

Raised in Paw Paw, Michigan: Company C, 70th New York Infantry

PREFACE

Van Buren County's Part in the American Civil War

"A History of Van Buren County: A Narrative Account of its History" by Oran W. Rowland (1912) contains information about Van Buren County in the Civil War. On pages 183-273 readers will find information Civil War Infantry and Civil War Calvary, including the 4th Calvary's Capture of Jefferson Davis. You can find this book on-line by Google search for '*history of van buren county michigan*' and looking for the entry of "A History of Van Buren County: A Narrative Account of ... Google Books Result by Oran W. Rowland – 1912. Clicking on that site will bring up the whole book. Warning: It is a large file and will take time to load. The Fourth Michigan Volunteer Calvary begins on page 256. The Capture of Jefferson Davis is account begins on Page 259.

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Raised in Paw Paw, Michigan, Company C, 70th New York Infantry, the company started with 113 men between the ages of 18 and 44. They came from Paw Paw (40), Decatur (16), Lawrence (8), Hartford (4), Schoolcraft (14) and the surrounding townships. The Company left Paw Paw for New York City on June 13, 1861, from which they were sent to Statten Island and there mustered into the United States service on June 30, 1861. The Company remained on Statten Island until July 23, 1861, at which time they received orders to leave for Washington, DC, where they arrived July 24, 1861. The Regiment then went into camp on Meridian Heights.

April 16, 1862 they took part in the siege of Yorktown and on the evacuation of the city by the Confederates they were ordered to Williamsburg where they arrived May 5, 1862 and immediately became engaged with Southern forces, suffering very severely, losing 8 men killed and 23 wounded and missing.

They participated in the engagement of Fair Oaks, again losing very heavily. They then remained in front of White House, doing picket duty and skirmishing until June 26, 1862, when they were again ordered to the front, taking part in the Peninsular Campaign and serving gallantly in several engagements. The Regiment was badly cut up at Bristo Station and Bull Run, then took part in Burnside's disastrous attack at Fredericksburg on December 13, 1862. They were then ordered to follow General Lee's Army as they started North through Maryland.

They arrived at Gettysburg in time to take part in the 3 day's battle fighting there, being assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division of the 3rd Army Corps, commanded by Major General Daniel E. Sickles.

They remained with this Corps until April of 1864, when, on consolidation of the 2nd and 3rd Corps, they became a part of the 2nd Brigade, 4th Division of the 2nd Army Corps taking part in the battles of Wapping Heights, Kelly's Ford, the Mine Run Campaign and Locust Grove.

On May 6, 1864 they entered on the Grant Campaign, being engaged at the Wilderness May 5,6 and 7th, Spottsylvania, May 8 to the 21st, North Anna River May 22nd to the 26th, Tolopotomy May 27th to the 31st, Cold Harbor June 1st to the 12th, Siege of Petersburg until July 7, 1864, when they were mustered out of the United States service, the veterans and recruits being assigned to the 86th Regiment of New York Infantry.

ENLISTED MEN		
NAME	HOME	AGE
Abrams, James E.	Paw Paw	20
Alden, Justin V.	Breedsville	25
Barber, John W.	Paw Paw	n/a
Barnum, Alfred	Paw Paw	18
Barnum, John H.	Decatur	n/a
Beals, George W.	Schoolcraft	21
Beals, Henry	Schoolcraft	22
Beckett, William	Paw Paw	24

Branch, Elam	Lawrence	n/a
Briggs, David	Hamilton	24
Brown, Henry R.	Wagoner	n/a
Brown, Stephen F.	Waverly	20
Bullard, William H.	Paw Paw	19
Burnham, Horatio	Lawton	22
Burson, Aaron	Schoolcraft	22
Burson, James M.	Schoolcraft	25
Butler, Cyrus H.	Decatur	n/a
Carney, Edward	Paw Paw	25
Carroll, William H.	Paw Paw	39
Case, Harvey S.	Decatur	25
Chaffee, Thoms J.	Waverly	21
Chamberlain, Henry	Decatur	36
Chapman, Emery	Schoolcraft	21
Chavilier, John F.	Decatur	n/a
Clark, James	Almens	n/a
Clark, Thomas	Alemna	29
Constable, William	Paw Paw	n/a
Coon, Carlton	Paw Paw	n/a
Covey, Armand J.	Waverly	21
Covey, Hiram F.	Waverly	n/a
Crandall, Henry	Keeler	21
Craw, Joseph W.	Hartford	n/a
Crockett, Charles S.	Decatur	n/a
Crofoot, Edward J.	Paw Paw	23
Cummings, Adelbert W.	Paw Paw	n/a
Decker, Draper	Lawrence	28
Dedrick, Phillip C.	Lawrence	23
Derimo, Nelson L.	Grand Haven	25
Dutton, Leonard	Decatur	37
Edmonds, Alvah	Schoolcraft	20
Emerling, Anthony	Paw Paw	32

