

Marcus Gage Papers

Basic Information

Marcus A. Gage

born October 1841 on the family farm in Coldwater township

enlisted May 28, 1861 at Detroit for three years, age 19

was 1st corporal on a gun crew in Batter A, 1st Light Artillery [sic] – Loomis Battery (Coldwater Battery)

wounded Dec. 31, 1862 at the Battle of Stones River, TN (Murfreeseburo [sic])

died on Jan. 13, 1863 – result of blood poisoning from wounds received in battle

his information engraved on family (Gage) stone in old Oak Grove cemetery [sic]

Letter to Uncle May 1862

Huntsville Ala May 25 62

Dear uncle

yours of the 20 of apr [sic] was received some time ago but I have not been where I could write you [sic] before so you [sic] must excuse me for not writing before we have had some work to do I have been in camp 8 nights out of 3 weeks we went first to Athens [sic] about 35 miles from Huntsville [sic] and drove the rebels across the river and then returned to camp on Friday [sic] evening and on Sunday morning we were ordered out and we are went to Winchester [sic] 45 miles northeast from Huntsville [sic] where the rebels had a small force of about 2 thousand and drove them out of town and got back in 7 days we have now been in camp one night and expect to leave again in a very [sic] short time as the rebels in this part of the States will not meet us in any one place so we have to drive them in small forces from one town to another and it keeps us on the march most of the time So we dont [sic] get much time to rest I am well I never was healthier in my life you [sic] said you [sic] thought father had \$200 if he has I think he had better put it at interest [sic] with some good man where it will be [sic] safe and I will save as much as [sic] can while I am in the army and when I come home I will put it with his and buy a small place for him a home there is not much prospect of our getting our pay very [sic] soon we have not had any pay in 7 months and there is no prospect of our getting any very [sic] soon a private and Jerry Cudnes [sic] a private also [and I dont [sic] think that the [sic] will get promoted soon for he is not the right [sic] kind of a man to have an officer given him you [sic] will please excuse my poor writing [sic]

for I have A poor place to rite [sic] give my respects to Grand ma and all the rest of the folks write Soon

From your Nephew

Marcus A Gage

[on envelope]:

Civil War

Mr [sic] Geo W Vanakin

Coldwater

Branch Co

Mich

[stamp: [illegible] TEN. MAY 28 1862]

Letter to Sister June 1862

Huntsville abla [sic]

June 21 62

[image of a woman with a sword and olive branch in her hands in a seated position]

Dear Sister

I now take my pen in hand to answer yours of the [illegible] Im [sic] well and enjoying good health and hope these fiew [sic] lines will find yu [sic] enjoying the Same we are Still en camped [sic] at Huntsville and evry [sic] thing is quiet here And the soldiers are healthy in ge n neral [sic] I think we Shall Stay here Some time For genneral [sic] mitchel [sic] has got his family here and I guess he intends to Stay some time or he would not fetch them here if he did not intend to Stay Some time there was one of our boys died last week he had been Sick Some time there is A news paper just started here in huntsville [sic] it is Called the huntsville [sic] revalee [sic] I have Just been eating bread and milk for dinner And it makes me think of home the weather is warm and pleasant and passes quickly by I have had a Letter from orson [sic] Since I received yours I have sent father 80 dollars I sent it A short time ago we have had Some vrry [sic] Warm weather here have had new potatoes and green peas and beans squashes raspberries [sic] and blackberries [sic] are ripe butt [sic] rather scarce garden sauce is rather scarce here for ther [sic] is So many to use it that it dont [sic] last butt [sic] A short time and the citizens will not Sell it to us and we can no get butt [sic] to use yu [sic] must excuse me for not writing verry [sic] long letters for there is not much to write A bout [sic] here for there is nothing new to write A bout [sic] for there is not much

changes in camp life it is the same thing over and over yu [sic] will please excuse my poor writing and write Soon as yu [sic] get this and oblige your Brother

Marcus A Gage

[on envelope]:

Miss Emma A. Gage

Coldwater

Branch co

Mich,

[image of an eagle on a shield]

[writing on envelope]:

