

Using Military Records to assist in Genealogy Research

Ross H. Schwalm

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 - History
 - Education

**Our Ancestors were a Colonial Grievance
against King George III listed in
The Declaration of Independence**

Topics for Knowledge Enhancement

1. Veterans in your Attic or Basement
2. Genealogy Hints in Military Records of Ross H. Schwalm
DD214 - Next of Kin, Home of Record, Service Dates, Combat Time, Military Awards
Initial Enlistment Contracts - Parents Identified and Birthplace, place of entry
3. Modern Service Records - Military Service Component & State National Guard
4. WW II Military Pension Act of 1950 - Ancestry
5. Older Service Records - National Personnel Records Center
6. Draft Registration Cards - Fold3
7. Civil War Records - NARA Washington DC and PA State Archives
8. War of 1812 - State Militia Records
9. American Revolution - State and Library of Congress Records, American Philosophical Society (David Library of the American Revolution Collection)
10. Q& A

Veterans in your Attic or Basement

- What do you already know? Who in your family do you know that served?
- "Yet today I consider myself the luckiest man on the face of the Earth" – 3 of my GGF trees had been published.
- Get Organized – File box with a folder for each person in your family tree. Store your “finds” in these folders.
- Pick a Family Tree “tool” to make your lineage for your purpose,

Do You Know Who You Come From? What role did they play in history?

