

Wallace E. Edwards Files

Private, Company D, 15th Regiment Indiana Infantry

Returns Form

E 15 Ind.

Wallace E. Edwards

Pvt, Co. D, 15 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Appears on Returns as follows:

Jan 1862 Nurse at small pox Hospt [sic] Jan 15/62.

Jan 1863 to Mch [sic] 1863 absent wounded

June 1863 to Jan 1864 absent sick in hospt [sic] wounded

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Company Muster Roll Form April to August 1861

E 15 Ind.

Wallace E Edwards

priv, [sic] Co D, 15 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Apl [sic] 19 to Aug 31, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When June 14, 186[blank]. [see footnote below]

Where Oxford [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent not stated

Stoppage, \$ [blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't, \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.]

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Company Muster-in Roll Form

E 15 Ind.

Wallace E. Edwards

priv, [sic] Co. D, 15 Reg't [sic] Indiana Infantry.

Age 21 years.

Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above. Roll dated LaFayette Ind June 14, 1861.

Muster-in to date June 14, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When June 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where LaFayette, [186 crossed out] [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Bounty paid \$ [blank]; due \$ [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: Muster-in roll shows enrollment and muster-in of this company as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.]

[illegible signature]

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Invalid Pension Form

Claim of Officer or Soldier for Invalid Pension.

The State of Ohio, County of Scioto, SS.

On this tenth day of August, A.D., 1864, personally appeared before me S.B. Drouillard Clerk of Scioto County Court of Common Pleas a Court of Record within and for said county, Wallace E. Edwards, aged twenty three [sic] years, a resident of Wheelersburg, in the county of Scioto and State of Ohio, who, being first duly sworn according to law, declares that he is the identical Wallace E. Edwards, who enlisted in the service of the United States, at La-Fayette, in the County of Tippecanoe and State of Indiana, on the 14th day of June, in the year 1861, as a private in Company D., commanded by Captain J. Templeton, in the 15th Regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, commanded by Col G.D. Waymen, in the war of 1861, and was honorably discharged on the Eighth day of July A.D. 1864 as will appear by his certificate of discharge herewith presented.

That while in the service of aforesaid, and in the line of his duty, at the Battle of Stone [sic] River State of Tennessee on the 31st of December AD 1862 he was struck by a minie [sic] ball in the left arm near the shoulder, causing longitudinal fracture of the left arm near the shoulder and partial destruction of the muscles surrounding the should joint

That since leaving the service he has resided at Wheelersburg, in the State of Ohio, and his occupation has been Farmer.

He makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the Invalid Pension Roll of the United States on account of the disability above stated.

Surgeon General's Office Form

No. 20,219

War Department,

Surgeon General's Office,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION.

Washington, D.C., September 22d, 188[illegible].

Sir:

I have the honor to return herewith your request for a report of hospital treatment in Claim, No. 256,229, with such information as is furnished by the records filed in this Office, viz: that Wm E. Edwards, Pvt, Co "D", 15 Indiana Vols, was severely wounded in the shoulder, at the battle of Stone [sic] River, Tenn, [sic] Dec. 29, 1862, to Jany [sic] 3, 1863. Wallace Edwards, said Co. and regt. was admitted to G.H. No. 1 Nashville, Tenn.

Jany [sic] 12, 1863, with a G.S.W., and transferred April 22, 1863. Wallace E. Edwards said Co. and regt. was admitted to G.H. No 1 Louisville, Ky. April 23, 1863, with a gun shot fracture of left humerus, and transferred June 29, 1863. Admitted to G.H. No. 8 New Albany, Ind. June 29, 1863, with a G.S.W., and transferred July 24, 1863. Admitted to G.H. Madison, Ind. July 24, 1863, with a G.S.W. of left arm, fracture of humerus, upper third, and returned to duty. Decr [sic] 1, 1863-

There are no records of the regt [sic] on file

By order of the Surgeon General:

J.J. Woodward

Surgeon, U.S. Army.

To the Commissioner of Pensions.

per J. Frech

Examining Surgeon's Certificate

Examining Surgeon's certificate.

Portsmouth Aug 10th 1864

I hereby Certify, That I have carefully examined [Applicant's Service. is written on left margin] Wallace E. Edwards late a private of 1st Lieut [sic] Germain Dettweiler's Co (103d) 2nd Batt of the Vol Res Corps in the service of the United States, who was discharged at Indianapolis Ind, on the 8th day of July 1864, and is an applicant for an invalid pension, by reason of alleged disability resulting from Gun Shot wound left shoulder

In my opinion the said Wallace E. Edwards [Degree of Disability. is written in left margin] is One half incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from the cause above stated.