Then conquer we must, when our course is just,
And this be our motto – “IN GOD IS OUR TRUST,”
And the star-spangled banner in triumph SHALL wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Letter to Sister July 1862

Huntsville abla [sic]

July 11. 62

Dear Sister

I received your letter and was glad to hear from yu [sic] and to hear that yu [sic] was well and enjoying your Self and in going to School yu [sic] and florence [sic] must bee [sic] good girls and learn as fast as yu [sic] can tell florence [sic] if she learns to read pretty fast and is agood [sic] girl to School that if I get home I will get her A nice book to read yu [sic] must help mother all yu [sic] can when yu [sic] go to School I Should like to be there to go to School A day [illegible] just to See the school give my love to all the boys and girls that I know and to the School teacher to [sic] So good by for this time write as soon as yu [sic] get this and let me hear how yu [sic] get along this from your Brother

Marcus A Gage

[written on left margin]: please excuse my poor writing

Letter Home September 62

Bowlinggreen [sic] Ky

Sept 22 65

[image of George Washington in left corner of paper with caption: "The Father of his Country" – Let us cherish his memory and emulate his example.]

Dear friends

It is some time since I heard from home so I thought that I would write and let yu [sic] know how I get along [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hope these few Scribbles will find yu [sic] the Same we left Huntsville the 21 of aug [sic] and are now in bolwingreen [sic] butt [sic] I dont [sic] think we shall stay here long for there is a Gennerall [sic] Movment [sic] in the army and I think that we shall not stay here long the rebbles [sic] have been come ing [sic] north untill [sic] they have got where they cannot get Away it is six weeks Since I have heard from Any of yu [sic] only as the new recruits come they have been here about A week and I begin to think that yu [sic] have all forgot how to write or else yu [sic] have forgotten me I dont [sic] know which I wish that yu [sic] would write and let me now [sic] how you all get along and what yu [sic] are doing and how the folks are in Genneral [sic] and how they all get along the corn crop is good in this State and in tennessee [sic] and alabama [sic] they are harvesting the corn in these States it is rather dry here at present butt [sic] there is prospects of rain it is quite cool here yu [sic] will havto [sic] excuse my Short letter for I am in A hurry please write as soon as yu [sic] get this Ever your Son and Brother

Marcus A Gage

To Direct to

Bowlinggreen [sic] ky [sic]

Tennissee [sic] Battery

[written on the envelope]

[image of the world with caption: THE WHOLE UNIVERSE FOREVER]

[stamp: BOWLING GREEN KY SEP 23]

Mrs [sic] Eliza A Gage]

Coldwater

Branch Co

Mich

Letter to Mother November 62

Bowlinggreen [sic] Ky Nov 6 62

Dear Mother

I re ceived [sic] two letr [sic] From yu [sic] this forenoon And was glad to hear from Yu [sic] once more and to hear that yu [sic] were All well and Enjoying good health I am well and hope these fiew [sic] lines will find yu [sic] the Same we are in camp about three miles from the town of Bowlinggreen [sic] On the Big barren river Our Division is in camp here I think that we Should stay here for A Short time to rest butt [sic] I dont [sic] know how long it will bee [sic] butt [sic] I guess not long I had A letter from orson [sic] A fiew [sic] days Ago and he was well and enjoying himself as well as A Solder [sic] can in camp and I am doing the Same yu [sic] must Excuse me for not writing Before for we have been On the march All the time So that I could Not write or if I did I could not send it So yu [sic] must excuse me Yu [sic] Spoke A bout [sic] my beeing [sic] wounded butt [sic] that was A mis take [sic] for I was not hurt in the least Jerry Cudner is well Give My Respects to All the folks and write As soon as yu [sic] can And I will try and write as often as I can this from your Affectionate Son

Marcus A Gage

Direct to

Louisville Ky

the same as befor [sic]

[written on envelope]:

[image: eagle]

[stamp: illegible]

