

2764  
Weidler, Benjamin  
Co. 6, 79 Pennsylvania Inf.

Private | Private

CARD NUMBERS.

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| 1  | 19824609 | 26 |
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Number of personal papers herein 4

Book Mark:

See also

W | 79 | Pa.

Benjamin Widler  
Pvt., Co. C., 79 Reg't Pa. Infantry.

Age 18 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated  
Washington D.C. June 1, 1864.  
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'g in kind or money adv'd \$

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

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks: Died of disease  
Muskegeton Tenn July 6 '62

Book mark:

Chamberlain

(861) Copyist.

W | 79 | Pa.

Benjamin Weidler  
Pvt., Co. C, 79 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll  
for July 28 Aug 1863

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks: Died at Muskegeton,  
Tenn. July 6 '62 of Dysipelas  
vide Co. Roll on file

xAs appears on roll

Book mark:

David

(858) Copyist.

W | 79 | Pa.

Benjamin Weidler  
Pvt., Co. C, 79 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll  
for May 23 June 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

David

(858) Copyist.

W | 79 | Pa.

Benjamin Weidler  
Pvt., Co. C, 79 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.

Appears on

Company Muster Roll  
for Feb 23 April 1863

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$ 100 for

Due Gov't, \$ 100 for

Remarks:

Book mark:

David

(858) Copyist.

Mary Dick sends his best  
respects to you etc - to me  
soon again and led me know  
yours and the family at home  
is getting along we have not  
yet drawn any pay here yet  
It is going on the fourth month  
now & do not think that we  
will get any more until March  
and then we will get payed  
for the four months so no  
more at present let mother  
know and remain you  
affectionately Brother

Wm. C. Under 3

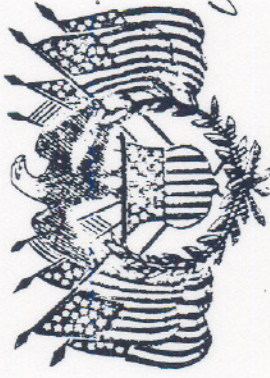
rite soon  
and give me  
all the particulars

February 7 1862  
Camp Wood Kentucky

Dear Brother I received your  
papers and riting paper and  
i was glad for the papers and  
riting papers because i had  
rote the last sheet to John  
Johnson the other day and i was  
glad to hear that yours  
are well at present and i am  
the same. I thought i must try a sheet  
of it this morning. Bill Black  
got his box yesterday and  
dick got some things and  
he gave me some of them  
he gave me butter and  
does get - this morning and  
some chocolate it is just  
guard mound at 8 o'clock -  
for camp guard ~~guard~~ now

A show in the 'land' and we  
lay around like boys  
our captain and lieutenant  
are both in good luck in  
the hospital and beyond us  
very low we heard from  
him last night and he  
was just saying that the  
lieutenant he is not as bad  
I must tell you how long  
the man was staying in  
the last month of January  
may you will not believe me  
but it is so we think in  
that the man might have  
gone about 24 hours and  
then we seen in the  
house vice that the man who  
forty five hours in the month  
of January as I must bring  
my letter to a close by sending  
my best respects your and

and the writing paper I and  
will do well acquainted with  
Bill Bley and I gave each  
one pair of paper and twelve  
in envelopes and a local kind  
to give some to each (Bill)  
we are like at the banks  
of green river and I think  
we will stay here for some  
time yet there is no  
expectation of a better  
home for this kind we get  
new kind sometimes ago  
there are big only five cents  
to a company we are all  
to get in one kind each  
and I and all them young  
fellows in our neighborhood  
are together the links are  
round they come to a hole  
at the top it is a round  
hole at the top for the smoke  
to show and we have got



OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG.

My dear brother  
March 24 1863

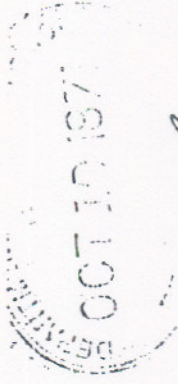
I have not received  
a letter from you since  
Holiday left here for Lancaster  
for I think I must write to  
you again and let you know  
that I am well at present  
and hoping this letter may  
find you the same we  
are still encamped near  
the above place and not  
much thing of a move  
here soon yet we moved  
our camp about a week  
ago and we have a  
very fine camp now but  
it took a heap of work

there was one of our Brigades  
out on a scout a few days  
ago and they met with  
old Morgan about twelve  
miles from camp and  
they skirmished with him  
nearly the whole day about  
two o'clock in the day  
we got orders to reinforce  
them we took up our  
march at three o'clock  
but when we reached  
the place it was dark  
and the rebels had  
fell back they camp  
about 2 miles from us that  
night but they took up  
their line of march in  
the morning between three  
and four o'clock and

when our cavalry advanced  
at day light <sup>at</sup> where not there  
and then about twelve o'clock  
we took up our line of march  
for camp again, i suppose  
you received the twenty  
dollars which i sent with  
today and now i place  
five dollars in this letter  
which i want you to hand  
to mother and let her make  
use of it the best way  
she can i must my letter to  
a close my respects to  
you and all. B.W.

Address to

Perfees baro  
Fenhessee



At 11/15/1863  
New York

Dear Brother

I received your letter to day and I was very glad to hear that you are well and all the rest of the family but I did not like to hear that mother and the old man had parted but maybe it is just as good I am glad that she has got a house in Lancaster with you and also that you got a good place for Brother William with you in the store I was also pleased that you received the money all now when you get this letter and if mother stands in need of any money before I can send any you will get some from John Muffer

Let Mr. Knorr know  
and his wife are getting along  
I will ride to his house  
of the day 8 to him

with five days notice  
from all accounts the money  
where going to attack but  
if ever they attacked us had  
they will meet with a warm  
reception as I have no further  
particulars I will close my letter  
I am well at present hoping  
to hear from you soon again  
you stated in your letter that  
you were here before for the  
last three weeks but a deal  
not receive any I send a  
paper to you wishes weekly  
no more at present  
Daddy when you get this  
letter send to the above  
I remain your affectionate  
Daddy (John)

Believe me  
Daddy

for her and if not I will  
draw her month pay monthly  
and there will send her  
fit her on twenty if I can  
I have it I do not want  
for mother to suffer as long  
as I can do any thing if  
my ever love to get home  
I shall put my shoulder to  
the wheel & think like  
I am get along just as good  
I think the old boat as  
with things I want you to  
let me know what he is  
doing and how he is making  
a living I suppose mother  
is roughly from the well  
will do all in my power  
for my poor mother I hardly  
see get orders to be ready



CASUALTY SHEET

Name: *Benjamin Medler*  
Rank: *Private* Company: *C* Regiment: *79<sup>th</sup>*  
Arm: *Infantry* State: *Pennsylvania*  
Nature of Casualty: *Death*

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

*Erysipelas*

DEGREE OF DISABILITY.

