SAMUEL WILSON NESTER

Company “C” 11th West Virginia Infantry

Died 20 July 1864 of wounds received at Lynchburg, Virginia 18 June 1864.

Image provided by Richard Nester, Gr-Gr-Grandson.

Samuel Wilson Nester, born 2 April 1823 in Randolph County (W) Virginia (now Barbour County), was the son of Daniel Nester (1797-1882) and Marian Anna Wilson (1802-1838). Samuel’s paternal grandfather was Jacob Nester (1761-1844), and his paternal grandmother was Maria Magdalena Durr (1765-1826).

Samuel married Elizabeth Smith, the daughter of Henry T. and Nancy Ann Smith, on 23 Oct 1845 in Barbour County. She was born 12 April 1825 in (now) Barbour County. Their children were: Hiram, Almeda, Lee Grant, Daniel Henry, Margaret, Mary C., Alpheus Michael, Lee Eunice, Elizabeth Jane, Canzada Anna, and Samuel Diaz.

Elizabeth Smith Nester died 3 Dec 1899 in Calhoun County, West Virginia and is buried there at Mt. Zion Cemetery.
I certify, on honor, that Samuel W. Nutter, a private of Captain J. Fleischer Company (12) of the 112th Regiment of West Virginia Volunteers, of the State of West Virginia, born in Randolph, State of Virginia, aged 23 years; 5'6" feet, 145 inches high; dark complexion, brown eyes, black hair, and by occupation a farmer, having joined the company on its original organization at Newville, Va., and enrolled in it at the muster into the service of the United States at Elizabethtown, Ky., on the 19th day of December, 1861, or was mustered into service as a recruit, by , on the day of , 186 , or was drafted and mustered into the service of the United States from the Enrollment District of the State of , at on the day of , 186, to serve in the Regiment, for the term of three years; and having served honestly and faithfully with his Company in the Regiment, where he served to the present date, is now entitled to a discharge by reason of his death caused by wounds received in action June 13th, 1864, died July 20th, 1864.

The said Samuel W. Nutter was last paid by Paymaster Maj. Beazell to the 31st day of December, 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, drafted men, or militia, so discharged. He has received from the United States clothing amounting to $187.50 dollars, since the 31st day of December, 1863, when his clothing account was last settled. He has received from the United States $ dollars advanced bounty.

There is to be stopped from him, on account of the State of , or other authorities, for clothing, &c., received on entering service, $ dollars; and for other stoppages, viz: $ dollars.

He has been furnished with transportation in kind from the place of his discharge to ; and he has been subsisted for traveling to his place of enrollment, up to the , 1865.

He is indebted to sutler, $ dollars.

He is indebted to laundress, $ dollars.

Given in duplicate, at Camp in the field, this 20th day of July, 1864.

Jacob Fleischer Capt.

[Seal and official mark]
According to descendant, Richard Nester: “The "legend" in the family is that Samuel Dias Nester, who was born on April 10, 1864, was born while Samuel W. was in the field and he had never seen his youngest son. As the story goes, while in Gallipolis, Samuel W. left the hospital to go visit his family and meet his son. His gunshot would become infected due to contamination while crossing the Ohio River, and he was returned to the Army Hospital where gangrene set in and took his life. I am unable to verify this with any definitive reports, but it is the story that has been passed down through the generations.”
Samuel & Elizabeth Nester. - Image provided by Richard Nester.

Grave of Elizabeth Smith Nester, Mt. Zion Cemetery, Calhoun County, West Virginia

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