Miss Eliza A Gage

Coldwater

Branch Co

Mich

Letter to Mother December 1862

Camp Nashvill

Dec. 8. 1862

Dear Mother

I received yours of the [illegible date] and was glad to hear from yu [sic] once more And to hear that yu [sic] were all well I am well and enjoying Good health and hope that these few [sic] lines will find yu [sic] the Same we are encamp A bout [sic] two miles from the city of Nashvill [sic] in the aposit [sic] Side of the rivrr [sic] our division is en camped [sic] here butt [sic] I dont [sic] think that we Shall Stay here butt [sic] A Short time for I think that there will bee [sic] A for ward [sic] movement Soon for the railroad now is completed from Lousiville to Nashvill [sic] So that the trains run direct from Nashville to Louisville without Change of cars so that they can [illegible] provisions for the army I suppose that yu [sic] think that the Soldiers have rather A hard time and they do have rather A hard time in cold weather butt [sic] it is not So hard in warm weather the weather is pleasant to day butt [sic] we have had Some rather cold and strange weather for Some time the Snow has been two or three inches high here in tennessee [sic] potatoes are worth two dollars per bushel and Apples are worth 75 cents per peck that is \$3 dollars per bushel and I guess that they are not worth quite So much as that in mich [sic] yu [sic] Said that uncle George and [illegible] and aunt lucy [sic] and susan [sic] Josh and harriet [sic] had all been at your house I wish that I could have been ther [sic] [illegible] I wish that the war was over So that I and All the rest of the Soldiers that are in the field of battl [sic] could return to their friends at home for I think that it would make many A glad heart butt [sic] it would not heal the hearts that mourn the loss of friends that have fallen in the field of Strife butt [sic] those are gone from this to A btter [sic] world tell floyd [sic] that he must be A good boy and when I get home from the war I will help him cut wood for his mother give my best respects to Mr [sic] Murphy and tell him that I Should like to bee [sic] there to attend his School this winter for I think that it would do me good to go to School for three or four months I Sent my likeness to Harriet A bout [sic] two weeks I have not heard from it Since give my love to all the folks and please write as soon as you get this

From yu [sic] affectionate [sic] Son

Marcus A Gage

TO Direct to Nashville Tennessee in care capt [sic] Thomas

when you write to Orson tell him that I Should like to hear from him for I have written to him and have not heard from him and dont [sic] know where to direct to have him get my letters

Letter to Mother December 1862

Camp Andie Johnson Near Nashville, Tenn

Dec 21, 1862

Dear Mother

I received yours of the 24 inst this After noon and was glad to hear from yu [sic] once more And to hear that yu [sic] were all Well and enjoying good health I am well and enjoying god health And think how much more pleasant it would bee [sic] were I to bee [sic] at home to spend the evening with yu [sic] than it is to Spend my Spare time in camp without anything particular to butt [sic] to pass away the time and make it as Short as possible butt [sic] I now have Something to do for A Short time while I am writing to yu [sic] and am glad to have the pleasure of writing for there is many more in the army that cannot read nor write and it is A pleasure to know that my letters are kindly received by my friends at home and I take pleasure in writing to them for there are butt [sic] fiew [sic] who reallise [sic] the sympathies of their parents when they are far from friends and home and there is A kind of strange feeling with Soldiers mind that makes him feel Strong when he thinks of his friends and his home when he is marching on to the field of battle butt [sic] there is nothing to be gained by fear and that Should bee [sic] the least of the Soldiers [sic] trouble he Should Always bee [sic] cheerful and happy for then the time passes pleasantly buy [sic] there is preaching this after noon in camp by the chaplain of the 88 ind [sic] reg it is between [sic] the reg and our camp and they are joining And there is quite an attendance of officers and Soldiers there is preaching almost evry [sic] week Some where in camp and those who have A desire to Attend can do so butt [sic] there is butt [sic] A small portion of the Soldiers that attend i [sic] wish that I could be at home to go to meeting there for I think that it would be much more pleasant to attend church where one could see his friends butt [sic] is it is we must make the best of it and hope that the war will soon be over so that those that are Spared can once more see their friends at home and enjoy the comforts of the civil life for I think that it will bee [sic] for the most prefferable [sic] to live in [illegible] butt [sic] if there has got to be one thing or the other union or disunion union with war or disunion with out was I think that I would prefer the union with war for what is the use of the Govern ment [sic] without the union And the right must win the day I think butt [sic] who lives to See it out will know how It comes out and I cannot tell who that will bee [sic] yu [sic] spoke of Sending me Some mittens and Some dried fruit it would be verry [sic] Exceptable [sic] butt [sic] it would bee [sic] more trouble to Send dried fruit than So it would not pay the expense yu [sic] may send the mittens if yu [sic] get A chance butt [sic] I think that yu [sic] had better eat the dried fruit your Self for ten chances to one the officers would get the fruit and that would bee [sic] the last of it So I think that it would not pay to Send it yu [sic] Said that Orsson [sic] Shall Send for a pair of boots I Should think that he could get along butt [sic] then it is better to have boots in muddy weather for then he can keep his feet dry I have A good place to Sleep and blankets enough to keep me war [sic] So yu [sic] can fel sic] contented