BY WHOM CERTIFIED

*Surgeon J. G. Finley*

DATE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.

*July 6<sup>th</sup> 1863*

PLACE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, &c.

*Newfreesboro Tenn.*

BY WHOM DISCHARGED.

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS  
OBTAINED.

*Vol. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reg of Deceased Soldiers  
1863*

REMARKS.

*J. M. Dalton*

Clerk.

NO. 2.

RECORD OF DEATH AND INTERMENT.

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Name and number of person interred.   | <i>Benjaminine Medler</i> |
| Number and locality of the grave . . .  | <i>1076 M 5270</i>        |
| Hospital number of the deceased . . .   | <i>Field Hospital No</i>  |
| Regiment, rank, and company, . . .  | <i>49 Pa Comp "C"</i>     |
| Residence before enlistment . . . . .   |                           |
| Conjugal condition, (and if married, )<br>the residence of the widow) . . . . . |                           |
| Cause of death . . . . .  | <i>Dysentery</i>          |
| Age of the deceased . . . . .   |                           |
| Nativity . . . . .  |                           |
| Remarks and references . . . . .  |                           |
| Date of death and burial . . . . .  | <i>July 6 1863</i>        |

[A duplicate of this Record has been forwarded to the Sexton, and another remains at this Hospital]

To *Adjutant General*  
SIR: *Washington D.C.*

It becomes my duty to inform you that the person above described died at this Hospital as herein stated; and that it is desired his remains should be interred with the usual military honors.

Respectfully,

*J. G. Finley*  
Surgeon U. S. Army  
*in charge*

*Field*  
MILITARY HOSPITAL,

*Compensation Team.*

This copy of Record is to be transmitted to the Adjutant-General at Washington immediately after the place of burial and the number grave have been ascertained and registered. The above notification is to remain attached.

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C.,

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1864

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 52250, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office. In reply to your inquiry of Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 1864.

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Benjamin Weidler was enrolled on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1861, at Lancaster, City, Pa in Co. C, 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or during the war, and mustered into service as a Private on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Sept 1861, at Lancaster, Pa, in Co. C, 79<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, to serve \_\_\_\_\_ years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. C of that Regiment, for the months of July<sup>th</sup> Aug 1863, he is reported "Died at Murfreesboro, Tenn. July 6<sup>th</sup> 1863." Cause of death not stated.

I am, Sir, very respectfully

Your obedient servant

Samuel Brock

Assistant Adjutant General.

(2.)

The Commissioner of Pensions  
Washington, D. C.

Memoranda

Name of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

I certify, on honor, that Benjamin Heidler a Private of  
 Captain H. M. Duval Company (C) of the 74<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Infantry  
 VOLUNTEERS, of the State of Virginia, born in Norfolk Co., State  
 of Virginia, aged 21 years; 5 feet 6 1/2 inches high; Light complexion,  
Grey eyes, Dark hair, and by occupation a Farmer, having joined the company on  
 its original organization at Waverly City Va., and enrolled in it at the muster into  
 the service of the United States at Waverly City Va., on the 25<sup>th</sup> day  
 of Sept, 1861, (or was mustered in service as a recruit, by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 1861, to serve in the Regiment,) for the term of Three years or during the war  
 and having served HONESTLY and FAITHFULLY with his Company in the army of Pennsylvania  
 to the present date, is now entitled to a DISCHARGE by reason of \_\_\_\_\_

The said Benjamin Heidler was last paid by Paymaster  
Maj. Harris to include the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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, or militia, so discharged. He has received \_\_\_\_\_ dollars,  
 advanced by the United States on account of CLOTHING.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of \_\_\_\_\_, or other  
 authorities for CLOTHING, &c., received on entering service, \_\_\_\_\_ dollars; also,  
 for expenses of SUBSISTENCE for TRAVELING from place of enrollment to the place of rendezvous,  
 amounting to \_\_\_\_\_ dollars; and on account of the United States for EXTRA  
CLOTHING received in kind from \_\_\_\_\_ and for other  
 stoppages, viz:

\_\_\_\_\_ amounting to \$293 48 dollars;  
 and he has been SUBSISTED for TRAVELING to his place of enrollment, up to the \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 1863.

He is indebted to \_\_\_\_\_ BUTLER \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

He is indebted to \_\_\_\_\_ LAUNDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

Given in Duplicate, at Charlottesville, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of Dec., 1863.

C. S. Eckert  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lieut  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commanding Company.

WAR DEPARTMENT,  
Surgeon General's Office,

RECORD AND PENSION DIVISION,

Washington, D. C., April 28, 1870.

[TRANSCRIPT FROM RECORDS.]

It appears from the records filed in this Office, that Benj. Weidled  
Art Co. C, 49 Reg't Conn's Vol. 2  
was admitted to General Gible Hospital, Windsorboro Conn  
July 2, 1863, from \_\_\_\_\_ for treatment for  
Typhoid fever - disposition not stated upon this record - but from the death  
records it appears that he died July 6, 63 of Encephalitis.

It also appears from the "List of Casualties" accompanying the "Monthly Report of  
Sick and Wounded," of that Hospital, for July 1863, (\_\_\_\_\_Surgeon  
J. Y. Pirley 2<sup>d</sup> My Cav in charge,) that the soldier above described died  
July 6 1863, of Encephalitis.

Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

By order of the Surgeon General:

Vol. 6  
No. 8992

[Signature]  
Brev. Lieut. Col. and Asst. Surgeon, U. S. Army.