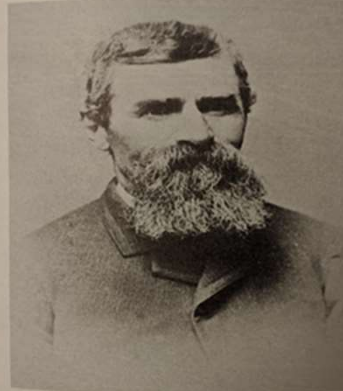
Johannes



Frederick



Peter



PETER SCHWALM

John



Ross A. Thompson

Schwalm Common Thread: Service to Country & Community



Ross



Ben

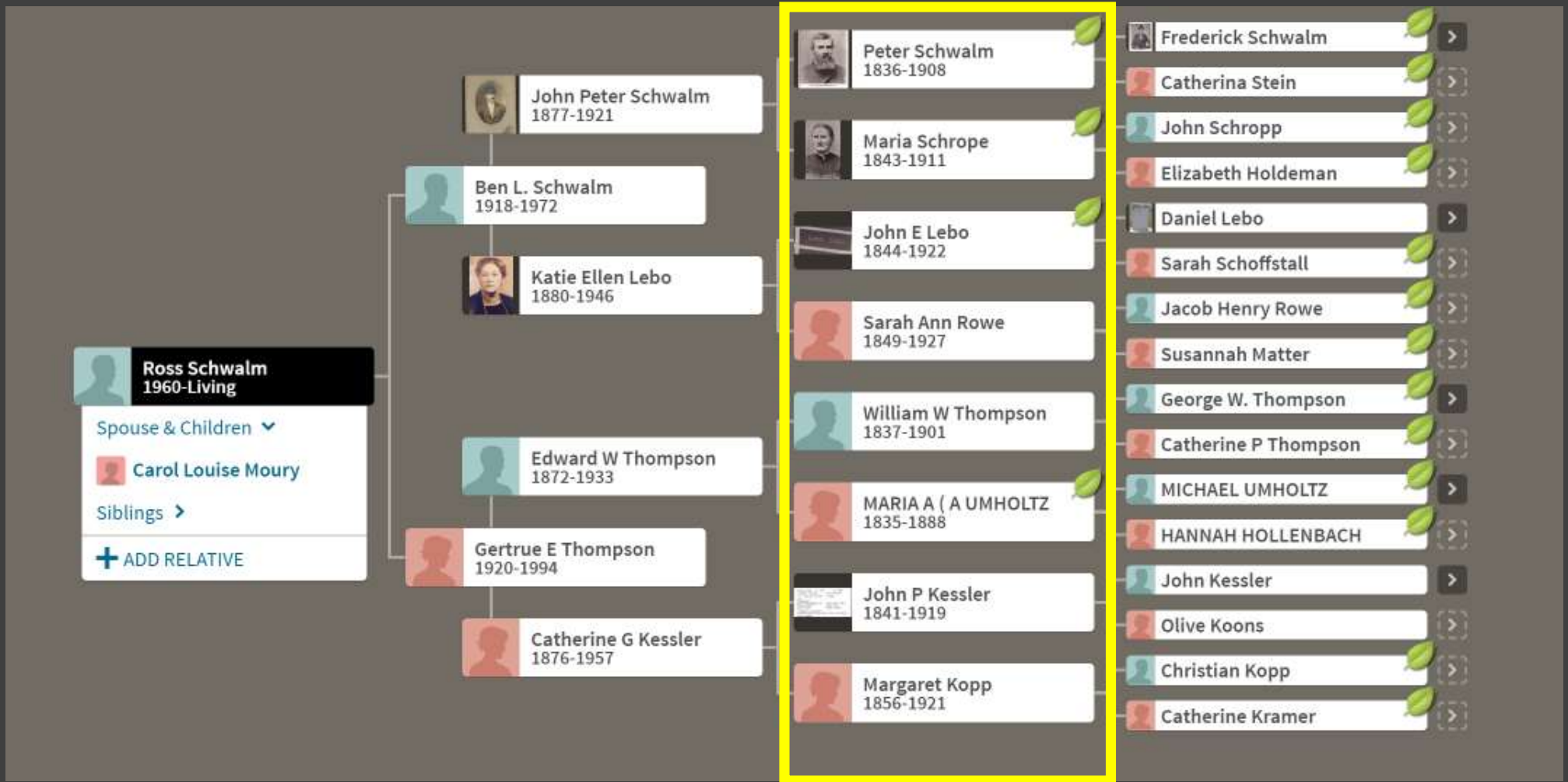
My Family Trees – A Matrix of Maturity

Peter Schwalm	John Lebo	William Wallace Thompson	John P. Kessler
Hessian	French	Scot	Prussian
2 nd Gen American	5 th Gen American	1 st Gen American	1 st Gen American
1968 – 1976 1977 - 2016	1956	1990	Under development
Johannes Schwalm Historical Association	Lebo Reunion	James B. Thompson developed	To be published
Hessian Certificate	Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	Marc D. Thompson	Camp Curtin Descendant Brigade

Pick a modeling tool

- Ancestry – World’s largest Genealogy Site, massive data base of sources, easy to use, once you have an account, you can log in anywhere (National Archives, many public libraries, etc)
 - Ancestry.com, Inc. (ACOM) is listed and trades on the NASDAQ stock exchange.
- FamilySearch - FamilySearch is a nonprofit organization and website offering genealogical records, education, and software. It is operated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is closely connected with the church's Family History Department. Wikipedia
- Get Organized – Scan items from your File box to add content to your tool.





- Civil War**
- **Ross H. Schwalm's Family Tree**
 - **All 4 Great Grandfathers contributed to the Union cause during the Civil War**

Find a Grave photo has a Veteran Marker on the Umholtz Grave

The screenshot shows the Ancestry.com interface. At the top, there are navigation links for Home, Trees, Search, Memories, and DNA. A green 'Upgrade' button and notification icons are on the right. The main content area displays a family tree for Michael Hoover Umholtz, born in 1835. His children include Maria "Mary" Anna Umholtz. His parents are listed as UNKNOWN. A spouse, Hannah Hollenbach, is also shown, born in 1803. Below the tree, a section titled "All Military results for Michael Hoover Umholtz" shows search filters and results. The search filters include "Your search" with a pencil icon, "1-14 of 14" results, and a "Browse by collection" toggle. The search criteria are: Michael Hoover Umholtz, Born: 1799, In: lykens, dauphin, pennsy..., Death: 1883, In: spruce hill, juniata, pen..., Gender: Male, Spouse(s): Hannah Hollenbach. The search results list two collections: "U.S., Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865" with Name W. H. W. Umholtz and Residence Perry County, Pennsylvania; and "Pennsylvania, U.S., Veterans Card Files, 1775-1916" with Name Emanuel H. Umholtz. A "View" link is provided for the second result.

Going from ancestors in your tree to potential veterans

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Browse Military Records by War



Revolutionary War



War of 1812



Mexican American and Early Indian Wars



Civil War



Spanish-American War



World War I



World War II



Korean War



Vietnam War



Recent Wars



Non-military Records



International
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Last name:

Search now >



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- 6.0 billion family tree records from 50.6 million family trees
- 2 billion pages of historical newspapers, dating back to 1803
- Millions of gravestone inscriptions and photos from around the world
- 81439 Revolutionary War service and pension records
- Union and Confederate Civil War Records
- World War I and World War II records
- Korean and Vietnam War records

Where do all these records come from?

The U.S. National Archives and Records Administration

1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272



National Archives (.gov)

<https://www.archives.gov> › [personnel-records-center](#) ⋮

National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) ✓

Dec 18, 2023 – We are the central repository of personnel-related **records** for both the **military** and civil services of the United States Government. Our mission ...