[written along left margin of last page]:

[illegible] from your Son

Marcus A Gage

[written along left margin of first page]:

When yu [sic] write to orson [sic] tell him that I Should like to have him write to me for I have written to him and have not heard from him

Letter telling of death of Marcus Gage January 1863

In Camp at Murfreesboro Ten

January 24th 1863

Friend George

I am very sorry to inform you that Marcus A Gage was wounded through the leg in the battle of stone [sic] river on the Second day of January thoes [sic] wounds were at first thought not to be Serious at first but he has sin [sic] died of his wounds received on the battle feild [sic] he died a brave an [sic] a true Soldier he was first corpl [sic] of No five [illegible] he was promoted for his true soldiery baring [sic] he was loved by all of his fellow soldier brave in battle in camp a true soldier the company mourn his loss very much the company he[cut off] lost three that has died from wounds since the battle he has left Some few little trinkets that his Father Mother brother or sister might want as a last [crossed out: to ken] token to remember him by he has some books and som [sic] other little things that would not be wort [sic] Sending home to his friends he has some blankets and some clothing his blankets may of been used to bury him in I have not had an oppportunity of seeing him since he was wounded he was as being wounded sent back to the rear about ten miles I have just [illegible word crossed out] been and seen the men that belong with his peice [sic] and they tel [sic] me that they put all of his trinkets into his valeise [sic] and sent these to him at the hospital if I can get a pass to go and get them and send them I will do so I will go tomorro [sic] and see if I can get them and send them to his folks the first oppportunity I expect Lorenzo A Brown will be going home in a few days if he does I will try and get the things together So as to send them by him George Marcus has got a book the first Vol and a young man in this company has got the othe [sic] [illegible] and if I can get it I will do so and send it to his folks this book was given to him by a member of this battery it is a very good book if I cannot get it without I will buy it and send it to his folk George I am well at present I did not get hurt but it is mercial [sic] that I did not for the bull[cut off] flew very thick it was a hard fought battle but the rebs left piles of dead on the feild [sic] thare [sic] was thousands of their wounded in this place but they carried away the most of their wounded [illegible word crossed out] on the cars we could hear the whistle of the engine from Whare [sic] we was on the battle field and the cittizens [sic] say that they run off several [sic] trains of wounded to tulahoma [sic] a distance of 45 miles from this place George I never shal [sic] forget how I spent the last day of '62 and the first day of

63 and second third fourth fifth and so on I sicken at the thought of what I saw on the feild [sic] at battle you may think that you can paint something of a picture but you cannot do it nor anyone else without seeing it write to me as soon as you get this

William J Culp

[written on left margin of page]:

