

ELIJAH WHITE - 1832? - July 7, 1864 (compiled by Gene White, June 1997)

Wife - Esther (Brown) White - May 22, 1837 - June 28, 1888

Children: Wesley W. White - October 20, 1858 - September 20, 1881

George A. White
moved to Warren, Ohio

Clement A. White
moved to Portland, Indiana

Elmer Ellsworth White - September 27, 1861 - June 28, 1929
moved to Risingsun, Ohio

Emerson E. White - 1862 - 1906
moved to Bellingham, Washington

Children of George A. White:

Willard
Charles of Kinsman, Ohio
George
Lowell of Cortland, Ohio
Harry of Gustavus, Ohio
Byron of Kinsman, Ohio
A daughter, possibly Margaret

Children of Clement A. White

Mary (White) Milligan of Portland, Indiana
Carol White
Charles

Children of Emerson E. White

Coral
Hal

Children of Elmer E. White

Merrill of Clearwater, Florida
daughter, Jane (White) Morgan
Wheeler of Risingsun, Ohio
sons, Robert C, Edward E, Donald, Eugene M.
Homer of Nashville, Tennessee
son, Homer Dale, Jr.

According to army records from the Bureau of Archives, Elijah was 6 feet, 1 inch tall. He was dark complexioned with black hair and grey eyes. He must have had a distinctive military bearing as in 1863 he was both made a member of the color guard and also sent back to Upper Sandusky, where he himself had enlisted, for recruiting purposes.

According to army records he was born in Knox, Ohio. This is a township in Guernsey County. The 1850 census indicate that an Elijah White and an Esther Brown were living in Cambridge Township located in Guernsey County. This is the only Esther Brown listed in that census for

Ohio. Apparently after they were married they moved to a farm about 2 miles northeast of Forest, Ohio. The 1860 census lists an Elijah White living in Richland Township located in Wyandot County. According to records in the Wyandot County courthouse in Upper Sandusky, they sold a 40 acre parcel of land for three hundred and fifty dollars to a William W. Chase on November 19, 1859. This is probably the site of their farm mentioned above. It is located about 8 miles due west of Upper Sandusky and about 1/2 mile south of U.S. Route 30 on County Road 87, and on the west side of the road.

Elijah enlisted as a private for a term of three years in Upper Sandusky on August 9, 1862 as a member of Company "F", 101st Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and mustered into service on the 30th of August, 1862 at Camp Monroeville, Ohio. He was promoted to corporal March 9, 1863. According to army records he was in the battle of Perryville October 8, 1862, in the fight at Knob Gap December 26, 1862, and in the battle of Stone River December 30 and 31, 1862, and January 1-3, 1863. He was killed in action at Vining Station, Georgia located near Chattahoochie River. This was probably soon after Battle of Kenesaw Mountain. His body was moved eighteen months afterward to the National Cemetery at Marietta, Georgia. The location of the grave is Section 1, #9649. The date of his death was July 7, 1864 from what I understand was a bullet wound to the abdomen fired by a sniper.

Esther was left to raise five small children by herself with only a widow's pension of eight dollars a month. From what I was told she had red hair and probably was very determined. She died on June 28, 1888 at the age of fifty one and is buried in the Earlywine Cemetery located five miles southeast of Arlington, Ohio. Son, Wesley W. who died in 1881 is buried beside her.

Clement and George sacrificed their own opportunity for an education by staying on the farm in order to assist Elmer and Emerson through Ohio Northern University located in Ada, Ohio. Elmer graduated in the first pharmacy class in 1888. Together Elmer and Emerson purchased a small house in Ada, not far from campus for what I believe was \$500. Emerson graduated in law.