Military Personnel Records ✓

The National Personnel Records Center, Military Personnel ...

Check the Status of a Request ✓

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Military Awards and Decorations ✓

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) does not issue ...

An Overview of Records at the National Archives Relating to Military Service

Fall 2002, Vol. 34, No. 3 | Genealogy Notes

By Trevor K. Plante

- <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2002/fall/military-records-overview.html>

The two main repositories for records relating to military service are the National Archives and the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC). The National Archives Building, Washington, D.C., holds records relating to:

- Volunteer enlisted men and officers whose military service was performed during an emergency and whose service was considered to be in the federal interest, 1775 to 1902
- Regular Army enlisted personnel, serving 1789–October 31, 1912
- Regular Army officers, serving 1789–June 30, 1917
- U.S. Navy enlisted personnel, serving 1798–1885
- U.S. Navy officers, serving 1798–1902
- U.S. Marine Corps enlisted personnel, serving 1798–1904
- Some U.S. Marine Corps officers, serving 1798–1895
- Those who served in predecessor agencies to the U.S. Coast Guard (i.e., the Revenue Cutter Service [Revenue Marine], the Life-Saving Service, and the Lighthouse Service, 1791–1919)

A Veteran's Military Life Cycle – Records you should look for as an aid to Genealogy

- Register for Selective Service (The Draft) – Males only in the US
 - Before 1975
 - Registration eliminated between 1975 and 1980
 - 1980 to present – 18 – 26 year old males born on or after 1 Jan 1960
 - only men born between 29 March 1957, and 31 December 1959, were completely exempt from Selective Service registration.
- Drafted – Draft card often records this
- Enlistment or entry into officer training program
- Military Service Record (OMPF) – awards, pay, training, deployments, etc
- Discharge – Administrative or Final

Schwalm Examples of Service Entry

- John Mark Schwalm
- Entered Purdue University via Army ROTC Program in 1932
- Graduated as Mechanical Engineer in 1936
- Commissioned as Reserve Artillery Officer and joined a unit in Connecticut, mobilized in 1942 to 6th Armored Div
- Never registered for the draft
- Ross Harold Schwalm
- Entered USMC Platoon Leaders Class in 1979
- Commissioned as USMC Reserve 2nd LT in 1981
- Active duty started July 1981 to include training as an artillery officer
- Discharged from Reserves and became a Regular Officer in 1984
- Never registered for the draft

Ben L. Schwalm – registered and was drafted 1943

Ben E. Schwalm – registered and was drafted 1968

CERTIFICATE OF RELEASE OR DISCHARGE FROM ACTIVE DUTY

1. NAME (Last, First, Middle) SCHWALM Ross Harold GH		2. DEPARTMENT, COMPONENT AND BRANCH USMC-11				
4.a. GRADE, RATE OR RANK Major	4.b. PAY GRADE O-4 GH	5. DATE OF BIRTH (YYMMDD) [REDACTED]	6. RESERVE OBLIG. TERM. DATE Year 00 Month 00 Day 00			
7.a. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE DUTY Tower City, PA GH		7.b. HOME OF RECORD AT TIME OF ENTRY (City and state, or complete address if known) Schuylkill, PA GH				
8.a. LAST DUTY ASSIGNMENT AND MAJOR COMMAND HOEN HQMC HH ARLVA 22214		8.b. STATION WHERE SEPARATED Same as blk 8a (RUC 54008)				
9. COMMAND TO WHICH TRANSFERRED N/A			10. SGLI COVERAGE <input type="checkbox"/> None Amount: \$ 200000			
11. PRIMARY SPECIALTY (List number, title and years and months in specialty. List additional specialty numbers and titles involving periods of one or more years.) D802- Field Artillery Officer, 13yrs, 06mos 9810- Billet Designator, 04yrs, 09mos Genealogy Hint (GH)		12. RECORD OF SERVICE				
		Year(s)	Month(s)	Day(s)		
		a. Date Entered AD This Period	85	02	01	
		b. Separation Date This Period	2001	04	30	
		c. Net Active Service This Period	16	03	00	
		d. Total Prior Active Service	03	09	16	
		e. Total Prior Inactive Service	02	02	02	
		f. Foreign Service	00	02	17	
g. Sea Service	00	02	12			
h. Effective Date of Pay Grade	83	07	01			
13. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED (All periods of service) Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia), (cont on blk 18)						
14. MILITARY EDUCATION (Course title, number of weeks, and month and year completed) Platoon Leaders Course Junior Class, 06wks, 07/79; Platoon Leaders Course Senior Class, 06wks, 07/80; The Basic Course, 21wks, 11/81; Basic Field Artillery Officer Course, 18wks, 07/92; Supporting Arms Coordination Course, 04/83; Nuclear Training Artillery Personnel, 05/84; Special Nuclear, (Cont on blk 18).						
15.a. MEMBER CONTRIBUTED TO POST-VIETNAM FRA VETERANS' EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM		Yes	No	15.b. HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE OR EQUIVALENT		
			XX	Yes	No	
				XX		
16. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID					16	
DUE						
17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						

