

Notes from Civil War (War of 1861) Military and Pension Records of Erwin Peck that I received from the National Archives.

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1. Erwin was born in Connecticut.
2. Catharine was born 8 September 1826 at Areadia, New York.
3. Erwin and Catharine L. Wright were married on 8 April 1849, at Shalersville, Portage County, OH by Stephen Nead (Neard?), a Methodist preacher.
4. Submit Vennum was present for the births of John B. (26 July 1851), Submit (26 March 1853) and Julia A. (16 Feb. 1855) in Iroquois County, IL. The above are children of Erwin and Catharine.
5. Elizabeth Vennum was present for the births of Norman A. (my great-grandfather) (26 November 1858) and Hiram N. (22 February 1860) in Iroquois County. They are also children of Catharine and Erwin.
6. Erwin's residence before enlistment: Milford, Iroquois Co., IL.
7. Erwin was a Private in Company C (Infantry), commanded by Captain Pelts or Pitton, of the 51st Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, commanded by Colonel L. P. Bradly. He was enrolled in service as a recruit at Springfield, IL on or about the 8th Aug. 1862 for the term of 3 years. He was mustered in September 24, 1862, at Springfield, IL.
8. When Erwin enrolled, he was 35 years old and a farmer. He had grey or blue eyes, dark complexion (at the time of his death, his complexion is listed as light), and 5'11".
9. Company Muster Rolls:
Aug. 31 to Dec. 31, 1862, absent-sick in hospital at New Albany, IN
Jan. and Feb., 1863, present
March and April, 1863, absent-sick in hospital at Murfreesboro since April 26, 1863
May and June, died in Military Hospital, No. 1, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee

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10. He died at Military Hospital No. 1 at Murfreesboro, Tenn., on or about 15 May 1863 of Typhoid Fever after 9 months of actual service.
11. He is buried at the Murfreesboro Cemetery, #728 (Number of the grave).
12. He was 35 at the time of his death.
13. Catharine was 36 years old, a resident of Belmont Township, Iroquois County, IL at the time of Erwin's death.
14. At the time of Erwin's death the children were:
John B. Peck--aged 12 years old next July
Submit Peck---aged 10 years in April last (?)
Julia Ann Peck--aged 8 years old last Feb.
Norman Atwood Peck--aged 4 years last Nov.
Hiram Nelson Peck--aged 3 years Feb. last
15. On 16 June 1863, Catharine, a resident of Belmont Township, applied for a Widow's Pension.
16. A letter dated 29 Aug. 1863, from the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, DC, was sent to Catharine saying he had received her application for Pension. The letter stated there was no evidence that Erwin was enrolled in Company C, 51st Regiment of Illinois Infantry. There was evidence of service. "He is reported a Private and died in hospital at Murfreesboro, Tenn."
17. A letter dated 11 Jan. 1864, from the Paymaster General's Office to Catharine states "that Erwin Peck, Private, Co. C, 51st Illinois was enrolled Aug. 8, 1862 and mustered in September 24, 1862. Last paid to 28 Feb. 1863."
18. A letter dated Feb. 15, 1864, from the Surgeon General's Office, Washington, DC. The letter stated it "is reported to this office by Ass't Surgeon W. P. McCulloch (that Erwin) died May 15, 1863 at Hospital No. 1, Murfreesboro, Tenn. of Typhoid Fever.
19. On 17 Feb. 1864, Catharine's attorney, George B. Joiner, Middleport, IL, sent Catharine's Pension application with the following proof:
 - Certified copy of her marriage record
 - Testimony of identifying witnesses of Catharine's widowhood
 - Evidence of Service and Death

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20. Catharine's Pension Certificate No. 15041 was issued March 1, 1864.
21. On 19 Oct. 1867, Catharine was 41 years old. She applied for an increase of pension. At that time she was a resident of Freedom, Portage County, OH.
22. Catharine applied for an increase of widow's pension on March 27, 1868. At the time, her mailing address was Shalersville, OH.
23. On April 27, 1868, Catharine L. Peck was a resident of Shalersville, Portage County, OH. She was applying for a transfer of pension payment from the Springfield, IL, Pension Agency to the Ohio Pension Agency at Cleveland. She was receiving \$8.00/month plus \$2.00/month for each child. She had received the pension in Illinois from May 15, 1863 to March 4, 1868.
24. On 8 Aug. 1874, Catharine was living in Mantua Station, OH.
25. On 25 Oct. 1916, Catharine wrote to the Commissioner of Pensioners for an increase of Pension provided by the first section of Act of 8 September 1916. At this time, Catharine was 90 years old. She was living in Milford, IL at the time.
25. Catharine L. was dropped from the roll (Pension) because of her death, 28 Jan. 1920.