

A CRITIQUE

THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL

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The Veterans' Plaza on the grounds of the Marshall County courthouse is now a reality. Until three years ago, I was up close and personal with the project, and had been for about fifteen years. For all those years, I gave Joe Parriott everything I had. My websites were built piecemeal, but when I got additional information, I sent it on to Joe, thinking he was putting it into a database. Some seems to have made it into the database, but, for reasons unknown, a great deal did not.

CIVIL WAR



Until Tom James sent me this picture of the Civil War section of the memorial, I had no idea which names would end up on it. Over the past three years, Tom and I had debated regularly about inclusions and exclusions, and it is disconcerting that many that I introduced and provided documentation for are excluded. And, likewise, it is puzzling that 12 are included in this section who were verifiably not related to Marshall County.

All the while, I was upset because it was obvious that the committee for this project did not avail themselves of the free wealth of information I have on my websites. - So, two years ago, I decided to go through my websites and my books and "gather up" what I have - which they could have done, as well. And as of today, I find that I have more than

170 names of Service Dead that are **not** on the Veterans' Memorial.

I published a book of biographical sketches of the Service Dead from the Civil War, World War I and Korea. I will **not** be selling the book but will donate copies to selected libraries. At some point, I might put the names online.

**THE FOLLOWING 12 NAMES
SHOULD NOT BE ON THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL**

There are MANY Marshall County Service Dead who were overlooked.

1861

DANIEL Z. WATKINS - Company A 11 W.Va. Infantry. - Private; age, 25; mustered in, October 1, 1861; died November 9, 1861. This man died after being shot by one of the company, but he had **NO** connection to Marshall County. He was **NOT** among the men who enlisted in June 1861, which Powell's 1925 *History of Marshall County* book alleges occurred in Marshall County **in June 1861**. (The actual records indicate that men from Marshall County went to Wheeling and joined Captain John Baggs' existing company of Independent Scouts - "the Snakehunters" - which was **later** designated Company "A" 11th W.Va. Infantry.) Daniel Watkins joined Captain Baggs company on **Oct 1, 1861**, at Wheeling, probably near his home on Wheeling Island. Only SOME men of Company "A" of the 11th Infantry were affiliated with Marshall County. John Baggs was from Belmont County, Ohio and many men were from that area. **Meanwhile, THREE men of this company with REAL connections to Marshall County were overlooked and are NOT on the Marshall County Service Dead memorial.**

1862

JOHN AMOS – This name originally found its way onto Joe Parriott's list of Service Dead because it was found in the error-laden 1925 book, *History of Marshall County*, by Scott Powell. John D. Amos is one of 17 in the Powell book who is listed as **DIED** when the word should be **DESERTED**. (Note: Some who deserted later returned to their companies and were honorably discharged.)

- 121—Amos, John D., sergeant; age, 22; mustered in, June 29, 1861; **died** July 17, 1861. **DESERTED**
- 122—Baird, Stephen, private; age, 23; mustered in, June 29, 1861; **died** October 29, 1861. **DESERTED**
- 123—Branner, Jacob, private; age, 45; mustered in, July 14, 1862; **died** September 24, 1862. **DESERTED**
- 124—Baker, John A., private; age, 19; mustered in, June 29, 1861; **died** September 24, 1864. **DESERTED**

I pointed this out in 2017 and thought the name had been removed from the Service Dead List. - That man was **JOHN D. AMOS** - 1st Sergeant, **Company A 11th W.Va.**

Infantry. Joined for duty and enrolled at Wheeling on June 29, 1861. "Deserted Camp Sutton, Va. July 16/17, 1861." No arrest, no return to the company; status at the end of the war was "DESERTED." – So, that John Amos deserted in 1861..... For reasons unknown, ANOTHER John Amos, who died in service, became a **substitute** on the Service Dead list and is on the Veterans' memorial under the **1862** deaths... – Apparently, someone latched onto **JOHN H. AMOS** of **Company "D" 7th W.Va. Infantry**, who was born in **Monroe County, Ohio**, enrolled at **Graysville, Ohio**, mustered in at Wheeling, and was **KIA at Antietam** on September 7, 1862. Company "D" 7th W.Va. Infantry was **NOT** a company that recruited in Marshall County, nor are **ANY** Marshall County men known to have been in it. **However, more than 30 men of Company "D" 7th W.Va. Infantry died during service.... NO OTHER DEAD from Company "D" are listed on the Marshall County Service Dead memorial - nor should they be because NONE, including John H. Amos, had a connection to Marshall County.**

