

William H. Lamberton Collection

Guide to the William H. Lamberton Archival Collection, Company K, 19th Wisconsin Infantry

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY

Repository

Civil War Museum, Resource Center Kenosha, Wisconsin

Language of Material

Material in English

Abstract

This collection consists of 5 documents detailing William H. Lamberton 's service in the 19th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry. There is his biography profile from Ancestry, his enlistment paper, his declaration of recruit, and newspaper articles that reference him.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Use Restrictions

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Biographical note:

William H. Lamberton was born on March 21st, 1844 in New York. In 1850, his family moved to Racine, Wisconsin. He enlisted as a private on April 16th, 1862 and was mustered into service with Company K, 19th Wisconsin Infantry. On June 3rd, 1862, he was mustered out of service due to disability. Lamberton reenlisted on November 4th, 1862 with Regiment 7th Independent Battery, Wisconsin Light Artillery. In December-January of 1862, Confederate General Forrest went on a raid through West Tennessee, destroying key Union rail supply lines. Union forces occupied Humboldt, at the junction of the Memphis & Ohio and the Mobile & Ohio railways. On December 20th, 1862, the Confederates attacked, taking 200 prisoners, one being Lamberton. He was most likely paroled and exchanged, and was later discharged from the battery for promotion on April 29th, 1864. He reenlisted on February 9th, 1864 at the rank of 2nd Lieutenant with Company B, 36th Infantry, Commission. Lamberton was killed in action during the Battle of Cold Harbor on June 3rd of 1864, in Hanover, Virginia at the age of 20. His family plot is located at Forest Home Cemetery in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but is thought to have been buried in a mass grave at Cold Harbor, but there is no written record of it.

COLLECTION OVERVIEW

Doc.#1 of 5:

This is the Ancestry profile of William Henry Lamberton, as done by his great, great, grand-niece Judith D. Schulz. This lists the facts as known, some family history, as well as the Ancestry sources. This is as of November 14th, 2023.

Doc.#2 of 5:

This is a copy of the Volunteer Enlistment of Lamberton from November 4th, 1862, stating that he is 21 years of age. He lists that he has gray eyes, auburn hair, and is 5 foot 8 inches of height.

Doc.#3 of 5:

This is his Declaration of Recruit from November 4th, 1862. He also states here that he is of age 21.

Doc.#4 of 5:

This is a copy of a clipping from the Daily Milwaukee News from June 9th, 1864 (p.4 col 2). It is "Wisconsin Casualties," "Liets. Lamberton and Newton, of the 26th regiment, are also killed."

Doc.#5 of 5:

This is a copy of a clipping from the Wisconsin State Journal from July 1st, 1864 (p.1). This is under "Military Appointments," listing Lamberton's replacement after he was killed.