Judging from his present condition, and from the evidence before me, [Origin. is written in the left margin] it is my belief that the said disability was recieved [sic] in the service aforesaid in the line of duty.

[Probable duration. is written in left margin] The disability is permanent

A more particular description of the applicant's condition is subjoined:

[Particular description. is written in left margin] The ball entered about the fourth rib in front of the arm passed upward and outward making its exit about an inch below the head of the os [sic] Humeris [sic] the bone was fractured longitudinally the Deltoid

muscle is destroyed. An inability to raise the arm at the shoulder motion is good from the elbow down

Wm. J. McDowell

Examining Surgeon

Discharge Certificate

[image: Eagle holding olive branch and flag placed within the title words]

To all whom it may Concern

[handwritten words on right top of form: paid July 9/64 and then illegible signature]

[words written over the form on the left side of document: Paid Bounty \$100 as of July 20/66 and then illegible signature and title]

Know ye, That Wallace E. Edwards, a Private of Captain [crossed out] 1st Lieut [sic] Germain Dettweiler's Company, (103d) 2nd Batt. Regiment [crossed out] of the Vet. Res. Corps VOLUNTEERS who was enrolled on the 14th day of June one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one to serve Three years or during the war, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States, this Eighth day of July, 1864, at Indianapolis Indiana by reason of expiration of term of enlistment [(No objection to his being re-enlisted known to exist. is all crossed out] [see footnote below]

Said Wallace E. Edwards was born in Hamilton County in the State of Ohio, is twenty one [sic] years of age, five feet eight inches high, fair complexion, Gray eyes, auburn hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a Farmer

Given at Indianapolis Ind this Eighth day of July 1864.

Germain Dettweiler

1st Lieut. 103d Co. 2nd Batt. V.R.C.

Commanding the Regt [crossed out] Company

[footnote: This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.]

Walter B. Scates and [rest of handwriting is illegible]

[written on left margin: Transferred [sic] from Co [illegible] 15th Ind Vols Inft [sic] to the [illegible] Co Ind [many illegible words] Wallace E Edward was severely wounded in the left shoulder in the battle of Stone [sic] River Dec 31st 1862]

[image: hand drawn map titled Reble [sic] battery and breastworks]

Notes on Map

Map showing the position of Gen. Wayne's Brigade in the battle of Stone [sic] River on the 31, of Dec. '62

W.E. Edward

Louisville Ky June 7, '63.

The star in the old cotten [sic] field shows the place where I was wounded [after falling back is crossed out] after we (the 15) had fallen back from our 3rd and last charge and from the fence of the old corn field.

W.E. Edward

Information on Wallace Edwards' Parents

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF

DAVID BARNETT EDWARD;

Native, Forfarshire, N.B. Born Nov. 11, 1790, sometime a resident of W. Indies, South America and Canada; Then in succession a citizen of Mexico, Texas and U.S. By profession a Farmer, Teacher, Preacher and Historian. In faith a Restorationist, in practice a philanthropist, and, in Mystic Tie, Temperance Son, and Odd Fellow.

DIED Wheelersburg O March 19 1870

Paternal Ancestors: Anglo-Saxon, Edred, who to preserve their Nationland [sic] and Religious Liberty retired to Wales, begore William the Conqueror; And to Scotland from bloody Queen Mary! Finally, through the clanship of [illegible], became perpetual Edward's of [illegible] [illegible] Maternal Barnell's or [illegible] by marriage 1778, perpetual resident of James Edward's Butterbourne, Sepulchre [sic] [illegible] Dundee.

Man, solitary man- what else is he?

In this unfriendly self interested world-

Except his soul [illegible] be

With the fairest of creation's mould. [sic]

It's woman's love pure from the heart,

That warms and cheers the coldest breast,
No earthly joys can e'er impart
Aright like its lasting fragrant zest.

ELIZA (PENELOPE) EDWARD;

Native, Cumberland, Pennsylvania; Born January 9th, 1801. Married in M'Gaheysville [sic] (Named from, and reared up by her maternal Uncle, and father's influence) Virginia July 29th, 1819. Afterward continuing a rare example of Christian fortitude; Maternal prudence and conjugal fidelity; during her husband's NINETEEN years absence in other lands. [see footnote below] Re-united March 2d, 1839, in Wheelersburgh, [sic] Scioto County, Ohio. [see second footnote below]

DIED Wheelersburg O Dec 2d 1875

Maternal ancestors, Irish (Protestant) [illegible] of Antrim. Her Grandfather's family and residence were plundered by the Hessians; while he was serving in Washington's Army Paternal German, (Protestant), Bollinger's of Cleyeberg. Her father was 1st Lieutenant of the Buckingham Volunteer Company, who, in the war of '14, went by order of Government to the extensive protection of Norfolk, Virginia.

