

Thomas Whitson Letter 66th Indiana Infantry

Lafayette Tenn; Sept, the 25th 1863

Dear Katy yours of the 18 has just come to hand I was glad to hear you were all well and that you had received the money that I had Sent you you seem to think it would not be right to take my money to buy collars and bridles with well Katy it is just right it is your money and I earned it and Sent it to you I want you to use what you need of it and pay the rest on our debts that field your raised corn on ought to be Sowed in wheat or Some Small grain but I am a fraid [sic] it is to [sic] wet for wheat if I was there to ditch it for you and and [sic] get it in in good time I think I could make it bring good wheat but it is getting late for wheat you must seed lot Katy and I would advise you to not sow more than eight or ten acres if you can you had better rent Some ground out for wheat you never told me how much rent wheat you got from Levi Trulook yet you Said you had raised 45 bushels but did not Say whether it was that in all to gather [sic] or not nor do you ever tell me whether the frost injured any thing or not in one of your letters you Said you had right Smart of winter apples and they had not rotted much as yet well I want you to have a lot of them put up for winter for I allow to be at home to help you eat them I fell to day as [illegible] I was getting well fast

yours in love

Thos. Whitson

Widow Pension Letter for Catharine Whitson

[hand written at the top: 1862 UNION ARMY OCCUPIED THE CITY U.S. GENERAL (VOLUNTEERS) Mufreesboro, TN S. D. Turney]

State of Indiana,

County of Scott, SS.

On this twenty eighth day of July A. D. one thousand eight hundred and sixty four personally appeared before me Jessamine G. W. Traylor, Co. Clerk of the Circuit Court within and for the County and State aforesaid Catharine Whitson a resident of Austin in the County of Scott and State of Indiana aged thirty two years, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on her oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions made by the act of Congress, approved July 14, 1862.

That she is the widow of Thomas W. Whitson who enlisted in the service of United States at Austin in the State of Indiana on the or about the 10th day of August 1862 as a Private in Company K commanded by A. H. Campbell in the Sixty Sixth Regiment of Indiana Volunteers in the War of 1861; who while in the service aforesaid and in the line

of his duty was wounded in battle in northern Georgia and died at Murfreesboro in the State of Tennessee on the fifteenth day of June A. D. 1864.

She further declares that she was married to the said Thomas W. Whitson on the eleventh day of June in the year 1855 that her name before her said marriage was Catherine Christy that her husband, the aforesaid Thomas W. Whitson died on the day above-mentioned, and that she has remained a widow ever since that period, as will more fully appear by reference to the proof hereto annexed; that the names and ages of her children under sixteen years of age, at her husband's decease, and the place of their residence is as follows:

Edgar R. Whitson aged seven years

William M. Whitson aged five years

Alice C. Whitson aged four years

Ida F. Whitson aged three years

That they reside with me at in Scott County Indiana and that the post office address is Austin

Scott County Indiana.

History of the 66th Indiana Volunteers

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UNION INDIANA VOLUNTEERS

66th Regiment, Indiana Infantry

Organized at New Albany and mustered in August 19, 1862. Left State for Lexington, Ky., August 19; thence moved to Richmond, Ky. Attached to Cruft's Brigade, Army of Kentucky. Battle of Richmond August 30. Regiment mostly captured, paroled and sent to New Albany, Ind.; those not captured marched to New Albany; arrived September 10. Regiment moved to Indianapolis, Ind., November 18; thence to Corinth, Miss., December 10, 1862. Attached to 1st Brigade, District of Corinth, Miss., 13th Army Corps (Old), Dept. of the Tennessee, December, 1862. 1st Brigade, District of Corinth, 17th Army Corps, to January, 1863. 1st Brigade, District of Corinth, 16th Army Corps, to March, 1863. 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 16th Army Corps, to September, 1864. 1st Brigade, 4th Division, 15th Army Corps, to June, 1865.

