



Pvt. Wait Wright's Service Record



Born in September of 1823, we are unsure of the exact date

On August 22, 1862, at the age of 40 and a resident of Brookfield, MI (Eaton County), he enlisted as a Private in Company G, 17th Regiment, Michigan Infantry. At the time of his enlistment, he had a wife and six children.

The Seventeenth Infantry was sent to Washington D.C. and assigned to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division of the 9th Corp, and dispatched into the Maryland Campaign under the command of General George McClellan

He was involved in the following battles:

- South Mountain, MD, September 14th, 1862
 - Antietam, MD, September 17th, 1862
- Fredericksburg, VA., December 12th, 13th, & 14th, 1862
 - Vicksburg, MS, June 22nd - July 4th, 1863
 - Jackson, MS. July 11th – 18th, 1863:
 - Blue Spring, TN, October 10th, 1863:
 - Loudon, TN, November 14th, 1863:
- Lenoir Station, TN, November 15th, 1863

Wait was captured at Campbell Station on November 16th, 1863 and was imprisoned in the prison at Belle Isle, VA. He was paroled on March 15th, 1864 and hospitalized at Annapolis, MD. on March 19th, 1864. He was hospitalized at least twice after that and discharged on June 9th, 1865 with the rank of Private.

According to his pension file, he suffered from chronic diarrhea from "the indigestible food, such as corn bread a portion of it cob" that he had at the prison. He also had rheumatism for the rest of his life

Pvt. Wright died on December 9, 1897