1863

MANDON CAIN - Company L 6 W.Va. Infantry. While scouting, he was killed by guerrillas in Tucker County, W.Va. Died Oct. 28, 1863. - Joined for duty and enrolled at Mannington, Marion County, on Jan. 1, 1862 to serve 3 years. - Born in Wetzel County and lived in Wetzel County. Buried at Morgan Cemetery, Smithfield, Wetzel County. - He was probably added to the Marshall County Service Dead list because he was in Company L 6th W.Va. Infantry, which someone decided was a "Marshall County company." He was **NOT** one of the men who enlisted or mustered in with this company at Marshall County. BUT he was named in the error-laden Powell book.... **Meanwhile, FOUR men with actual Marshall County connections, died while serving in this company and are NOT included on the Service Dead memorial.**

1864

JAMES AMOS - An error in the Powell book cannot be blamed for the inclusion of this man on the Service Dead Memorial. And he isn't included because he was in a company that happened to recruit men in Marshall County.... So why was he included?? – Joe Parriott saw his WIDOW named in the **1890** Marshall County census of widows. And while his widow may have lived there **many years after the war**, the soldier NEVER lived in Marshall County. - JAMES AMOS (G 22 PA Cav) was from **West Bethlehem, Washington County, Pa.**, and lived there until he went to war. He died at Andersonville prison on May 4, 1864. His widow (second wife) was living at Bellton, Marshall County, at the time of the **1890 census. But the SOLDIER had NO connection to Marshall County.** I did **not** include him in my list of war dead. As I said, this was from the **1890** census on my website, which I sent Joe years ago....” – Research indicates that James Amos (spelled Amous in the military record), G 22 PA Cav, **born in 1814 in West Bethlehem**, is buried in Grave 887 at Andersonville National Cemetery. He lived **exclusively** in West Bethlehem, and had about 9 children with first wife, Mary Elizabeth Curry; she died in 1847. He remarried in 1849 to Catherine Pheaster in Hillsboro, West Bethlehem, Washington County, and they are found there in the 1850 & 1860 census records. James Amos had 5 children with Catherine by 1862 (Catherine, Emeline,

Samuel, James and Mordecai). **THE ENTIRE WIDOW'S PENSION FILE IS FOUND ON Fold3**. In 1870, the widow and children lived in Aleppo, Pa.; in 1880, 1890 & 1900 **SHE** lived in Liberty District, Marshall County. But the soldier had **NO** connection to Marshall County. – However, despite these **facts** about the man who starved to death at Andersonville, the people on the Service Dead committee **BLENDED** these **facts** with those of **ANOTHER** James Amos who really was from Marshall County. - James Amos, G 22 PA Cavalry buried at Andersonville National Cemetery. **But then they have that the man who died at Andersonville was found with his parents in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Marshall County.** – **NO! The man who died at Andersonville was in Hillsboro, Penna. with his family in 1850 & 1860.... The younger James Amos living with his parent in Marshall County in 1850 & 1860 was born in 1838, died in 1868, & is buried at Salem Methodist Cemetery in Majorsville. I don't find that he ever served in the war, but he was certainly not the man in G 22 PA Cavalry! – I tried to tell the committee about the man who starved to death at Andersonville – but to no avail. – The man who died at Andersonville was born in 1814 and had NO connection to Marshall County!** [Vernon Anderson informs me that James Amos was his ggg-grandfather – and confirms that the soldier, in his lifetime, had no connection to Marshall County.]

