

Re: The hard tack regiment

Calvin Crawford was born June 10th, 1821, Sandy Hill, Washington County New York. He married Joan Hopkins - they lived at Ft. Edward, Washington County New York. (near Vermont border) Two children were born to this union - a daughter 1845 and a son Joseph 1851 (*1.) 1850 census shows them living in Argyle Township. Calvin listed as laborer. Joan died in February 1852. He married Caroline Steiner in September 1853 at Cayuga County N.Y. In 1862 the family was living on a farm about four miles from Olean, Cattaraugus Co. New York. Calvin was a Farmer and a Carpenter by trade. At the age of 42 he enlisted in the Union Army joining July 1862 in Co C 154th Reg't N.Y. Vol. Inf.

Prisoner of War records show him captured at Gettysburg, July 1, 1863 - the first day of that battle. Confined at Richmond (*2) not known if then confined at Libby or Andersonville (*3) Admitted to Hosp 21 Richmond, Va. Nov 26, 1863. Rheumatism: returned to prison Dec. 26, 1863. Paroled at Savannah, Ga. Nov 21 1864 He was treated several times for chronic Rheumatism before he was honorably discharged, May 1865.

After his return home which was then Waterloo New York where his wife and family had moved to be with family during his time in the War. When he had joined his Reg't his family was wife Caroline and son Joseph and also four children born to this union as well as another "on it's way". Joseph a lad of 12 being the oldest and a 2 yr. old as youngest.

A short time after his return from the War he moved his family west and lived in Illinois. His address was Kankee City - now Kankakee. He was a rancher and in 1869 (*4) March 27 drowned while taking his cattle to Market-

The river was in flood stage being spring run off. He drowned in the area where the Kankakee and Iroquis meet in Chebanse, Iroquis Co. Ill. There is no Public Record of his death. There was no undertaker there and a carpenter made a coffin and after his body was retrieved from the water he was buried on what was then Sugar Island His manner of death was sworn to by three witnesses.

* 1 Great-Grandfather

* 2 Name not listed in P.O.W Andersonville

* 3 Dates not confirmed this date

* 4 One record sates 1868

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