It's cherished there while life's tide flows,
And, the last look in words doth speak,
You [illegible] my cares, you've soothed my woes,
And woo'd [sic] me to thy Savior's feet.
And then her image on his soul,
Impress'd [sic] so fair, so clear and even;
Must while eternity does roll,
Add to his blissful state in Heaven!

FAMILY RECORD,

HELEN JANE, born in Rockingham, Virginia, July 27th, 1820. married to JOHN M'ALEER, of Augusta; Ibidem: September 8th, 1837.

DIED in Wheelersburg O March 4, 1876

WALLACE EDRED BOLLINGER, born in Cincinnati, October 20th, 1840.

MARRIED June 27 WO Electa Barrett, [rest is illegible]

DIED in Cottonwood [illegible] PLatte Co. [rest is illegible]

Barnetty M'Gahey, their earthly loan;
Of ten months two days and one hour;

Re-called to join the Angelic throng;

In the year of our Lord forty-four.

NANCY REBECCA- Her grandmothers [sic] given names; born in Scioto county, Ohio,
September 24th, 1845.

MARRIED May 10 [illegible] William [illegible]

DIED [blank]

Family loss, Twenty thousand dollars by the slaveholding unjust Texan war of 1836.

[first footnote: The 19 years commenced without education, money or friends, yet,
nevertheless, ended in mortal triumph.]

[second footnote: Our separation began by following up property lost by my brother's
failure, and [illegible] movements.]

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Gravestone and Cemetery Information

Wheelersburg (Scioto) OH: Old Cemetery on Gallia Pike, north of Shela Blvd; NW ¼
S15-T2-R20.

In memory of

One of the first 100 I.O.O.F. in Ohio

David Barnett Edward

Native Dundee Scotland N.B.

And his consort

Eliza Penelope Bollinger

Native Carlile [sic], Pennsylvania, U.S.

Born-Married-Died

Between the years 1789 and 1897

Their grandparents blessed them

And their own great

Grandchildren praised them.

A part of their three

Generations

Their only son

Wallace Edred Bollinger

Served three years in the federal army

Was severely wounded in the shoulder

Received an honorable discharge

With a pension from date: July 8, 1864.

Nature made him a poet Author of 200 published poems; Rural and patriotic. Died, aged 16, '66.

The Eve of Battle- Poem by Walter Edwards

The eve of battle.

Soft fell the pensive gray twilight

The campfires gleamed afar

While oer [sic] the mountain's rugged hight [sic],

Look down the vesper star,

Up from the south unchained by death

The fitful right wind blew.

And echoed far with drowsy breath,

The welcome shrill tatoo; [sic]

As neath the pines I sat and dreamed

Of friends and home so dear,

Until enrapt with thought I seemed

Their last sweet words to hear,

And first and dearest of them all

My sainted mother spake, [sic]

“My only son If you should fall
My fond old heart would break.”
But go; they country needs thy arm.
In Isrel’s [sic] God I trust.
To gaurd [sic] thee from all sin and harm,
And lead thee with the just,
And Oh! forget not him who died
That we by faith might live,
Look up to him; in him confide
And he they strength will give.
Then on my head her hand she laid
And with faith uplifted eyes,
All tremulous, these words she said,
“Of love’s blest sacrifice
O! God of truth and mercy guide,
Accept my precious son,
Spare him to be my staff and pride,
If not thy will be done.”
As thus I dreamed a distant boom
Smote on the stratled air
It was the cannon’s knell of doom
To many a life dream fair
Then crushing down a thought of home,
“God and the right,” I cried
And thro. that night of death and gloom
I felt him by my side.
Wallace Edred Edwards

Untitled Poem by Wallace Edwards

Oh! for my absent mother's blessed hand
To cool my burning temples torn with pain
To sooth [sic] with the touch of love, the fierce heart throbs
That dart like firey [sic] serpents [sic] thro. my brain.

Oh! for a look of her soft beaming eyes
Calm as the azure [sic] of the star flushed skies
Where faith and love in robes angelic dressed Seems gently striving for her souls'
cares.

Oh for the presence of my sister's form,
Her air of hope, her sweetly cheering smile
Her voice's tender tone her clasping hand
Infusing peace thro. every tortured nerve.

Oh! blest [sic] is he who holds the priceless love
Of a sister wife or mother ever good and true
For 'tis a balm for sorrows deepest heart wound,
But is he who blights with careless scorn.
Its trusting gift its white elysian flower.
For his shall be a dark and fearful woe
The madness of the soul that drinks
The gall of hate.

Lines composed by Wallace E. Edwards while suffering a relapse of his wound
V.S. Hospital
Nashville Tenn.