Direct to Murfreesboro Tenn

Letter from William Culp to Marcus' Mother

In Camp Near Murfreesboro Tenn

Feb 20th 1863

To Mrs [sic] Eliza A Gage

Kind Friend

I am willing to do any thing and be to any trouble to searve [sic] you in your hour of mourning Marcus was a good boy and was loved by the whole company I heard [sic] Lt Geo W. Van Pelt say that he wished the men would follow his example Marcus was thought a greateal [sic] of by his officers I have had no chance to see the hospital steward since Marcus died he has gon [sic] home on a furlow [sic] to the state of Ohio his blankets was used for to bury him in I lerned [sic] that he had as good a burrial [sic] as could be given him. he was burried [sic] in a rough coffin it was impossible to do better Marcus had five months pay due him when he died I have [sic] wrien [sic] to Geo Vanaken about it I do not know just how many odd day over five months but some 8 or 10 I Shal [sic] send What things thare [sic] is to you by Express tomorrow afternoon it is but as [sic] smal [sic] bundle he did have a larg [sic] book but it cannot be found now I send you one shirt one one [sic] razor his pastmonie [sic] just as I received it form [sic] the officers and severel [sic] other little things that I will not naim [sic] you will find all in that [crossed out] the bundle that I can find he has some three or four dollars owing to him which I will collect as soon as the boys gets their pay and send it to you. I have just learned that the Erysipilus [sic] set in and took him away I got your letter this after noon therefore have not had much time to enquire [sic] into the matter much yet but if I can learn any more about the case I will write to you I will try and oblige you as much as possible I have not yet got much time to write any more this evening it is now nine Oclock [sic] and must put out the lite [sic] so says the order good buy [sic]

From your obedient servent [sic]

Wm J. Culp

A.A. Gage

[written on envelope]:

death of Marcus

[stamp: 3 cent stamp with George Washington silhouette in right top corner]

[image: eagle on a shield with the writing: The Union Forever.]

Mrs [sic] Eliza Gayne

Coldwater Mich

New Carlisle

Apr 16 Ind

Letter to his Mother March 1863

First Division Hospl [sic] Dept

March 8th 1863

Mrs [sic] Gage

I received your Note of 2d inst and now haste to answer your [illegible] and I wer [sic] slitley [sic] acquainted the Battery to which he belonged was with us in western va. [sic] and the boys seam [sic] like Brothers to the boys of my regt [sic] the 3d Ohio Inft your son did not suffer much pain or at least bore it patiently. I think he was sensible of the rear approach of death I think arasiphelerz [sic] set in with the wound he was buried as well as I could leave him under the circumsteinces [sic]. he had a testamint [sic] and pocket book which I turned over to his Lieut [sic] Comanding [sic] Battery I did not receive the letter you forwarded to him the Comander [sic] of the Batery [sic] will send you his afects [sic] I think their [sic] was a chaplin [sic] in atendance [sic] at the Funeral he had some Cloaths [sic] which I turned over with the rest of his afects [sic]

Yours respectfully [sic]

W.L. Pettit

185 Division

14th Army Corps

Murfreesboro

Tennessee

[on envelope];

[stamp: illegible]

Mrs. Eliza Gage

Coldwater

Michigan

[image: photo of Marcus A. Gage]

Certificate of Enlistment for Orson Gage September 1862

Certificate of Enlistment.

CAMP WILCOX,

September 14, 1862.

Certify, That Orson Gage [text cut off] Capt. Lincoln Company in the [text cut off] on the 21 day of [cut off] 1862; and was mustered into the United States [cut off] the Nineteenth Michigan Infantry on the 5th day of [cut off] 1862.

Capt. C P Lincoln

Pension Form

Magistrate and pensioner before executing this voucher should read carefully the special instructions on face and back of same.

Roll No. 20 MOTHER. E

Be it known, That I, Eliza A. Gage, do solemnly swear that I am the identical person named in pension certificate in my possession, No. 241303, dated 17 day of Mar, 1888, and whose name is inscribed on the rolls of the Detroit Agency at the rate of \$12 dollars per month,

That I am the mother of Marcus A., who was a Private; that I have not remarried since his death; that I have been and am still dependent on my pension for support; and that my Post Office address is [blank], in the County of [blank], State of [blank]

(If pensioner signs by mark, two witnesses who can write.)

[both lines are blank]

(Pensioner's signature.) [blank]

(Signature must be written letter for letter as it is in pension certificate.)

DEPOSITION OF TWO WITNESSES.

We, the undersigned witnesses, do solemnly swear that we are well acquainted with the above-named pensioner; that she is the identical person that she represents herself to be; that to our best knowledge and belief, she has not remarried since the death of her late son; that her pension is necessary to her as a means of adequate support; and that our acquaintance with her is such that if she had assumed marriage relations, or if she was no longer dependent on her pension for support, the fact would have become known to us.

