

THOMAS FLETCHER SMITH

Company "A" 11th West Virginia Infantry

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Service Record: At age 25, joined for duty, enrolled, and mustered in on Oct. 1, 1861 at Wheeling to serve in Capt. John Baggs' company of Independent Scouts, known as "Snake Hunters," that became Company A 11th Inf. in the spring of 1862. - Born Washington Co., Pa. Deserted Dec. 6, 1861 at Wirt Court House, Va... delivered into custody in Wheeling on or about the 29th Dec. 1861. Desertion charge filed by Captain Baggs; returned to service. "Died of Delirium Tremens Oct. 1, 1862, U.S. Gen'l Hosp., Parkersburg." - Buried at First Street Cemetery, Moundsville; possibly moved to Mt. Rose Cemetery with other vets, per 1899 news article. In 1850, Thomas F. Smith, 14, born in Pa., lived in Pease Township, Belmont County, Ohio, with father, Thomas P., a butcher, mother, Sarah (Lazzell), and sisters, Margaret & Amanda. Charles Fisher, butcher, was also in the home. The father, Thomas P., a butcher, died in 1855 at Flats of Grave Creek, Marshall County, and he's buried at First Street Cemetery. John W. Smith reported his death. In the 1860 census, Thomas F. Smith, a butcher, age 24, born in Pa., was living in Moundsville with John W. Smith, likely his brother, and Mary Smith, both 35. The soldier's mother, Sarah, 57, was also living in the home. In 1863, a widow, Sarah Smith, filed a claim for a pension but no certificate was issued. (It was possibly the mother who applied.) Sister, Amanda Smith, married William B. Morgan of Sherrard, Marshall County, in 1862. The mother, Sarah Lazzell Smith, died in 1871 and she is buried at First Street Cemetery.