

16 South Barkway Circle  
State College, PA 16801

June 25, 1983

Received!

JUN 29 1983

Stones River National Cemetery  
Route 10 - Box 401  
Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130

RE: B. F. Poynter Grave F-2550

*make corrections!*  
*"info from descendants"*  
*Da*

Stones River National Cemetery	
✓ Battlefield	
✓ Capt. Poynter	
✓ Tech	
✓ Tech	
✓ Admin	
✓ Exp.	
✓ Maint	
✓ File	
DEADLINE:	

Dear Sir:

I would like to request a correction of the name and unit of a soldier who the cemetery has listed as:

B. F. Poynter 7th Ohio Vol Inf.

Having known through the family that my great grandfather's older brother, Benjamin Thomas "Tom" Poynter was killed at the battle and buried at Stones River, I was surprised to see the above listing when visiting the cemetery.

Since then, I sent off for Benjamin Thomas Poynter's Military Service Record. See enclosed. As family records indicated, he was with Company F of the 79th Indiana Reg.

My theory on how the mistakes in middle initial and unit were made is as follows:

Please look at the "Casualty Sheet" at the two places I have circled with red pencil:

1. Middle initial F, instead of T. I would maintain that the clerk, Henry E. Scott, has made a fancy T rather than an F. *Other records are plainly T.*
2. Where I read "List of death of Co F 79 Ind", I would maintain someone has misread and copied it as "Co F 7 Ohio"

If you can agree at all with my theory, I would appreciate a note being made in order that B. T. Poynter - 79th Indiana might be on your list.

Thank you very much,

*Mary Alice Griffin*  
Mary Alice Griffin

CASUALTY SHEET.

Name: Benj. Poynter

Rank: 2<sup>d</sup> Lieut Company: G. Regiment: 79

Arm: Inftry State: Indiana

Nature of Casualty: Death

CAUSE OF CASUALTY—(NAME OF DISEASE, &c.)

"Wound from shell  
"Was in battle of Stone  
River"

DEGREE OF DISABILITY.

BY WHOM CERTIFIED.

DATE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.

July 25 1863

PLACE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.

Stone River

BY WHOM DISCHARGED.

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

List of death of Co F 79 Ind -  
filed at bottom of death file

REMARKS.

not signed

Henry C. Pratt  
Clerk.

(170.)

Oct 12 1863

1207

*Poynter Benjamin T.*

Co. *F.*, 79 Indiana Infantry.

*Sergeant.* | *2 Lieutenant*  
CARD NUMBERS.

1	27169537	26
2	27164031	27
3	27164724	28
4	27167862	29
5	27170551	30
6	33346821	31
7	36133708	32
8		33
9		34
10		35
11		36
12		37
13		38
14		39
15		40
16		41
17		42
18		43
19		44
20		45
21		46
22		47
23		48
24		49
25		50

Number of personal papers herein *1*

Book Mark:

See also

P 79 | Ind.

Benjamin J. Boyette

220 Co. D, 79 Reg't Indiana Infantry

Age 20 years

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

June 21st June 7, 1865

Muster-out to date 186

Last paid to 186

Clothing account

Last settled 186 drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100 due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth, gun, food or money adv'd \$ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ 100

Bonny paid \$ 75 100 due \$ 75 100

Remarks: killed in battle of

Shiloh

Remains buried in

Union Cemetery

at Paducah, Ky.

Book mark

P 79 | Ind.

Benjamin J. Boyette

220 Co. D, 79 Reg't Indiana Infantry

Age 20 years

Appears on Company Descriptive Book

of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age 20 years; height 5 feet 7 inches.

Complexion fair hair Auburn

Eyes gray hair Auburn

Where born Indiana

Occupation (Mason)

ENLISTMENT.

When August 1, 186

Where Paducah, Ky.

By whom A. M. Boyette; term 3 years

Remarks: Remains buried in

Union Cemetery at Paducah, Ky.

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Book mark

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79

Ind.

Bernhard J. Coynter  
79 Regt Indiana Infantry

Returns as follows:

Nov. 865  
Killed in  
action at Stone River

January 21/68

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