(103)

(NOTE.—This certificate should not be detached from the accompanying papers. If additional information is desired relative to the case, the papers should accompany the application therefor.)

Adjutant General's Office,

Washington, D. C., June 3<sup>d</sup>, 1871.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt from your Office of application for Pension No. 19647, and to return it herewith, with such information as is furnished by the files of this Office.

It appears from the records on file that Benjamin Weidner was enrolled on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1861, at Lancaster Pa. in Co. A, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Penna Volunteers, to serve 3 years or during the war, and mustered into service as a Priv on the 21<sup>st</sup> of Sept 1861, at Lancaster Pa. in Co. A, 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Penna Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the war. On the Muster Roll of Co. A of that Regiment, for the months of July & Aug 1861, he is reported Private & died July 6<sup>th</sup> 1863 at Humphreys Tenn. of Dysentery.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

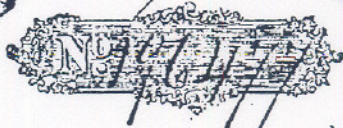
*W. M. Allen*

Assistant Adjutant General.  
(2)

The Commissioner of Pensions,  
Washington, D. C.

*MS*

65.7938



ACT OF JULY 14, 1862.

Edward Flickenderfer

Lancaster Pa

Guard. minor Bro's & Sister

Benjamin Weidlen

Prin. Co. C. 79 Pa. Vols.

Died at Murfreesboro

Tennessee July 6/63

of Erysipelas

W. A. P. No 38.250

Dec. 1862

May 21st 71

Received MAY 24 1871

Jimmie B. Hauffman

Lancaster

Pennsylvania

Attorney.

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W.B. Good. Cir. no 276. Just

W.B. Good. Letter. Manly  
Annot of Prop Dep to sub 184  
which Gr. I app from 1870  
date of death of Father of soldier  
Letter of Good

Sec 4. 71a

Letter of B Kaufman  
Letters if only child of mother  
for witness means of informant  
reg. 1876 -

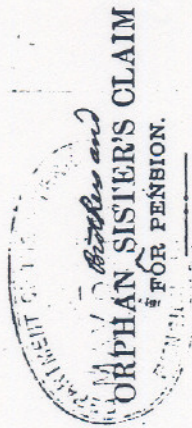
1/17 W.B. - Letter of B Kaufman  
date of death of father of soldier

Jan 17 74 - Letter of B Kaufman  
case under consideration with a view  
to final action. If father of soldier  
is alive claim is not entitled.

Claim rep'd as from 1-1874  
on the ground that the father of  
the wards is alive, and wards  
are not entitled to any pension.  
Attorney of B Kaufman notified

W.B. Good





Edward Blichenderfer  
Guardian of Orphan Siblings

Benjamin Weidler  
10 E. 79 St  
Reg't

Pennington  
Volunteers

Fred J Kaufman  
Atty  
Lancaster Pa

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APPLICANT'S POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Name, Edward Blichenderfer, Guardian  
Town, Lancaster  
County, Lancaster  
State, Penn.

Forwarded by Jamies B Kaufman, Lancaster Pa

Also at the same time and place a before me as set forth in the within declaration personally appeared Emanuel Weidler and Adam B Shear residents of Lancaster City Pennsylvania persons whom I certify to be respectable & entitled to credit and who being each duly affirmed say that they were present and saw Edward Blichenderfer sign his name to the within declaration, that they were well acquainted with the applicant, and the children of Anna & Maria Weidler, who are the only surviving legitimate brother & sister of the said Benjamin Weidler, under 16 years of age at the time of his death, were dependent with their mother on him for their support, that he gave her wages to his mother before expiring of \$32 & that support & sent her \$100 of his pay from the Army - that they know these children are the identical persons represented - and their names & ages are as follows - Milton born Oct 18/54, Emma & Alice (twin) born July 10/58 & John born June 13/59 that the mother of said (minor) deceased soldier died March 15/65, that the father is worthless and abandoned the family in 1861 or 1862, and still abandoned them - that their parents were married in Lancaster County Pa on the 20th of 1838 and that said guardian and children have not been in any way engaged in or aided or abetted the rebellion but have always been true & loyal to the Empire State - that we do so state the foregoing facts from being interested parties and neighbors to the point for ten years past and they have no interest in the claim at issue - and said Emanuel Weidler having known the facts for thirty years past -

Emanuel Weidler  
Adam B. Shear

Fred J Kaufman  
Party

*Brothers and*  
**DECLARATION OF ORPHAN SISTER FOR PENSION.**

State of Pennsylvania } ss.

COUNTY OF Lancaster

On this 12 day of May A. D. 1891 personally appeared before the  
*Notary of Lancaster County* Edward Blickenderfer a resident of  
Lancaster in the County of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania  
aged 32 years, who, being first duly sworn according to law, doth, on oath, make the following declaration  
in order to obtain a pension under the act of July 14th, 1862. That he is the legally appointed guardian of Emma Alice and John Weidler minor children of Amos and Maria Weidler, who are the brothers and sisters of Benjamin Weidler deceased and who are the only surviving children under sixteen years of age, of Amos and Maria Weidler and Maria Weidler his wife, and sisters brothers of Capt. Weidler who was a Private in company C commanded by Captain ..... in the 79th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, in the war of 1861-62, who died at Murfreesboro Tennessee on the 10th day of July in the year 1863 of Exanthema which he contracted in the service and died there a few days after

That the brother of his said wards upon whom they wholly, or in part, dependent for support, having left no widow, minor child or children, or mother, declarant as guardian, and on behalf of his ward s refers to the accompanying evidence, and such as may be found in the Department to establish their claim under the law above named. He further declares that his wards are not in the receipt of any pension under said act or any other act and has made no application for the same no \$5.250

Also that the parents of his said wards were married at Lancaster County Pennsylvania on the ..... day of ..... A. D. 1838 by one George to the bride .....

a ..... that he believes there is no public record of their marriage, and that there is no private or family record of the marriage

*Handwritten notes:*  
His age is as follows - Milton born Oct 18 1854, Emma a fine true long July 10 1856 and John Weidler born June 13 1859. Mother died March 15 1865 at Lancaster Pa. and father para Weidler, has abandoned the family since 1861, failed to assist in support, and now lives a drunkard in Maryland. The mother filed application no 58-250 July 20 1864. That these minors are legally sold for their support on the death of the mother, and that the mother for herself & the support of 100 of his wages or pay 2 years he, act this day made before the Notary and they are the only surviving children of the deceased and were under 16 years of age at the time of his death

And he hereby constitutes and appoints Benjamin Kaufman of Lancaster Pa his attorney Attorney to prosecute this claim and procure a certificate. and his P.O. address is Lancaster Pa

George Wintery  
Edw Blickenderfer  
Two Witnesses.

