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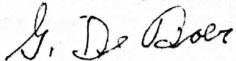
Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a photo of a Civil War soldier:

Private David Benedict, of Captain J. J. Nelson's Company, H of the 154th New York Regiment of the United States Volunteers.

In the enclosed Certificate of Disability for Discharge, he says he is forty-two. However, written family tradition says he was 58. He wished to be in the service so he said he was much younger than he actually was. I note that in ensuing Federal Census he caught up with his true age. It is not necessary that the enclosed Certificate be returned to me. Other items in the enclosed certificate appear to be true except that he and his twin brother were born in Canada, not Hampton County, New York. David's wife was born in Hampton Co., New York. I find he "stretched" a few points! My great great grandfather.

Sincerely,



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P.S. His wife was Lucy Ann (Collins) Benedict.

David was born in 1805 according to family Bible records, March 6.