(If mark is made, one witness is sufficient in addition to magistrate's jurat.) [blank line]

(Witness' signature.) [blank]

(Witness' signature.) [blank]

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE MUST BE EXHIBITED TO THE MAGISTRATE WHEN THIS VOUCHER IS EXECUTED.

State of [blank], County of [blank], SS:

Personally appeared before me, this [blank] day of 1896, the above witnesses, [blank] of [blank], and [blank] of [blank], whom I believe to be credible persons, and the pensioner, above named, and made oath in due form of law to the truth of the foregoing statements subscribed by them; and that I certify that the aforesaid pensioner has this day exhibited to me her pension certificate, above described, and signed the following duplicate receipts in my presence.

(The magistrate must certify to any erasures or alterations.)

(OFFICER'S SEAL HERE.)

(Magistrate's signature.) [blank]

(Official character.) [blank]

THE PENSIONER WILL SIGN THESE RECEIPTS IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MAGISTRATE.

Receipt

ORIGINAL.

\$36 June, 1896.

Received of H.H. Wheeler, U.S. Pension Agent at Detroit, Mich., Thirty-six dollars by check No. [blank] dated June 1896, being for 3 months' and [blank] days' pension due me on pension certificate No. 241303, from the 4th day of March 1896, to the 4th day of June 1896, for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

(Witness who can write:) [blank]

[blank] Sign name as above.

Receipt

DUPLICATE.

\$36 June, 1896.

Received of H.H. Wheeler, U.S. Pension Agent at Detroit, Mich., [blank] dollars by check No. [blank] dated [blank], 189[blank], being for 3 months' and [blank] days' pension due me on pension certificate No. 241303, from the 4th day of March 1896, to the 4th day of June 1896, for which I have signed duplicate receipts.

(Witness who can write:) [blank]

[blank] Sign name as above.

REQUIRED – Full Post-office address on face and back of Voucher.

[written along left margin]: WORTHLESS IF EXECUTED BEFORE JUNE 4TH, 1896.

[written along right margin]: Magistrate cannot be a witness in a deposition of Two Witnesses ASST. TREAS., CHICAGO, ILL.

Cover Sheet for Pension Form

ROLL NO. 20

ARMY VOUCHER NO. [blank]

MOTHER.

Eliza A. Gage

June, 1896.

\$36

March 4, 1896 to June 4, 1896

Return this voucher for payment to H.H. Wheeler, U.S. Pension Agent, Detroit, Michigan.

Blank Bottom of Pension Form

STATE OF [blank], COUNTY OF [blank], SS:

I, [blank], Clerk of the [blank] Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that [blank] is [blank], duly commissioned and qualified, and that he has authority to administer oaths for general purposes; that his commission was dated on the [blank]

day of [blank], 18[blank], and will expire on the [blank] day of [blank], 189[blank], and that his signature within written is genuine.

GIVEN under my hand and seal of said Court this [blank] day of [blank], 189[blank].

[blank line]

Clerk.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MAGISTRATES.

Magistrate should compare this voucher with pension certificate, exercising the utmost care in its execution.

Vouchers may be executed before any officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes. If he has a seal it should be affixed, if not, a certificate of the proper officer, showing the commencement and termination of his term of office, must be filed in this Agency. Vouchers may also be executed before fourth-class postmasters.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PENSIONERS.

Give the magistrate the exact post-office address (street and number) to which you wish the check to be sent, and see that it is written in its place in the voucher.

Delay is occasioned by errors in giving post-office address.

WRITE NAME AND P.O. ADDRESS PLAINLY HERE.