Edward Blickenderfer

Sworn to, subscribed and acknowledged before me this 12th day of May A. D. 1891 and I hereby certify that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

W D Stauffer  
Notary

STATE OF ..... } ss.  
County of .....

I ..... Clerk of the ..... Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that ..... Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto set his name, was, at the time of so doing, a .....

in and for said County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine. And do further certify that ..... was duly appointed guardian of .....

by .....  
.....  
and the above evidence is taken from the records of the ..... Court of the County and State aforesaid, and under seal of said Court.

IN TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal, this ..... day of ..... 18.....

State of Pennsylvania  
 Lancaster County:

Personally appeared before me the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, Emanuel Weidler who I certify is a credible person & who being duly affirmed according to Law declares, that he is the eldest child of Amos and Mary Weidler, who were the parents of Benjamin Weidler, dec'd Pur Co, C. 79 Penna Vols. and deponent is now 32 years old. That his sister Elizabeth was born Oct 24<sup>th</sup> 1842, and his brother William was born Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1847 and that these two, with himself, were the only children of the family and only Bros & sisters of Benj<sup>n</sup> Weidler, dec'd, who were living at the time of his death, except Milton, Emma, Eliza & John, who by their Guardian have applied for pension, and the last named four with William who is still living, are the only Bros & sisters who were under 16 years of age at the time of Benjamin's death on July. 3<sup>d</sup> 1863.

That deponent was unable to support or assist in supporting his Mother and the young children, because he was married and had children of his own, and only received a Salary in a Store of \$300 a year. But that he knows personally that his brother Benjamin gave his wages before he enlisted to assist his Mother in supporting the family of small children, and while in the service some

nearly all of his monthly pay to be appropriated for  
her support, which was given to Charles E. Weidler, so  
the father could not get possession of it, who was not  
well doing, and had abandoned the support of the family,  
and absented himself from them; and deponent  
further says that Adam B. Shon was a next  
door neighbor of the family, and almost daily in  
the house and had every opportunity of knowing that  
Benjamin did send the money home from the  
Army for their support. That the mother was in deli-  
cate health, but when able would go out working to assist in  
supporting herself & children, as the father had squandered all  
of her inheritance long before Benjamin enlisted, and from  
her excessive toil and preparing necessities broke down her health  
so rapidly that she died March 15/65, leaving the little one  
totally destitute - having first made application for her pension.  
That prior to Benjamin's enlistment & while he was in the service &  
deponent was a salesman in Chas E. Weidler's Store, and he  
was intimate with and knew all about the Weidler family,  
and their means of support, and deponent has no pecuniary  
interest in this matter whatever.

Affirmed & subscribed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, Emanuel Weidler  
1872. before me -

W. D. Rauffer  
Miner

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County!

Personally appeared before me the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas said County Charles E. Wentz Esq, who I certify is a credible person, who being duly affirmed according to Law says that he has known the family of Amos & Maria Weidler for about twelve years - That the husband & father Amos was a worthless man, drinking to excess, neglecting to support his family of children for years and about 1861 deserted them - That neither Amos or Maria his wife had any kind of property from 1858 to 1865 - That the Mother (Maria Weidler) worked a little to assist in supporting herself and the Son Benjamin Weidler gave her his daily wages for the support of the Mother and his small Bros. & Sisters, until he enlisted in Sept 1861 in Co. C, 79<sup>th</sup> Pa Vols. and while in the service he sent deponent for the support of his Mother about \$150. of his monthly pay to be appropriated for Rent, goods &c. which said fund of \$150 he paid her Rent of house for herself & small children to live in and for the goods she received out of Deponent's Store to clothe them and he has no interest in the mother whatever -

Affirmed & subscribed before me  
this 29 day of August 1871

W. D. Stauffer  
Deputy

Chas E. Wentz

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County

Personally appeared before me Brother  
stay of the Court of Common Pleas of said County David  
Fulton, well known to me as a Credible person who  
being duly affirmed according to law says that he  
was intimately acquainted with the family of  
Amos & Maria Weidler, having been married to Amos  
Weidler's sister, who is ~~now~~ deceased. That he knew  
their son Benjamin & all their children, and knows  
personally that Benjamin was the main support of  
the mother & small children, as the father Amos had  
abandoned the family, and did nothing toward their  
support, and after Benjamin's death the mother  
took deponent "that her main support was gone"  
and that deponent knows the father spent all of the  
mother's patrimony & she had left no resources  
but her own personal labor & she was too delicate  
and sickly to labor, <sup>but</sup> only occasionally - having died  
at the last time in deponent's house on March 15/65,  
and deponent has no interest of any kind in this matter.  
affirmed & subscribed before me

This 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 1872

W. J. Trauffer Deputy

D. Fulton

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County.

Personally appeared before me a Justice of the Peace of said County, George Brown who I certify is a credible person, who being duly affirmed according to law says that he is a brother of the late Maria Weidler who was mother of Benjamin Weidler a deceased soldier as well as mother of Milton, Emma Alice & John, his three sisters and that he was present in Lancaster County in the month of February, 1838, when she was married to Amos Weidler the father of the said children named above by the Rev. John C. Baker, a Lutheran Clergyman who died in Philadelphia some twelve years ago - & that he has no interest in this Affidavit & subscribed before me  
this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of August 1871

George Brown

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER.

ss. 1, the Court of Common Pleas of Lancaster County,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That Geo. Byrod Esq.,  
before whom the foregoing affidavit was made, is now and was at the time the same  
was made a Justice of the Peace in and for  
the County of Lancaster, duly authorized by the laws of the State of  
Pennsylvania to administer oaths and affirmations, and that the foregoing signa-  
ture purporting to be his, I verily believe to be genuine.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
seal of said Court, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October A.  
D. 1871.