THOMAS BARNETT - Company "K" 10th W.Va. Infantry. There is **NO** connection of this soldier to Marshall County, other than his WIDOW living there in 1890, **25 years after the war ended**. Service Record: THOMAS BARNETT enrolled Mar. 3, 1862 at Harrisville, Ritchie County, and mustered in Apr. 22, 1862 at West Union, Doddridge County. He died of disease (lung inflammation, according to widow's pension file) on Nov. 26, 1864 at Clarysville, near Cumberland, Md. Wife was Elizabeth Ruckman, married Oct. 25, 1838 in Washington Co., Pa. She was 48 when she applied for pension in Ritchie County in 1865. Specifically, she was a resident of Webb's Mill in Ritchie County. She lived in Marshall County at the time of the **1890 census of widows and veterans**, which was **25 years after the war**. She provided the information about her husband's service and death for the 1890 census, but he did not die in battle as she said. Her daughter, Hulda Jenkins, also a widow, was in Marshall County in 1890, as well. The Barnett family moved from Washington, Pa. to Ritchie County soon after marriage and remained there until the two widows came to Marshall County long after the war.

GEORGE W. BELL - Company A 11th W.Va. Infantry. Private; age, 18; mustered in February 8, 1864; died April 23, 1864. - Born in Greene Co., Pa.; enlisted at Parkersburg; mustered in at Wheeling in **1864**. Credited to Parkersburg, Wood County. Died of measles at Parkersburg, 1864. **Nothing** to indicate Marshall County. He didn't enlist until **1864**, so he was **NOT** one who enlisted when the company was allegedly recruited in Marshall County in **June 1861**. **THREE dead men of this company with real connections to Marshall County were overlooked and are NOT on the memorial.**

PHILIP G. BIER - NO connection to Marshall County. This man, born in the "City of Wheeling," per tombstone, was a student in Ohio County when he enlisted at **West Liberty** in **Company "D" of the 12th W.Va. Infantry** on Aug 25, 1862, a company that

was largely raised in Ohio County. He was promoted to 2nd Lieutenant Jan 17, **1863**, and **transferred** to Co. "A" 12th W.Va. Infantry. He became Capt AAG US Vols. & was KIA Cedar Creek Oct. 19, 1864. He was a **TRANSFER** and **NOT** among the men who enrolled at Marshall County in 1862. He is in the census records of Wetzel County where the family had moved before 1850. He is buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling. - He got added to the Marshall County Service Dead list because he was in Company "A" 12th W.Va. Infantry that recruited some men at Marshall County -- **but not him. ONE** dead in this company was overlooked and is not on the memorial. On my 12th W.Va. Infantry website: <http://www.lindapages.com/wvcw/12wvi/12-bier.htm>

SAMUEL B. COOPER - B 1 W.Va. Cavalry. Killed in action at Wytheville, Va. According to records, including his Dependent Father's pension file, this man was born in Greene County, Pa. & lived there exclusively. This company was raised in Washington County, Pa. He enlisted and mustered at Wheeling. **16 men in this company died, NONE with Marshall County connections, yet this ONE name is included on the Service Dead memorial at the courthouse in Moundsville.** On my 1st W.Va. Cavalry site: <http://www.lindapages.com/wvcw/1wvc/1wvc-coopersamuel.htm>

ISAAC S. HARTLEY - Many men from Marshall County went to Camp Hewes near Clarksburg and joined **Company "I" 3rd W.Va. Infantry.** The Captain at the outset was William Purdy from Moundsville. But NOT every person who joined at Camp Hewes was from Marshall County. Some actually LIVED in the Clarksburg area. And that is the case with Isaac S. Hartley. Here is a webpage I did about him long ago: <http://www.wvgw.net/wvmilitary/6wvc-isaachartley.pdf> -- The names of **SIX** Marshall County men who died are named on the Veterans' memorial. Isaac Hartley should **NOT** be included. **FOUR additional Marshall County men who died while serving in this company were overlooked and are NOT on the memorial.**

GEORGE V. NICHOLS - Company "I" 15th W.Va. Infantry. No connection to Marshall County found. Service Record: "KIA at Winchester, Va. Sept. 19, 1864." Enrolled on Aug. 26, 1862 at Grafton; mustered in Oct. 11, 1862 at Wheeling. At one point, he was detached as a recruiter. He was the son of Ellis Nichols and Martha Hathaway, who lived in Greene County, Pa. and moved to Big Run, Tyler County, W.Va. before 1850. The family is found in the 1850 and 1860 census records of Tyler County. - This man is included on the Service Dead memorial. - And since the Powell book only presented a **partial** roster of this company, some who died are MISSED. **In this company, of the EIGHT dead with Marshall County connections, TWO are missing from the Veterans' memorial.**

