

2 May 2000

Mark,

Here are the papers I promised you.

First, is a replacement for his discharge papers, with some notes about his war record. I assume the source for this would be Asa even though it is initialed H.D. It gives a parole date about Aug 2. But it also gives about the third date (and the earliest) for the date he was wounded, so I don't know that it is any more accurate than any other source.

Second, is a summary Asa prepared in 1914 (50th anniversary of the war) for his family.

Third, is a copy of pamphlet sent to Asa in 1905, (from Brad Rowland?). I've included the cover note. But the pamphlet is dated Sep 28, 1863 and sounds like it contemporary with the war. It mentions 800 prisoners being paroled on 20th of Sept. which seems more consistent with the dates you've indicated. Are these large parole releases usual? And would they be documented in Official Records? (and where?) I am wondering if Asa was likely released in this group, or in an earlier group.

I've also included an enlarged copy of the tintype (it is more like 3"x2"). It was in the box with Asa's papers, but if the clothes date to the 1880's then it is likely one of Asa's sons (Nelson?).

I have the watch fob^{*} with the other things and plan to bring then Randolph in July, so Mike can photograph them.

And I will also send copies of these papers to Robert Norton.

See you in July,

Sincerely,



David B. Snyder

** watch fob made from
bullet that wounded
Wing during Atlanta
Campaign.*