W. DeGraffer

Prothonotary.

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County

Personally appeared before me a Justice  
of the Peace of said Lancaster County, D. Carpenter Weidler  
well known to me as a Physician of good standing in his  
profession & worthy of credit, who being duly affirmed  
according to Law says that on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
July A.D. 1856, he delivered Mrs Maria Weidler, wife  
of Amos Weidler & Mother of Benjamin Weidler who was  
in Co. C. 79<sup>th</sup> Regt Penn. Ids of twins female  
children, who were subsequently named Emma and  
Alice Weidler and he has no interest in this matter  
affirmed & subscribed before me  
this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 1871  
N. F. Stauffer J.P.

Carpenter Weidler M.D.

State of Penn<sup>a</sup> Lancaster County

J. Wm D Stauffer, Notary Public of the Court  
of Common Pleas of said County hereby certifies that N. F.  
Stauffer Esq is a Justice of the Peace of said County duly  
commissioned and qualified & that his above signature is genuine  
given under my hand and the seal of said

Court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1871 -

W. D. Stauffer  
Notary



No. 165938

Pennsylvania,

Milton 17 Oct 1870

Emma 9 June 1879

Alice 9 June 1879

John 12 June 1875

Pro<sup>s</sup> & Sisters of

Benjamin Meider

Rank Private

Company G

Regiment 79<sup>th</sup> Pa Vols

Rate per month \$ 8

Commencing 16. Mars 1865

Ending 12. June 1875

Certificate dated Aug 26 1874

and sent Sep 1 1874

Payable at Philadelphia Agency.

Junius B Kaufman Attorney.

Fee \$ 15.

Act 14th July, 1862.

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Lessie Webster Clerk.

PENSION OF MINOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

*Phil*  
165-938  
William Weidler, Emma Weidler, Alice Weidler and John Weidler, brothers and sisters of

Benjamin Weidler  
Rank, Private  
Company, C  
Regiment, 79, Pa. Col.

Residence of guardian: Lancaster County, and State of Pa

Post Office: Lancaster, Lancaster Co., Pa.

Attorney: Junius B. Kaufman, Lancaster - Pa -

Fee: \$ 15.00 of fee contract ~~and~~ instructions by

No contract, and no material evidence, filed since July 8, 1870. } *Chf. Dir.* } *Meinfield*

Rate of pension: \$ 5.00 per month, commencing March 14, 1865, the date of death of the mother of soldier and wards

|                |                                 |       |
|----------------|---------------------------------|-------|
|                | Born, .....                     | 18 .. |
|                | Sixteen, .....                  | 18 .. |
| <i>William</i> | Born, <i>October 14</i> , 1854  |       |
|                | Sixteen, <i>Octob 17</i> , 1870 |       |
| <i>Emma</i>    | Born, <i>June 10</i> , 1856     |       |
|                | Sixteen, <i>June 9</i> , 1872   |       |
| <i>Alice</i>   | Born, <i>June 10</i> , 1856     |       |
|                | Sixteen, <i>June 9</i> , 1872   |       |
| <i>John</i>    | Born, <i>June 13</i> , 1859     |       |
|                | Sixteen, <i>June 12</i> , 1875  |       |

Payable to *Edward Blichensper* Guardian.

Payments on all former certificates covering any portion of the same time to be deducted.

ADMITTED, *August 17*, 1874. *H. B. Lyon* Examiner.

APPROVED, *Aug. 18*, 1874. *W. B. M.* Reviewer.

Chief of Division.

DATES SHOWN BY PAPERS.

|                          |                                      |                              |                           |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Enlistment,              | <i>September 14</i> , 1861.          | Minor's app. filed,          | <i>May 24</i> , 1871      |
| Muster into rank,        | <i>September 24</i> , 1861.          | First guardian appointed,    | <i>May 23</i> , 1871.     |
| Discharge,               | <i>not</i> , 18 ..                   | Claim completed,             | <i>January 12</i> , 1872. |
| Death,                   | <i>July 6</i> , 1863.                | Marriage of parents,         | <i>February</i> , 1838.   |
| Invalid app. filed,      | <i>none</i> , 18 ..                  | Death of father, a drunkard, | 18 ..                     |
| Invalid pension paid to  | <i>none</i> , 18 ..                  | Death of mother,             | <i>March 15</i> , 1865.   |
| Father or mother paid to | <i>to be</i> <i>March 15</i> , 1865. |                              |                           |

CAUSE OF DEATH, *Dysentery*. PLACE OF DEATH, *Memphis, Tenn.*

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

No duplicate. The testimony of several witnesses show  
the the father of soldier and of wars is a common drunkard and  
abandoned his family in 1860 or 1861 since which time he has not lived  
with them or contributed anything to their support.  
The Mother's claim is admitted connection with the case.

ALLEGATIONS OF GUARDIAN.

Other brothers or sisters of soldier, Two witnesses testify no other minors under 16, at de  
Loyalty of guardian and wards, <sup>of soldier's death</sup> shown

SUMMARY OF PROOF.

Letters of GUARDIANSHIP on file.

CELIBACY OF SOLDIER.

Shown by the testimony of two witnesses.

MARRIAGE OF PARENTS.

The marriage of Amos Weidler to Maria Brown, Feb. 1838  
is shown by the testimony of witness present, and of two witnesses who  
have known them to live together as man and wife from 1838 to 1861.

DEATH OF PARENTS.

Two witnesses testify that Maria Weidler died March 15, 1865.  
Testimony also <sup>shows</sup> that the father is a worthless drunkard and never was dependent  
upon the soldier for his maintenance, but abandoned his family in 1860 or 1861.

DATES OF BIRTH OF WARDS.

Testimony of persons present.

DATES OF DEATH OF WARDS.

None shown.

DEPENDENCE AND SUPPORT.

Emmanuel Weidler and Charles E. Wentz testify that  
the soldier's father was a worthless drunkard, that he or his  
wife had no property since prior to 1861, that he abandoned his  
family in 1860 and that Maria Weidler, the mother of the wars  
and of the soldier was dependent upon him for their support.  
That prior to emigrating he gave his mother the proceeds of his  
labor for the support of her and her family consisting of the  
brothers and sisters of the soldier namely Milton, Emma,  
Alvin and ...