SERVICE- Garrison duty at Corinth, Miss., December, 1862, to August, 1863. Dodge's Expedition into Northern Alabama April 15-May 2, 1863. Rock Cut, near Tuscumbia, April 22. Tuscumbia April 23. Town Creek April 28. Moved to Collierville, Tenn., August 18, and duty there till October 29. Action at Collierville October 11 (Cos. "B," "C," "D," "E," "G," "I"). March to Pulaski October 29-November 11 and duty there till April 29, 1864. Atlanta (Ga.) Campaign May 1-September 8. Demonstrations on Resaca May 8-13. Sugar Valley, near Resaca, May 9. Battle of Resaca May 14-15. Ley's Ferry, Oostenaula River, May 15. Rome Cross Roads May 16. Advance on Dallas May 18-25. Operations on line of Pumpkin Vine Creek and battles about Dallas, New Hope Church and Allatoona Hills May 25-June 5. Operations about Marietta and against Kenesaw Mountain June 10-July 2. Assault on Kenesaw June 27. Nickajack Creek July 2-5. Ruff's Mill July 3-4. Chattahoochee River July 5-17. Battle of Atlanta July 22. Siege of Atlanta July 22-August 25. Flank movement on Jonesboro August 25-30. Battle of Jonesboro August 31-September 1. Lovejoy Station September 2-6. Operations against Hood in North Georgia and North Alabama September 29-November 3. Reconnoissance [sic] from Rome on Cave Springs Road and skirmishes October 12-13. March to the sea November 15-December 10. Little Ogeechee River December 4. Jenk's Bridge and Eden Station December 7. Siege of Savannah December 10-21. Campaign of the Carolinas January to April, 1865. Salkehatchie Swamps, S. C., February 2-5. South Edisto River February 9. North Edisto River February 12-13. South River February 15. Columbia February 16-17. Little Congaree Creek February 16. Battle of Bentonville, N. C., March 19-21. Occupation of Goldsboro March 14. Advance on Raleigh April 10-14. Occupation of Raleigh April 14. Bennett's House April 26. Surrender of Johnston and his army. March to Washington, D. C., via Richmond, Va., April 29-May 19. Grand Review May 24. Mustered out at Washington, D. C., June 3, 1865.

Regiment lost during service 3 Officers and 62 Enlisted men killed and mortally wounded and 1 Officer and 184 Enlisted men by disease. Total 250.

Scott County Probate Record for Thomas Whitson

WHITSON, THOMAS, dec'd. On 05-23-1843, PBB 182, Lorenzo D. Whitson granted admin. Security: Harrison W. Traylor and Susannah Whitson. On 2-9-1846, PC 399, 400 admr. [sic], Lorenzo D. Whitson and all heirs including widow being present, the adult heirs made sworn disclosures of advances made to them during lifetime of dec'd. [sic] Admr. [sic] is to be governed by said disclosure when distribution is made to heirs. The following adult heirs received as follows: Lorenzo D. Whitson rec'd. \$25.00; Sarah Owens (nee Whitson) rec'd. \$35.00; John W. Whitson rec'd. \$27.00; Benjamin F. Whitson rec'd. \$36.67; Joseph P. Ryan rec'd. \$34.00 and James H. Whitson rec'd. none.

On 2-9-1846, PC 389, 390, Susannah Whitson chosen as guardian by Susannah Whitson, aged 20yrs., Catharine Whitson, aged 15 yrs., and Thomas Whitson, aged 17 yrs., infant heirs of dec'd. [sic] Security: Lorenzo D. Whitson.

On 05-13-1846, PC 441, 442, admr. [sic] Makes final settlement and distribution. It appears the widow, who received 1/3 and heirs who all rec'd. equal amounts, were: widow, Lorenzo D., Sarah Owens, John W. Whitson, Benj. F. Whitson, Joseph P. Ryan, James H. Whitson, Susannah Whitson, Catharine Whitson and Thomas W. Whitson.

On 2-9-1847, PC 508, Susannah Whitson, guardian of Catharine and Thomas M. Whitson, files report.

Chattanooga National Cemetery Surnames (W-Z)

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WHITSON, THOMAS W.; E; 11253; PVT; OH [The OH is circled and INDIANA is handwritten next to it.]