Name: [blank]

Street: [blank]

Town: [blank]

County: [blank]

State: [blank]

Financial Ledger for Coldwater Light Artillery

State of Michigan with O.B. Clark and S.M. Seely

\$10721.69

1861

State of Michigan for Coldwater light Artillery [illegible] A/c with O.B. Clark and S.M. Seely

No Horses

1 Bought of A. Gray 115.00
1 Bought of D.W. Barns 125.00
1 Bought of Harvey Baldrige 125.00
1 Bought of Allison Barber 130.00
2 Bought of Isaac Scipen 300.00
1 Bought of Wm Tau Slycke 150.00
1 Bought of George Haugh 140.00
1 Bought of George Bailey 115.00
1 Bought of Mark H. Williams 120.00
1 Bought to B. Haun 150.00
2 Bought of B.B. Howard 305.00
2 Bought of A.P. West 300.00
1 Bought of I.R. Park 115.00
1 Bought of I.H. Jones 125.00
1 Bought of I.K. Bigforel 135.00
1 Bought of R. Lobdil 140.00
1 Bought of H. Battersoro 100.00
1 Bought of Wm. N. Tyler 130.00
1 Bought of David Tripp 110.00
2 Bought of James Paterson 325.00
2 Bought of Henry B. Corbin 250.00
2 Bought of Hugh Crippen 265.00
2 Bought of Cyrus H. Brown 230.00
1 Bought of Wm. P. Houry 125.00
1 Bought of Robert Merrill 150.00
2 Bought of George Vimenson 275.00
1 Bought of George Haugh 130.00

1 Bought of [illegible] Wright 120.00
1 Bought of F.T. Smith 125.00
1 Bought of Andrews 125.00
1 Bought of S.A. [illegible] 125.00
1 Bought of I.M. Pierce 150.00
1 Bought of D. Hoyt 120.00
41 Carried Over 5445.00
41 Brought Over 5445.00
1 Bought of P. Hauer 115.00
1 Bought of H.B. Corbin 135.00 Not received
1 Bought of H.W. [illegible] 125.00
1 Bought of Phaus Chittenden 145.00
1 Bought of K. Parrish 140.00
2 Bought of John H. Tauderhoof 250.00
2 Bought of Jerome Lift 285.00
1 Bought of F.L. Pratt 140.00
1 Bought of Aura Smith 150.00
1 Bought of Philander Gould 140.00
1 Bought of N.G. Elliss 150.00
2 Bought of A. Tanarken 388.00
1 Bought of C.E. Porter 150.00
2 Bought of I.E. Klaus 400.00
2 Bought of H.S. Sellick 265.00
1 Bought of Nathan Baker 130.00
1 Bought of Rausone Stevens 150.00
1 Bought of Geo A Coe 175.00
1 Bought of Richard Gould 140.00

1 Bought of F.T. Smith 300.00 Not recd [sic] for [cut off]
1 Bought of Daniel Coup 150.00
2 Bought of W.C. Lewis 350.00
2 Bought of Bristol 350.00
1 Bought of H.B. Brateubach 125.00
72 Sum Total Pa for Horses 10293.00
To E.R. Clarkes Bill No 1 1.98
To R Kibbers Bill No 2 1.58
To Pas Petersons Bill No 3 97.73
To O.B. Clarks Bill No 4 57.96
To A Dickinsons Bill No 5 1.25
To Wm. Rau Slycke Bill No 6 50
To [illegible] Butten Bill No 7 5.00
Carried Over 10459.00
Brought Over 10459.00
To Tyler Parrish Bill No 8 4.00
[written on left margin]: [cut off] for artillery John Culp Captain
To B. Gunfields Bill No 9 4.00
To S.M. Seely Bill No. 10 27.50
To S.M. Seely Nill No 11 67.50
To F. Woods Bill No 12 28.00
To M. Mansfield Bill No 13 9.00
To F. Parrish Bill No 14 27.00
To D. Holmes Bill No 15 6.00
To F.T. Smith Bill No 16 6.00
To F.T. Smith Bill No 17 34.40
To Hale and Chandler Bill No 18 3.50

To F. Wood Bill No 19 12.00

To R. Kibbee Bill No 20 8.60

To Hale and Chandler Bill No 21 4.69

To Jno R. Hinaus Bill No 22 9.25

To I.S. Hackstaff Bill No 23 4.75

To I.S. Hackstaff Bill No 24 2.50

To Jno R Hinaus Bill No 25 4.00

Sum Total 10721.69

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Deduct 1 Horse Bot. of H.B Corbin 13500

Deduct 1 Horse Bot. of F.V. Smith 30000 43500

Sum Total 10286.69

I certify on honor that the foregoing bill for Horses is correct and necessary for the public Service; that they were purchased for the use of the Coldwater Battery now in the service of the State of Michigan; that the prices charged are just and reasonable, and that they have been delivered to me for the use of said Battery, and are to be accounted for by me as State Property, and that the Bills for purchasing, keeping and grooming them are also correct and necessary.

