

SAMUEL WILSON NESTER

Company "C" 11th West Virginia Infantry

Died 20 July 1864 of wounds received at Lynchburg, Virginia 18 June 1864.

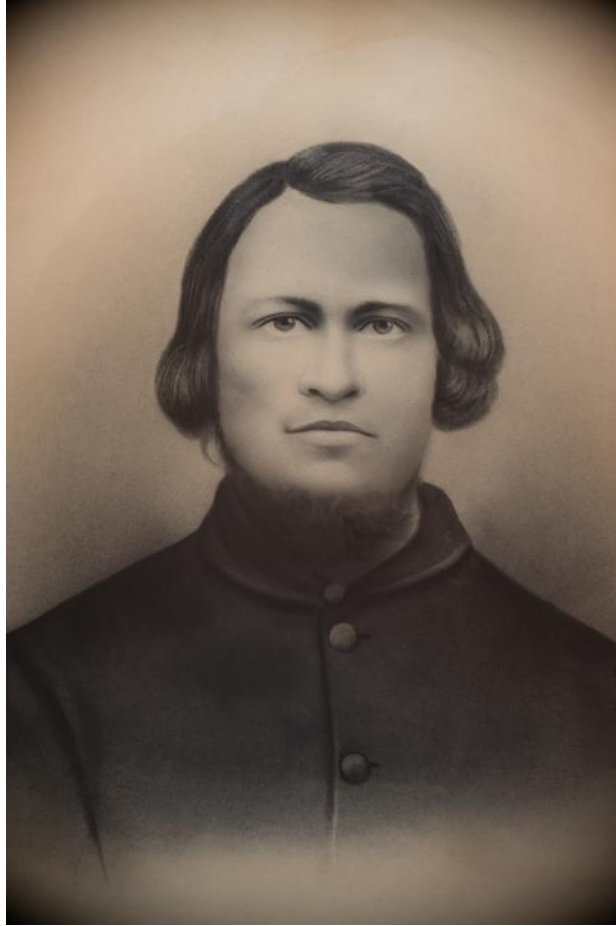


Image provided by Richard Nester, Gr-Gr-Grandson.

Samuel Wilson Nester, born 2 April 1823 in Randolph County (W) Virginia (now Barbour County), was the son of Daniel Nester (1797-1882) and Marian Anna Wilson (1802-1838). Samuel's paternal grandfather was Jacob Nester (1761-1844), and his paternal grandmother was Maria Magdalena Durr (1765-1826).

Samuel married Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Henry T. and Nancy Ann Smith, on 23 Oct 1845 in Barbour County. She was born 12 April 1825 in (now) Barbour County. Their children were: Hiram, Almeda, Lee Grant, Daniel Henry, Margaret, Mary C., Alpheus Michael, Lee Eunice, Elizabeth Jane, Canzada Anna, and Samuel Diaz.

Elizabeth Smith Nester died 3 Dec 1899 in Calhoun County, West Virginia and is buried there at Mt. Zion Cemetery.

I certify, on honor, that Samuel M. Nester a Private of
Captain J. Blammer Company (B) of the 11th Regiment of United States
VOLUNTEERS, of the State of W Virginia, born in Randolph Co, State
of Virginia, aged 39 years; 6 feet 00 inches high; Dark complexion,
Brey eyes, Black hair, and by occupation a Farmer, having joined the company on
its original organization at Smithville Va, and enrolled in it at the muster into
the service of the United States at Elizabeth Va, on the 22nd day
of December, 1861. (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by _____
_____, at _____, on the _____ day of _____,
186 , or was drafted and mustered into the service of the United States from the _____
Enrollment District of the State of _____, at _____,
on the _____ day of _____, 186 ,) to serve in the Regiment, for
the term of Three years; and having served **HONESTLY** and
FAITHFULLY with his Company in 11th Regt W Va, Col to the present date, is now
entitled to a **DISCHARGE** by reason of his death caused by wounds
received in action June 18th 1864 died July 20th 1864

The said Samuel M. Nester was last paid by Paymaster
Maj. Beazell to include the 31st day of December, 1863, and has
pay due him from that time to the present date; he is entitled to pay and subsistence for
TRAVELING to place of enrollment, and whatever other allowances are authorized to volunteer
soldiers, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States **CLOTHING**
amounting to Six 58 dollars, since the 31st day of December,
1863, when his clothing account was last settled. He has received from the United States
_____ 100 dollars advanced **BOUNTY**.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of _____, or other
authorities, for **CLOTHING**, &c., received on entering service, _____ 100 dollars; and
for other stoppages, viz: _____

_____ 100 dollars.
He has been furnished with **TRANSPORTATION** in kind from the place of his discharge to
_____ ; and he has been **SUBSISTED** for **TRAVELING** to his
place of enrollment, up to the _____, 186 .