Emery, John	Paw Paw	n/a
Fertig, Andrew N.	Paw Paw	24
Fitzsimmons, Philip	Paw Paw	n/a
Foot, Morris J.	Schoolcraft	n/a
Garver, Samuel	Lawton	20
Goodell, George B.	Allegan	22
Gorham, Allen	Almena	33
Harrison, Alexander M.	Paw Paw	21
Hartman, Jeremiah	Hamilton	20
Hayes, Richard	Paw Paw	24
Hinckley, Gilman	Antwerp	21
Hodges, Herrick	Lawrence	22
Holt, Benjamin	Paw Paw	30
House, Edward E.	Paw Paw	n/a
Hugo, William H.	Paw Paw	n/a
Hurlbert, Nathan	Waverly	25
Johnson, Frank	Schoolcraft	24
Karney, Edward	Decatur	n/a
Kilburn, William H.	Paw Paw	n/a
Knapp, Orrin C.	Brady	22
Lamphere, Albert H.	Paw Paw	24
Lewis, William	Paw Paw	21
Lewis, William H.	Hartford	24
Longwell, James M.	Paw Paw	30
McDonald, William	Decatur	n/a
McGhan, Porter H.	Decatur	21
McGill, Florence	Paw Paw	n/a
McKinstry, Robert	Schoolcraft	22
McMann, James	Schoolcraft	20
Maybee, Moses H.	Schoolcraft	19
Melvin, Frederick	Bloomington	25
Miner, Charles W.	Paw Paw	18
Moon, Alvah F.	Decatur	n/a

Moore, Charles W.	Paw Paw	22
Myers, Henry B.	Decatur	27
Newcomb, Seth B.	Almena	32
Nightingale, William H.	Pine Grove	19
Parliman, Byron	Paw Paw	21
Parrish, Heman S.	Lawton	20
Patrick, Dexter D.	Almena	19
Perry, Stephen W.	Decatur	29
Price, William H.	Paw Paw	19
Place, Williard	Hamilton	24
Priest, Albert	Decatur	21
Putnam, Ira W.	Hamilton	25
Reese, Henry	Porter	21
Remalia, Stephen	Almena	34
Rickard, John	Paw Paw	44
Robb, Elias	Lawrence	21
Robinson, Lyman	Paw Paw	21
Rogers, Don Carlos	Decatur	n/a
Roundy, Averill J.	Lawrence	24
Rowe, Daniel W.	Lawrence	19
Ryan, Michael	Paw Paw	21
Saunders, Silas	Paw Paw	34
Saxton, Hiram G.	Paw Paw	27
Sherman, Walter L.	Decatur	22
Sirine, Art	Paw Paw	24
Sirine, John	Paw Paw	21
Sprague, John	Schoolcraft	21
Story, Parker C.	Schoolcraft	21
Swift, Francis M.	Decatur	25
Teale, Charles W.	Paw Paw	34
Timmons, Lewis G.	Keeler	24
Tucker, Augustus B.	Breedsville	20
Van Fleet, William	Lawrence	23

Van Ostran, Clare E.	Hartford	25
Walrath, Byron	Paw Paw	21
Whitehead, William	Paw Paw	19
Williams, John W.	Paw Paw	30
Winsor, Oscar F.	Decatur	21
Worthington, Mark	Schoolcraft	21

STATISTICS

Total Enrollment	112
Killed in Action	14
Died of Wounds	3
Died in Confederate Prisons	0
Died of Disease	6
Discharged from Wounds	27
Total Casualty Rate.....	44.6%

For Paw Paw baseball players connected to major league baseball, Paw Paw's role in the Capture of Jefferson Davis, on Cinco de Mayo, or on the history of the Carnegie Center, see the separate files also on this Website.

**Some historic photos of the Village of Paw Paw are located on line at:
<http://www.pawpawchamber.com/members/chamberweb/gallery/album003>**