John W Culp

Capt [sic]

Special Orders Number 3 May 1861

Head Quarters, First Brigade, Michigan Infantry.

Detroit, May 2d, 1861.

Special Orders.

No 3.

1. The Commandants of the First and Second Regiments of Michigan Infantry and the Captains of the Light Battery of Artillery will forthwith Report to Brigade Head Quarters the number of state arms and accoutrements in their charge respectively.

2. The Captains of the respective Companies of said Regiments and of said Light Battery will furnish to Brigade Head Quarters forthwith the total number of days their

respective Companies have been on a course of Drill and Instruction, from the time of transmission of their Muster Rolls to the Adjutant General's office, up to the 1st inst. to be laid before the state military Board for settlement. Such Reports must be made up from the time books kept by Captains in conformity with "An Act to provide a military force" a copy of which has been furnished such Captains; and each Report must be verified by the Captain's affidavit, that the same is just and true.

3. Regimental Commandants will immediately on the receipt of this Order, cause their respective Captains to be verbally notified of the Second clause thereof

By Order of Genl. Williams

Wm. D. Wilkins.

Brigade Major and Inspector.

Special Order Number 4 April 1861

Military Department, Michigan,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Detroit, Mich., April 24, 1861.

[image of 2 deer, eagle and shield with Latin writing on top left of order]

Special order No 4.

The Coldwater Light Artillery will forthwith take up their line of march for Detroit with horses, Harness and Every thing appertaining to the battery. the balance of Camp Equipments [sic] will be furnished here

By order

Heber Le Favour

Capt [sic] I.A.D.C.

Pension Claim Receipt Letter March 1887

Record Division. V.S.M.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D.C., March 15, 1887.

Mrs [sic] Eliza A. Gage

Coldwater Mich.

[crossed out: SIR:]

Your claim has been received, recorded, and has been given a number as below. As claims are presented they are filed, the sufficiency of the declaration is inquired into, and the claimant, if an invalid, is ordered before a Medical Board for examination. Claims will then be taken up for preliminary examination when reached in their order. You have no occasion to expect that your case will be taken up for action until it is reached in its regular turn. The intervening time, however, can be employed to excellent advantage in preparing the evidence necessary to complete your claim. If the evidence is found to be complete and satisfactory, with the necessary reports from the War Department in answer to the calls from this Office, the claim can be settled without delay when it is reached. Otherwise the proper call will be made for the required evidence.

Cases will be made special only when such cause therefor is shown in writing to the Commissioner as will satisfy him that, should they know the facts, other worthy claimants whose claims precede it would deem such action just and proper.

Your claim is entitled Mother No. 351.113 [Name of soldier.] Marcus A. Gage Co. A., Reg't [sic] 1 Mich. Lt. Art; and in all communications RELATIVE THERETO BE SURE AND STATE THE SAME IN FULL AS ABOVE.

Very respectfully,

John N Black,

Commissioner

Letter from Treasury Department November 1867

FORM G.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,

Nov 4, 1867.

Enclosed you will receive a Certificate, No. 355782, for \$100, payable to you as Parents of decd. or to your order, by any Paymaster of the U.S. Army, being for pay due Marcus A. Gage deces [sic], a late Corp in Captain [blank] Company A, 1 Mich. Regiment of Lt Arty Vols, for [crossed out: services from the [blank] day of [blank], 18[blank], when [blank], to the [blank] day of [blank], 18[blank], time of his [blank], and] Bounty allowed by Act July 28.66

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

E.B. Linch

Second Auditor.

Elias Eliza A Gage

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C.D. Randall

Coldwater Mich

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[image: map of Stones River National Cemetery marking where the grave of Marcus Gage may be found]