

How old is John Long?
Do you have any info about
their background - anything
at all - Also, anything about
Cpt Kinman would be
appreciated

Although they are not
my ancestors I have become
very interested in their
past.

Thanks again,

Mary Johnson
5988 W. Woodcrest
New Palestine In 46163

3-21-89

Mr. Magee

Thank you very much for
your prompt response. I was
very excited to receive the info.
Enclosed is a copy of the
letter to Mrs Claffey from
Cpt Kinman - Since I received
your letter it appears Mrs
Claffey had inquired about
her brother John Long's burial
site & Cpt Claffey wrote her
after he had resigned.

also, I have enclosed a
copy of a letter Cpt Kinman
wrote to Mrs Claffey on
5-13-1863 telling her
(Wm Claffey) husband died
on 4-30-1863. John Long
died on 5-22-1863.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Stones River National Battlefield
Rt. 10, Box 495
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37130

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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March 17, 1989

Mrs. Mary Johnson
5980 W. Woodcrest
New Palestine, Indiana 46163

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

In regard to your inquiry, only one of the three soldiers you listed is buried here. Private John Long, Company I, 115th Illinois Infantry died on 5-22-1863 in Franklin according to our records, and is buried here in grave #H-3168. If you have a letter from Private Long, and he refers to Stones River or Murfreesboro, we would appreciate a copy for our park archives.

In addition, the Illinois records show only that Captain Cyrus L. Kinman, Company I, 115th Illinois Infnatry, resigned on 10-19-1863.

I was unable to find any record of a William Claffey in the 115th Illinois Infantry, and he is not listed as being buried here in our cemetery records.

I hope that this information is of some help to you and enclosed is a park brochure.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Magee

Donald E. Magee
Superintendent

Enclosure

Received

MAR 27 1989

STONE RIVER
NATIONAL
BATTLEFIELD

Superintendent *On 3/27*
* ~~Historian~~
~~Registrar~~
~~Admin~~
~~Range/Wild~~
~~Maint~~
~~Exp & Ma~~
~~Lib~~



Mrs. Catherine Claffay
Jacksonville
Illinois

Jacksonville Illinois
May 26th 1864

Mrs Catharine Claffey

Mscland
Yours of the 21st is at
hand and it is with pleasure
that I shall attempt to oblige you
as far as it is in my power.
Your brother John Long, died
in hospital, and whether he had
money I can't tell but I do know
that we were paid a short time
before. When they die in hospital
the Surgeon takes charge of their
effects and makes return to the
Department at Washington.
I went to see him several times but
he was not in his right mind so I
could not talk to him at all. I think
when you get his back pay you will

get all other arrears that are due,
in the battle before I came away I lost
all company books as well as private
papers and it is very difficult
for me to give any information
at all in reference to my Company only
from memory. They were buried at
Franklin Tenn and the only chance
I see of finding the number of their
graves is to write to the Sexton
of the cemetery at Franklin Tenn
give full name and company (P) and
Regt (115th Ills Vol Inf)

if my papers had not been burned
I could have given the numbers
for I had them in a book

it may be that John sent his money
home for we sent some just before
he died if I remember right.

any information I can give I will
give with pleasure for they were
good soldiers (William & John)
and I missed them very much

Please write for any information
you wish for and I will
furnish it if I can possibly do
so.

Yours Very Respectfully

C. S. Skimmer
Jacksonville
Illinois

Hercules Genl. Tenn May 13th 63
Co. B. 115th Regt. Ill. Vols.

Mrs Claffey

It is my painful duty to write
you a few lines concerning your deceased Husband
He had lived at our House and I had become well
acquainted with him and he seemed nearly as a Brother
to me. He volunteered with me to go into the
field to help sustain our common Country & stay
He has been with me all the time and nobly did
he his duties as a Soldier. He was ever ready, and
was one of the best Soldiers in the Company, but
also disease chose our dear Friend & Brother in arms as
its victim. He died on the 30th of April 1863, and
with sorrowing hearts we buried him in the Cemetery
with Military honors. I know where he is buried
for I took particular pains to take the no of lot and grave
if you ever desire to have him removed (which I would
advise you as a Friend not to do) I can furnish you with
all the desired information. William's things I sent
home to you by express to day. He had \$21.75⁰⁰ which
my Brother will pay to you if he has not already

Did it. I sent all of his things but his over
Coat which I could not get into the Box. I
could have procured a larger Box but the express
charges would have amounted to more than
Coat was worth. I will try and sell it for
all I can and send you the money. I asked
Your Brother John about Your Picture and
he told me to send it home to you so I sent
it in the Box. Poor Will the Company seems
to resume now since he has left us but I hope
he is enjoying the realities of a better world.

Mr Grady received a letter
from Your friend Ellie - As long as Your
Brother John, I will take it over to him tomorrow
he is Sick but is getting better now. It is a very
hard matter to get a furlough for anyone to
go home but I will do all I can to get him
home. I would advise you not to send for the body
of Your Husband as it is almost impossible to
get here as they are very strict. and I think it
would be impossible to remove him at present.

I feel sorry for the Brave Soldiers that are
sick far away from home and friends
Oh I will be glad when they all get home
to their friends.

Please accept my heartfelt Sympathy for
Your great loss.

Your Friend Truly,

Cyrus S. Hinman Capt
Co G 115 Regt Ills Inf
Franklin Tenn

P.S.

Please write when You receive the Box
and tell me if every thing was in it also
tell me if My Brother has paid you the
money \$21.⁰⁰ 75. I will write again and
tell You how to proceed in Reference to his
Pay Pension &c
C. S. H.

Mrs Catherine Claffey
Jacksonville Illinois