc. #19. Record and Pension Office, War Department, April 23, 1895. Summary statement of Van Fleet's medical record and statement concerning his capture and imprisonment.
- Doc. #20. War Department, Adjutant General's Office. April 2, 1887. Statement summarizing Van Fleet's capture, imprisonment and disability. 2 pages.
- Doc. #21. Declaration for the Increase of an Invalid Pension. August 1, 1892. 3 pages.
- Doc. #22. Invalid Pension Reissued for additional disability. July 22, 1892. 1 page.
- Doc. #23. Original Invalid Claim and additional claims history. Dec. 4, 1886 July 8, 1887, and pension dropped Oct. 6, 1904 with death of Van Fleet. 3 pages.
- Doc. #24. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions. Form attesting to the death of Van Fleet's wife on Nov. 18, 1893. 1 page.
- Doc. #25. Reissue of Van Fleet's pension listing pension history. Originally at \$10 per month. 1 page.
- Doc. #26. Additional letters in support of Van Fleet's disability. October 1887, November 1887, December 1887, and other undated letters. 10 pages.
- Doc. #27. Adjutant General's Office, Wisconsin – Pension Division. General Affidavits supporting Van Fleet's Pension claim and copies of supporting letters and evidence. 13 pages.

Addendum to Garrett Van Fleet Archival Collection

77th Ohio Volunteer Infantry

During his membership in the 77th Ohio, Garrett Van Fleet would have participated in the work of the regiment. A portion of that regiment's history is attached here for reference purposes.

Short Unit History Compiled: Courtesy of Larry Stevens

Organized in the fall of 1861, under Colonel Jesse Hildebrand, it reported to General Sherman at Paducah in February 1862. In April it participated both days in the battle of Shiloh; and took part in the siege of Corinth until the evacuation when it moved westward, operating in Northern Mississippi and arriving at Memphis in July. It was ordered to Alton, Illinois in August, where it remained until July 1863, then moved to Helena, Arkansas. In January 1864, the Regiment reenlisted and went to Ohio on veteran furlough. In March it joined the Red River expedition and met with disaster. It took part in the capture of Mobile and then went to the Rio Grande where it served until mustered out March 8, 1866, the veterans having performed over four years of service. <http://ohiocivilwar.com/cw77.html>

Garrett Van Fleet's regimental service was covered by the following regimental history, taken from Dyer's *Compendium. Ohio In The War-Volume II*. Whitelaw Reid. Moore, Wilstach & Baldwin. Cincinnati 1868.

77th Regiment Infantry. Organized at Marietta, Ohio, September 28, 1861, to January 5, 1862. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, Arkansas Expedition, to January 1864. 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 7th Army Corps, Dept. of Arkansas, to April 1864. 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 7th Army Corps, to May 1864.

After Garrett Van Fleet enlisted as a volunteer, the regiment was involved in the Red River expedition. Van Fleet was part of the Steele expedition, designed to assist General Banks in his efforts.

The regiment had reenlisted December 20, 1863, and mustered in as Veterans January 22, 1864, and moved to Columbus, Ohio. Returned to Little Rock March 1-17. Steele's Expedition to Camden March 23-May 3. Okalona April 2-3. Prairie D'Ann April 9-12. Camden April 15-18. Mark's Mills April 25, most of Regiment captured. Evacuation of Camden April 27.

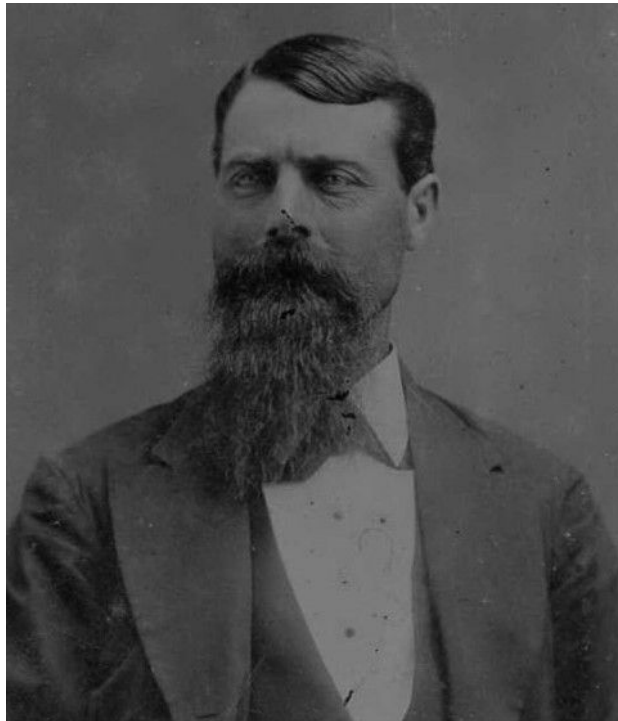
Other Electronic Sources of Information Concerning John Van Fleet and his family.

<https://www.wikitree.com/genealogy/VANFLEET>

The Van Fleet Family Ancestry. The Van Fleet family has been traced from the 18th to the 20th centuries on this website. General James Van Fleet, who served in World Wars I, II and the Korean War is descended from this family tree. Garrett Van Fleet is also the brother of John Van Fleet, and they served together in the same regiment at the same time.

Garrett Van Fleet is buried in Viola, Richland County, Wisconsin, and his burial is recorded on Ancestry.com

https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/search?firstname=Garrett&middlename=&lastname=VanFleet&birthyear=&birthyearfilter=&deathyear=1904&deathyearfilter=&location=Wisconsin%2C+United+States+of+America&locationId=state_51&memorialid=&mcid=&linkedToName=&datefilter=&orderby=r&plot=



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