NOAH WHITLATCH - Companies "C" & "H" 11th W.Va. Infantry. He was probably included in the Service Dead list because (1) he is named in the error-laden Powell book, and (2) he served at least part of the time in Company "H" of the 11th Infantry that was comprised of many Marshall County men. - He died Aug 4, 1864. Born in Greene Co., Pa., the family moved to Wood County before 1850. He joined for service and enrolled

at Elizabeth, Wirt Co., (W.)Va. on Feb. 25, 1862; mustered in at Jane Lew, (W.)Va. on Feb. 25, 1862 in **Company "C"**. He re-enlisted at Bulltown, Va. on Feb. 25, 1864. Service Record does not mention when he moved to **Company "H."** Buried in Wood County. - He was probably related to the Whitlatch families that lived in the Greene and Marshall County areas but there is **NO** known connection of this **soldier** to Marshall County in terms of **birth, residence or enlistment.** - Of the **FIFTEEN** known dead in Company "H" 11th W.Va. Infantry, **TEN** were related to Marshall County. However, **FOUR** of those 10 were overlooked and are NOT on the Veterans' memorial.

1865

CALVIN LOWRY - Of the 102 men in **Company G 17th W.Va. Infantry**, **NONE** enrolled at a location in Marshall County & **NONE** mustered in there. However, 57 of the 102 were "credited to Marshall County," but **NOT** Calvin Lowry. According to the W.Va. Adj. Gen. Regimental records, all but 9 of the 102 were enrolled at Wheeling; the 9 exceptions were enrolled at Grafton. About 29 men are stated as born in Marshall County and many others may have lived there. There was **ONE** death in this company - **CALVIN LOWRY - credited to Ohio County.** - Calvin is NOT credited to Marshall County, nor did he live there. He was born in Steubenville and lived in Wheeling.

CIVIL WAR NOTES

WILLIAM BASFORD - Company D 1 W.Va. Infantry. Died August 20, 1862, not 1863. - "January 1863: Loss **Aug. 20/62** Fall's Church, Va. Died of Disease." According to the only card in his file that mentions his death, his status was "Sick in Hospital" until the note of January 1863, which stated his death in August 1862. - But this is not really important. Many of his records are missing.

STEWART B. KNAPP on the memorial should be **BENJAMIN STEWART KNAPP**.

GEORGE MARSH - Middle name stated as both "S" and "W" in records. When parents applied for pensions, they both applied under **George S. Marsh**.

Among the **countless** names of men who lived "close to Marshall County" are **DAVIS HIMMEGER** (E 85 Pa. Inf.) of West Finley, Pa., and **JOHN B. SHEETS** (K 16 Penna. Cav.) of Burnsville, Pa., both of whom even had Marshall County Post Office addresses. There are **not** included on the Veterans' Memorial at the Marshall County Courthouse, or in my book, **nor should they be** because they did not live in Marshall County. - These are just some examples.

WORLD WAR I

ON VETERANS' MEMORIAL - NO MARSHALL COUNTY AFFILIATION

WILLIAM FRANKLIN CONAWAY – U. S. Army. Died of Cerebrospinal Meningitis April 1, 1919; buried St. Mihiel American Cemetery, France. Born in Ohio County and resided in Ohio County. His sister, who was his emergency contact, was his sister, Lydia Johns, Marshall Street, McMechen. An article about his death states he lived in Wheeling his whole life. When he registered for the draft, he lived on Market Street, Wheeling. He is honored on my Ohio County WVGenWeb site with a comprehensive biography.

HOWARD M. FISHER – U. S. Army - Lived exclusively in Baltimore, Md. His mother was VISITING her other son, a preacher, in Cameron, and she gave the Cameron address as HER address as the emergency contact. Hence the mistake. He was married and lived in Baltimore. ALL documented here:

<http://www.wvgw.net/marshall/ww1-fisher.htm>

JAMES ROBERT FITZGERALD - U. S. Army - Did NOT live in Marshall County. He was the ONLY Ohio County person named in the 1925 *History of Marshall County* book by Scott Powell. The book even states he was from **Elm Grove**. There were MANY, MANY, MANY other Service Dead dead from the Triadelphia/Elm Grove area of Ohio County and other areas that border Marshall County. - Just for WWI, two other **Elm Grove** war dead were George Sligar & Albert Fox, yet they were not included on the memorial, nor should they be. For the Korean War dead, these **Elm Grove** men were not included on the memorial: John Dague Kimmins, Harry Cecil Moore, Don L. Philipps, Carl Benedict Wolin, Anthony Giacome Costanzo, Jr, Albert William Wolf, Jr.... The point being that **none** from border areas should be included just because they were “close” to Marshall County. Selecting one here and there makes no sense!