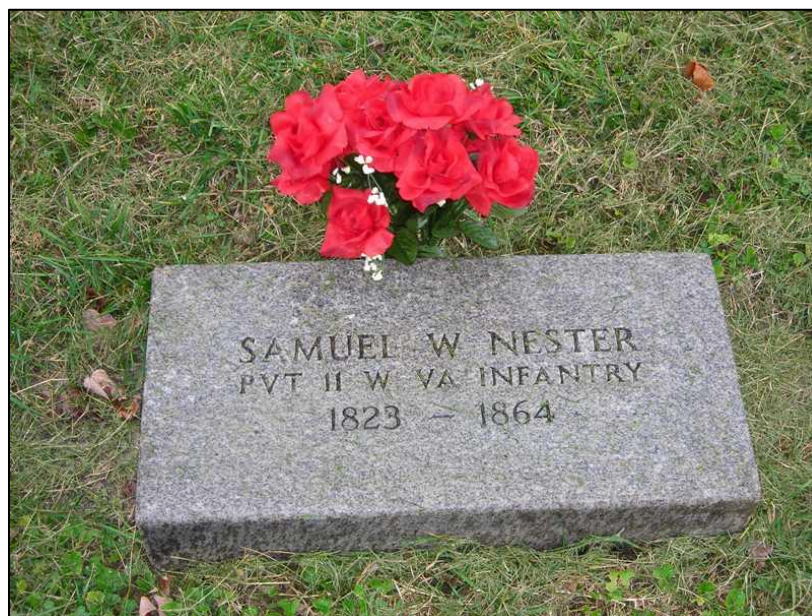
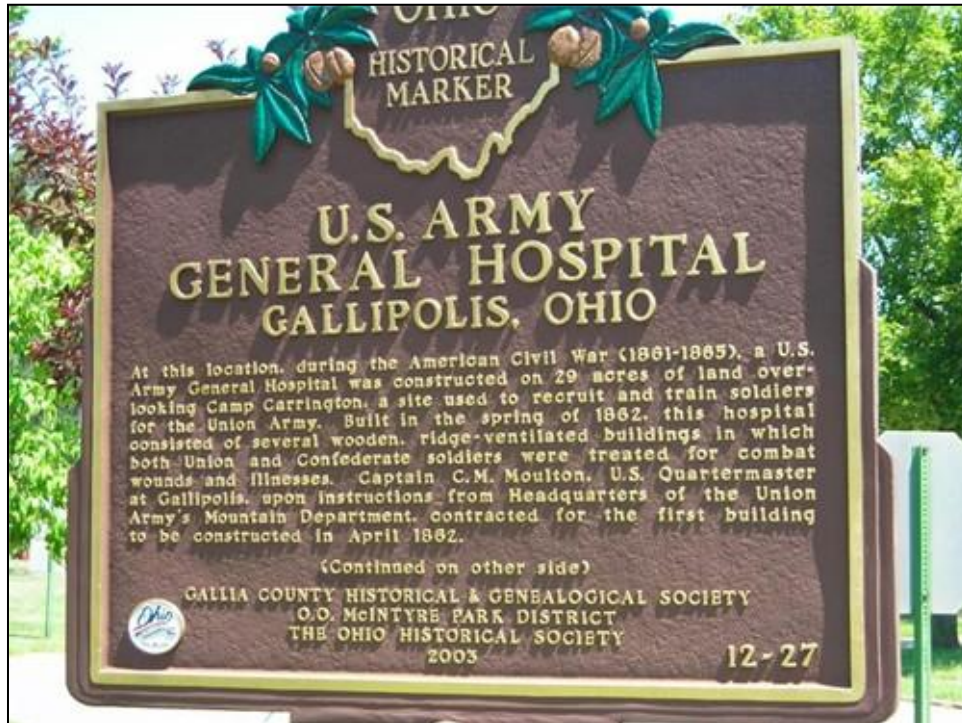
He is indebted to _____, **BUTLER**, _____ 100 dollars.

He is indebted to _____, **LAUNDRESS**, _____ 100 dollars.

Given in Duplicate, at Camp in the field, this 20th day
of July, 1864.

Jacob Blammer Capt
11th Regt W Va, Inftry, Col
Commanding Company.

According to descendant, Richard Nester: *"The "legend" in the family is that Samuel Dias Nester, who was born on April 10, 1864, was born while Samuel W. was in the field and he had never seen his youngest son. As the story goes, while in Gallipolis, Samuel W. left the hospital to go visit his family and meet his son. His gunshot would become infected due to contamination while crossing the Ohio River, and he was returned to the Army Hospital where gangrene set in and took his life. I am unable to verify this with any definitive reports, but it is the story that has been passed down through the generations."*



Pine Street Cemetery, Gallipolis OH - Image provided by Richard Nester.



Samuel & Elizabeth Nester. - Image provided by Richard Nester.



Grave of Elizabeth Smith Nester, Mt. Zion Cemetery, Calhoun County, West Virginia

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