PENSION OF MINOR BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

*Phel*  
Milton Weidler, Emma Weidler, Alice Weidler and  
John Weidler, brothers and sisters of

*165.938*  
Benjamin Weidler  
Rank, Private  
Company, C  
Regiment, 79, Pa. Vols.

Residence of guardian: Lancaster County, and State of Pa

Post Office: Lancaster Lancaster Co Pa

that Benjamin was the main support of his mother and his  
youngest children. That Emma Weidler, father of the soldier, had  
spent all of his wife's patrimony, had abandoned his family  
and nothing to support the family.  
of the mother of the soldier, and that the father die  
different times, and was the father's money, for the  
bringing packages and letters with money in them to  
mother of the soldier, and knew of the father and mother  
Adam & Sarah, testified that he had next door to the  
to the son's enlistment.  
die nothing for their support, but abandoned them for  
the father and sister, which was in the army, that John  
knew much of his boy for the support of his mother &  
1848, nor had the children any, that Benjamin and  
that mother of the father had any money or property of his  
until she died, they being dependent upon her for their support.  
Milton, Emma, Alice and John Weidler lived with their mother  
until they were well acquainted with the claimants, and that  
Emma, Milton and John, which was in the  
mother had gone from die store which her son was in the  
mother's father to his mother, and that Sarah Weidler had  
also, that the father was a clerk in the store of Charles E.  
paying rent and furnishing the family with their living.  
the father's mother and her children, which was used in  
about one hundred and eighty dollars, for the support of  
one of applicants that his father could not get it to be paid  
Alice and John, that while in the Army he went on

**Elizabeth Meredith**

1720 South Gessner Road Houston, Texas 77063

January 15, 1991

Stones River National Battlefield  
Rt. 10, Box 495, Old Nashville Highway  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

Dear Sirs:

Several years ago when I visited the grave of Benjamin Weidler in the Stones River National Cemetery you informed me that you were collecting information on the servicemen who are buried there.

The enclosed account dealing with Benjamin Weidler was extracted from a genealogy I compiled on the Weidler family. The book is copyrighted, however, if the biographical material is of interest to you, I give you permission to use "A Family in Crisis," all or in part, in conjunction with your collection providing it is not reproduced for sale, for profit or for any other commercial use.

Also enclosed are some copies of extracts from Benjamin Weidler's Civil War Pension File. They do not represent the complete file.

I hope you find this material a useful addition to your collection.

Yours truly,

*Elizabeth Meredith*

Elizabeth Meredith  
(Mrs. Sam L. Meredith)

Received

JAN 22 1991

STONE RIVER  
NATIONAL  
BATTLEFIELD

Sup. *11/23*  
 Historian *REPLY DUE: 1/30*  
 Ranger/In \_\_\_\_\_  
 Admin \_\_\_\_\_  
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## A FAMILY IN CRISIS

By Elizabeth V. Meredith

Through the following account we are given one of those rare opportunities to experience a true-life drama which took place more than one hundred years ago recounted in large part in the words of the participants themselves.

The family involved was that of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, residents Amos and Maria (Brown) Weidler. Amos was born 20 June 1819 and died 5 January 1880;<sup>1</sup> Maria was born 26 February 1820 and died 15 March 1865.<sup>2</sup> Amos was the son of William Weidler and Maria "Polly" Von Kennen.<sup>3</sup> Maria's parents were John Brown and Maria Frick.<sup>4</sup> Amos and Maria were married at the First Reformed Church of Lancaster on 22 Mar 1838.<sup>5</sup> They had the following children of whom all but Salinda, Margaret and David are proven by records in the Civil War Pension file of Benjamin Weidler.<sup>6</sup>

- 1 Emanuel Weidler: born 19 February 1839;<sup>7</sup> married 11 April 1861, Mary Blickenderfer;<sup>8</sup> died 15 June 1922.<sup>9</sup>
- 2 Salinda or Celinda Weidler: born 30 September 1840; died 10 April 1842.<sup>10</sup>
- 3 Ann Elizabeth Weidler: born 24 October 1842;<sup>11</sup> married 13 September 1860, John Eshelman;<sup>12</sup> died 22 July 1883.<sup>13</sup>
- \*4 Benjamin Weidler: born about 1845; unmarried; died 6 July 1863.<sup>14</sup>
- 5 William Weidler: born 8 October 1847;<sup>15</sup> unmarried; died 30 November 1903.<sup>16</sup>
- 6 Margaret Weidler: born 1 October 1850; died 11 July 1853.<sup>17</sup>
- 7 Milton Weidler: born 18 October 1854;<sup>18</sup> married Ella (-----).<sup>19</sup>
- 8 Emma F. Weidler (twin): born 10 July 1856;<sup>20</sup> unmarried; died 12 September 1903.<sup>21</sup>
- 9 Alice Weidler (twin): born 10 July 1856;<sup>22</sup> married 1 July 1885, Frederick Lutz;<sup>23</sup> died 28 January 1920.<sup>24</sup>
- 10 John V. Weidler: born 13 June 1859;<sup>25</sup> married Lula M. (-----);<sup>26</sup> died 30 Apr 1918.<sup>27</sup>
- 11 David Weidler: born 13 Jul 1863; died 18 Mar 1864.<sup>28</sup>

In April of 1839 Maria (Brown) Weidler received an inheritance of approximately thirteen hundred dollars from the estates of her deceased father and brother.<sup>29</sup> On the Lancaster County Tax Lists of 1842 and 1843 Amos Weidler is listed variously as a tailor with a tavern stand and as an innkeeper.<sup>30</sup> In April of 1858 Amos purchased a tavern house situated east of Lancaster at or near the intersection of the New Holland Pike and the Lititz Road (near the present town of Leola in Upper Leacock Township).<sup>31</sup>

Whether Amos's drinking problem stemmed from his occupation as a tavern keeper, or whether his vocational choice was a natural extension of his inclination to drink is not known. That he did have a drinking problem, and its sad repercussions on those around him is revealed in the ensuing account which was extracted from the application papers for a pension based on the Civil War service of his deceased son, Benjamin Weidler.