RUFUS GARRETT - U. S. Army - Wetzel County - Born in New Martinsville; buried in Palmer Cemetery, Wetzel County. Died Sept. 25, 1918 of Pneumonia at Camp Lee. Joseph M. Garrett and his wife, Rosa (Potts), lived with their family in Proctor, Wetzel County, in 1900 and 1910. - The West Virginia Blue Book, 1922, gives his residence as "New Martinsville, Wetzel County." **Meanwhile, TWO men who lived in Wetzel County, but were BORN in Marshall County, were OVERLOOKED and are not on the memorial.**

FRIEND WILLIAM HAWKINS - U. S. Army - Wetzel County - Born July 6, 1893 at Proctor, per Draft Registration (July 6, 1889 in Wetzel County, WV Births. Birth location: Featherbed Run. Father's Residence: Whetstone.) Lived in Proctor District, Wetzel County, in 1900 & 1910. - Employed at Powhatan Point, Ohio. Died of Wounds Oct 2, 1918. Son of Thomas J. Hawkins and Rosetta Guthrie. Listed in Ohio Soldiers in WWI, 1917-1918. **Meanwhile, TWO men who lived in Wetzel County, but were BORN in Marshall County, were overlooked and are not on the memorial.**

WALTER BERTRAM RIGGLE - Lived *exclusively* in Waynesburg, Pa. (Aleppo); honored extensively there. People in Aleppo had a Cameron P.O. address, but that did not make them residents of Marshall County. MANY other Service Dead also had Marshall County P.O. addresses and are NOT included on the memorial.

ROMEO FREER HARDMAN, U. S. Army - Residence stated in his military documents as Marshall County because his brother lived there and all other relatives were deceased. I included him in my book because I saw the actual document stating Marshall County as his residence, but I do not consider this an error on the Veterans' Memorial. I don't believe he ever lived in Marshall County.

14 WORLD WAR I DEAD ARE MISSING FROM THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL

Although I didn't research WORLD WAR II, I came across a few missing names and submitted them to the county for inclusion on the monuments.

KOREA NOT MARSHALL COUNTY

CROCKET B. STEVENS - U. S. Army – Credited to Marshall County in databases but no connection to Marshall County is found. Some databases have him as “born in “Marshall County” but he was not. Korean War Project, www.koreanwar.org: “Home or Enlistment: Princeton, West Virginia.” *Korean War Veterans Honor Roll, American Battle Monuments Commission* re-checked the records and made correction, as did the *West Virginia Archives & History Memory Project*. This man was born and raised in Mercer County. He is buried at Thompson Cemetery, Elgood, Mercer County.

JAMES LESLIE WILMOTH - Residence stated as Marshall County in databases. Some state Marshall County as his place of birth rather than his residence. *Korean War Veterans Honor Roll, American Battle Monuments Commission* checked records and made correction, as did the *West Virginia Archives & History Memory Project*. In his WWII Draft Registration, he said he was born “Oct 20, 1915, Hamlin, W.Va.” His “Usual Residence” stated on his West Virginia death record is “Hurricane, Putnam County.” His obituary states he was born in Lincoln County. He is buried at Terry Cemetery, Putnam County. – No connection to Marshall County has been found.

4 KOREAN WAR ERA DEAD ARE MISSING FROM THE VETERANS' MEMORIAL

VIETNAM

The names of **SEVEN** men are missing from the memorial for the Vietnam era, but they are memorialized on my Marshall County WVGenWeb site.: **Philip Gene Allietta, Tedd Malcolm Lewis, Carl Wayne Oliver, Archie Andrew Porter, Willard F. Prochaska, John Edward Roberts, and Paul Edward Wade.**