17. MEMBER WAS PROVIDED COMPLETE DENTAL EXAMINATION AND ALL APPROPRIATE DENTAL SERVICES AND TREATMENT WITHIN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO SEPARATION Yes No

18. REMARKS
(Cont from blk 13) **Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)**, Letter of Appreciation
(Cont from blk 14) Biological, Chemical Management Course, 11/84; Sealed Authentic System Course, 01/85; Nuclear Safety Officer Course, 02/86; MULE Operations Training Course, 01wk, 02/87; MULE Brief, 02/87; WSSI Course, 03wks, 10/87; BTRY Computer Operator Course, 02wks, 09/88; Substance Abuse Information course, 01wk, 09/88; Amphibious Warfare Course, 05/90; Artillery Refresher Training Course, 06wks, 07/90; Enable Computer Course, 01wks, 05/91; Terrorism Counter Actions Course, 09/91; Laser Systems Safety Course, 11/91; Unit Training Management Course, 01/93; Curriculum Developer's Course, 03/94.

19.a. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Include Zip Code)
[REDACTED] GH

19.b. NEAREST RELATIVE (Name and address - include Zip Code)
Carol M. Schwalm (W) Same as blk 19a GH

20. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 6 BE SENT TO DA DIR. OF VET AFFAIRS Yes No

21. SIGNATURE OF MEMBER BEING SEPARATED
Carol M. Schwalm

22. OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO SIGN (Typed name, grade, title and signature)
P. A. TORINESE, CWO3, PERSO, USMC

SPECIAL ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (For use by authorized agencies only)

23. TYPE OF SEPARATION
RETIREMENT

24. CHARACTER OF SERVICE (Include upgrades)
HONORABLE

25. SEPARATION AUTHORITY
MARCORSEPMAN PAR. 2003

26. SEPARATION CODE
RBD8

27. REENTRY CODE
RE-00

28. NARRATIVE REASON FOR SEPARATION
OFFICER, 20YR RET

29. DATES OF TIME LOST DURING THIS PERIOD
NONE

30. MEMBER REQUESTS COPY 4
GRS Initials

Draft Registration Certificate

Harold R. Schwalm
(Registrant must sign here)

REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE
This is to certify that in accordance with the
Selective Service Proclamation of the President of the United States

HAROLD ROOSEVELT SCHWALM
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

REINERTON SCHUYLKILL P.
(No. and street or R. F. D. No.; city or town, county and State)

has been duly registered this 16 day of Oct, 1940

Mrs. Elva Campbell
(Signature of registrar)

Registrar for Reinerton, Portersburg Schuylkill
(Precinct) (Ward) (City or county) (State)

BE ALERT { Keep in touch with your Local Board.
Notify Local Board immediately of change of address.

CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES

D. S. S. Form 2 16-17165

DESCRIPTION OF REGISTRANT

RACE	HEIGHT (Approx.)	WEIGHT (Approx.)	COMPLEXION	
White	5' 6"	175	Sallow	
	EYES	HAIR	Light	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Negro	Blue	Blonde	Ruddy	
	Gray	Red	Dark	
Oriental	Hazel	Brown	Freckled	
	Brown	Black	Light brown	
Indian	Black	Gray	Dark brown	
		Bald	Black	
Filipino				

Other obvious physical characteristics that will aid in identification _____

Harold Roosevelt Schwalm

Original card in personal collection of Ross Harold Schwalm

Uncle Ted's draft card on Fold 3

Schwalm, Harold Roosevelt (1905)

WWII Draft Registration Cards

2 pages

State Headquarters

Pennsylvania

Contact Person

Schwalm, Gertrude M

GH

Birth Date

1 Mar 1905

GH

- Schwalm, Harold Roosevelt

Image

Ted's Draft Notice of Classification Card

10/19/1944

Notice of right to appeal
 Appeal from classification by local board must be made within 10 days after the mailing of this notice. You may file a written notice of appeal with the local board, or you may go to the office of the local board and sign appeal form on back of Selective Service Questionnaire (Form 40).
 Within the same 10-day period you may file a written request for personal appearance before the local board. If this is done, the time in which you may appeal is extended to 10 days from the date of mailing of a new Notice of Classification (Form 57) after such personal appearance.