\*Buried Stones River National Battlefield Cemetery

Benjamin Weidler, aged eighteen, entered the service very early in the conflict on 18 September 1861. He was a member of Company C of the Seventy-ninth Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers, and with others drawn from the Lancaster area was stationed in Tennessee at Murfreesboro.

The following letters from Benjamin to his older brother, Emanuel Weidler, home in Lancaster are part of an on-going correspondence between the two. The first letter is self-explanatory, telling of the camp scene and containing a reference to money sent home in the letter and money sent previously in the care of someone named Holday.

Murfreesboro Tennessee  
March 24th 1863

Dear Brother

i have not received a letter from you since Holday left here for Lancaster so i thout i must rite to you again to let you know that i am well at present and hoping this letter may find you the same[.] We are still encampt neare the above place and not much sings of a move here soon yet[.] we moved our camp about a week ago and we have a very fine camp now but it took a heep of work[.] there was one of our Brigades out on a scout a few days ago and they met with old Morgan about twelve miles from camp and they skirmished with him narely the hole day[.] about two oclock in the day we got orders to reinforce them[.] we took up our march at three o'clock but when we reached the place it was dark and the rebbles had fell back[.] they camp about 2 miles from us that knight but they took up their line of march in the morning betwene three and four oclock and when our cavelry advanced at day light they where not there and then about twelve o clock we took up our line of march for camp again. i suppose you received the twenty dollars wich i sent with Holday and i now place five dollars in this letter wich i want you to hand to mother and let her make use of it the best way she can[.] i must [bring] my letter to a close[.] my respects to you and all.

BW

Address to  
Merfeesboro  
Tennessee

Prior to the next letter, obviously Emanuel had written to say that their father and mother were no longer living together. It is apparent by Benjamin's reply that he cared deeply about his mother and her well-being and was also concerned about his younger brother, William. Emanuel clerked in a store owned by Charles E. Wentz where it seems he had obtained a position for William. The "Eshelman and his wife" mentioned in the postscript were Benjamin and Emanuel's sister, Ann Elizabeth, and her husband, John Eshelman.

Merfreesborow Tennessee  
May the 21 1863

Dear Brother

i received your letter to day and i was very glad to heare that you are well and all the rest of the family but i did not like to heare that mother and the old man had parted but maby it is just as good[.] i am glad that she has got a house in Lancaster with you and also that you got a good place for Brother William, with you at the store[.] i was also pleased that you received the money all[.] now when you get this letter and if mother stands in need of any money before i can send any you will get some from John Musser for her --and if not i will draw two month pay shortly and then i will send her fifteen or twenty if i can spare it. i do not want for mother to suffer as long as i can do any thing. if i may ever live to get home i shall put my shoulder to the wheele[.] i think she can get along just as good without the old Devil as with him. i want you to let me know what he is doing and how he is making a living. i suppose mother is mighty poor tho well[.] i will do all in my power for my poor mother. Yesterday we got orders to be ready with five days rations[.] from all accounts the enemy where going to attack but if ever they attacked us here they will meet with a warm reception. so i have no further particulars[.] i will close my letter[.] i am well at present hoping to heare from you soon again[.] you stated in your letter that you rote two letters for the last three weeks but i did not receive any. i sent a paper to you Nashville Weekly[.] no more at present[.] Brother when you get this letter tend to the above[.]

i remain your affectionate  
Brother Benj

But the unfortunate soldier did not live to return home and put his shoulder to the wheel in his mother's behalf. On 2 July 1863 he was admitted to the General Field Hospital in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where on 6 July 1863 he died from the complications of typhoid fever. He was buried in the cemetery adjacent to the Stones River National Battlefield north of Murfreesboro.

On 22 September 1864 the Assistant Adjutant General and Commissioner of Pensions acknowledged the receipt of Maria Weidler's application for a pension for the support of her four minor children, siblings of the deceased soldier, Benjamin Weidler, who had prior to his death been their principal source of income. The application was rejected on the grounds that the children were not orphans. The following March (1865) Maria Weidler died, according to the deposition of her brother-in-law, David Fulton, over the washtub in his home.

After his mother's death, Emanuel Weidler made further applications for a pension for his minor brothers and sisters based on Benjamin's maintenance of them during his enlistment. These were rejected because the children's father was still living. Although their father, Amos Weidler, did not die until 5 January 1880, on 4 June 1870, the children, Milton, Emma, Alice and John, were declared wards of the court and Edward Blickenderfer was appointed their guardian.



Following are two of the many depositions taken in an effort to influence the pension board in favor of the Weidlers' requests:

State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County:

No. 196.477

Personally appeared before me the Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of said County Charles E. Wentz Esq. who I certify is a credible person, who being duly affirmed according to law says that he has known the family of Amos and Maria Weidler for about twelve years -- That the husband and father Amos was a worthless man, drinking to excess, neglecting to support his family of children for years and about 1861 deserted them -- That neither Amos or Maria his wife had any kind of property from 1858 to 1865 -- That the mother (Maria Weidler) washed a little to assist in supporting herself and the son Benjamin Weidler gave her his daily wages for the support of his mother and his small bros. & sisters, until he enlisted in Sept 1861 in Co. C, 79th Pa Vols. and while in the service he sent deponent for the support of his mother about \$180 of his monthly pay to be appropriated for rent, goods etc -- which said fund of \$180 he paid her rent of house for herself & small children to live in and also the goods she received out of Department Store to clothe them -- and he has no interest in this matter whatever.

Affirmed & subscribed before me  
this 29 day of August 1871

Chas. E. Wentz  
W. D. Stauffer  
Prothy

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State of Pennsylvania  
Lancaster County:

[No. 196.477]

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Affirmed & subscribed before me  
this 10th day of January 1872

D. Fulton  
W. D. Stauffer  
Prothy

Even when the fact that they were calculated to evoke sympathy in favor of the applicants is taken into consideration, these statements still present a heart-rending picture of a family in crisis.

It is now revealed that Maria and the children had been deserted by Amos Weidler and that his whereabouts were unknown; that Benjamin's death left Maria without means; and that frail and ill as she was, she was forced to work as a washerwoman to feed her children which exertion may have contributed to her premature death. Only the hardest heart would not have had empathy for this tragic heroine, Maria (Brown) Weidler, beset by so many misfortunes, the greatest of which must have been the loss of her son, Benjamin.

But the Board of Pensions was accustomed to hard luck stories, and continued its rejections through 1 June 1874. Finally on 26 August 1874, for some unexplained reason the board elected to grant a pension of eight dollars per month retroactive to the date of Maria's death in March of 1865, and terminating on 12 June 1875 when John, the youngest child, would arrive at the age of sixteen.<sup>32</sup>

After the loss of Benjamin, Maria (Brown) Weidler was to be tried several times again. According to information gleaned from a tombstone in the cemetery of Salem (Hellers') United Church of Christ near Leola, Maria gave birth to a son, David, on 13 July 1863, just one week after Benjamin's death; a son conceived shortly before Amos deserted the family. The stone tells us on 18 March 1864 this child also was taken from Maria.

Again Maria was put to the test on the occasion of the enlistment of a second son, William, in the service of the Union. Imagine Maria's anguish when William went off to join the cause. Luckily he got no further than Philadelphia which presented no real threat to his person.

Despite his physical immaturity, on 5 September 1864 in his eighteenth year, William Weidler enlisted for a term of one year in Company K, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Volunteers. He was described as being five feet, four inches tall, weighing one hundred seven pounds, of ruddy complexion, having dark hair and blue eyes. Scarcely six weeks later on 10 October, he received a disability discharge on the grounds that he was unfit for service because of his small size and general physical underdevelopment. Picture this callow youth, far yet from the man, presenting himself at the sacrificial altar of the military, motivated no doubt by the desire to avenge his brother's death.

Following his discharge his name apparently went into a pool of unassigned soldiers, and according to William's account, eventually he was stationed at the United States General Hospital at Broad and Cherry Streets in Philadelphia where he served until 31 May 1865.

In 1891 William Weidler initiated the first of a number of applications for a pension based upon his claim that he suffered from several afflictions which prevented him from earning a living. That he was in poor health was undeniable, but the government consistently rejected his application, as the authorities were never able to document William's Philadelphia hospital service. Finally his persistence was rewarded and on 9 August 1897 he received his first pension check for the munificent sum of six dollars. Government records indicate his checks were discontinued in November, 1903, because of death.<sup>33</sup>

## NOTES AND REFERENCES:

All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

1. Records of Rev. Samuel Trumbauer, 1817-1860, p. 10, located at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Leacock. Although housed at this location, included are recordings by Rev. Trumbauer when he served the combined Lutheran and Reformed Congregation at Hellers' German Reformed Church (now Salem United Church of Christ), Leola. Both Zion and Salem Churches are located in Upper Leacock Township, Lancaster County. These extractions were copied from the originals in October, 1980, and October, 1981, by this author [hereinafter noted as records of Rev. Samuel Trumbauer]; also Tombstone inscriptions from the cemetery of Salem (Hellers') United Church of Christ, read by the author in October, 1980 [hereinafter Tombstone inscriptions, Salem UCC Cemetery].

2. Tombstone inscriptions Salem UCC Cemetery.

3. Records of Rev. Samuel Trumbauer, p. 10; Lancaster County Deeds, Book W, Vol. 5, pp. 329-332, Archives Division, Lancaster County Courthouse, Lancaster [hereinafter records in this repository will be cited as bk:vol:pp; all Lancaster County civil records can be found at this location unless otherwise noted].

4. *Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Holy Trinity of Lancaster, Pennsylvania (Known as Trinity Lutheran Church, Lancaster), Church Records*, 6 vols., (unpublished, bound photocopies of the original parish records), 4:2:357, Lancaster County Historical Society, [hereinafter LCHS]; Lancaster County Deeds, N:6:434.

5. M. Bruner, translator and transcriber, *Records of the First Reformed Church of Lancaster, 1771-1908*, Microfilm No. 88:22, Philip Schaff Library of the Evangelical and Reformed Historical Society, Lancaster.

6. Civil War (Union) Pension File, WC165-938, Benjamin Weidler, Military Service Branch (NNMS), National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C., [hereinafter NARS].

7. Tombstone inscriptions from Aulenbach Cemetery, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania, read by the author in October, 1988.

8. "Marriage announcement of Emanuel Weidler," *Lancaster Intelligencer* 16 April 1861, page 3, col. 3, Newspapers on microfilm, State Library of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg.

9. Tombstone inscriptions, Aulenbach Cemetery.

10. Records of Rev. Samuel Trumbauer, p. 153.

11. Tombstone inscriptions, Salem UCC Cemetery.

12. *Marriage Records of Rev. Daniel Hertz, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1828-1868*, Microfilm No. 441384, Item 1, p. 20, Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City.

13. Tombstone inscriptions, Salem UCC Cemetery.

14. See note 6 above.

15. Tombstone inscriptions, Salem UCC Cemetery.

16. Civil War (Union) Pension File, SC973-532, William Weidler, Military Service Branch (NNMS), NARS.

17. Records of Rev. Samuel Trumbauer, 158.

18. See note 6 above.

19. "Obituary of Blanche E. Weidler, daughter of Milton B. and Ella Weidler," *New Era-Lancaster* 13 February 1885, page 7, col. 5.
20. See note 6 above.
21. Lancaster Count Death Affidavits, F:1:673.
22. See note 6 above.
23. *Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Lancaster, Pennsylvania*, 4 vols., (typescript, n.d.), 1:122, LCHS.
24. *Ibid.*, 3:241.
25. See note 6 above.
26. Tombstone inscriptions, Salem UCC Cemetery [tombstone is adjacent to that of John V. Weidler and is inscribed "Lula M., wife of John V. Weidler"].
27. Tombstone inscriptions, Salem UCC Cemetery.
28. *Ibid.*
29. Lancaster County Deeds, N:6:434.
30. Tax Lists, Leacock Township, Lancaster County, 1842 and 1843, Microfilm No. 39, unpagged, LCHS .
31. Lancaster County Deeds, U:8:47.
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33. Civil War (Union) Pension File, SC973-532, William Weidler.

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