If an appeal has been taken and you are classified by the board of appeal in either Class I-A, I-A-O, or IV-E and one or more members of the board of appeal dissented from such classification, you may file appeal to the President with your local board within 10 days after the mailing of notice of such classification.

For advice, see your Government appeal agent.

The law requires you: (1) To keep in touch with your local board; (2) to notify it of any change of address; (3) to notify it of any fact which might change your classification; (4) to comply with the instructions on the notice of classification part of this form.

GPO 16-31524-3

NOTICE OF CLASSIFICATION App. not Req.
 Harold R. Schwalim
 (First name) (Middle name) (Last name)
 Order No. 268 has been classified in Class 4A
 (Until _____, 19____)
 (Insert date for Class II-A and II-B only)
 by Local Board
 Board of Appeal (by vote of _____ to _____)
 President
 10/19, 1944 M. Kelley
 (Date of mailing) (Member of local board)
 The law requires you, subject to heavy penalty for violation, to have this notice, in addition to your Registration Certificate (Form 2), in your personal possession at all times—to exhibit it upon request to authorized officials—to surrender it, upon entering the armed forces, to your commanding officer.
 DSS Form 57. (Rev. 12-10-43.)

Cut along this line to detach card

Harold R. Schwalim
 (Recipient must sign here)

39 Years Old

Selective Service

Local Board No. 3
 Schuylkill County, Pa.
 OCT 19 9 30 AM '44
 327 Grand Ave.
 Tower City, Pa.

Penalty for private use to avoid payment of postage, \$300

(LOCAL BOARD DATE STAMP WITH CODE)
 OFFICIAL BUSINESS

Harold R. Schwalim
 4910 Cedarvale
 Phila. #3 Pa.

16-31524-2

IV-A Man deferred by reason of age.

11-18-42: age 45 and over
 10-05-44: age 38 and over
 08-31-45: age 26 and over
 07-17-46: age 30 and over

Was working for General Electric Company in Philadelphia when released from service due to age – IV-A = 4A on card

Image of draft card on Fold 3

Page 1: Selective Service Registration Cards, World War II: Multip...

<https://www.fold3.com/imagdownload.php?id=628139957&toke...>



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REGISTRATION CARD—(Men born on or after February 17, 1897 and on or before December 31, 1921)

SERIAL NUMBER T 1585	1. NAME (Print) HARVEY RUSSELL SCHWALM (First) (Middle) (Last)	ORDER NUMBER T 10638
2. PLACE OF RESIDENCE (Print) 907 EAST 29 ST BRYAN BRAZOS TEXAS (Number and street) (Town, township, village, or city) (County) (State)		
[THE PLACE OF RESIDENCE GIVEN ON THE LINE ABOVE WILL DETERMINE LOCAL BOARD JURISDICTION; LINE 2 OF REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE WILL BE IDENTICAL]		
3. MAILING ADDRESS B/ 202 COLLEGE STA. TEXAS. [Mailing address if other than place indicated on line 2. If name insert word same]		
4. TELEPHONE None (Exchange)	5. AGE IN YEARS 43 DATE OF BIRTH 16 17 1898 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)	6. PLACE OF BIRTH VALLEY VIEW PA. GH SCHWYLKILL PA. (Town or county) (State or country)
7. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs H. R. SCHWALM 907 E. 29th St Bryan Tex.		
8. EMPLOYER'S NAME AND ADDRESS A and M. COLLEGE COLLEGE STA. Texas.		
9. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS ARMORY COLLEGE STA BRAZOS TEXAS. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
D. S. S. Form 1 (Revised 1-1-42)	(over) ☆ GPO 16-21630-1	Registerant's signature H. R. Schwalm

Schwalm Family Tree, 2016 lists: Schwalm Harvey Russell 5.7.4 6-17-1898 Clara Dillon

Harvey Russell Schwalm

“The Paul Harvey – Rest of the Story”

5.7.4 Harvey Russell Schwalm

B 17 June, 1898 in the same farm house in Valley View as his father, by Dr. Lebo He was named for his mother’s brother, who almost lost his wife to malaria during the Spanish American War. He was included in the 23 June, 1900 census of Valley View as Harvey R Schwalm, born June, 1898 in Pa., age 1, living with his parents. He was baptized as Harsey (as recorded) Russell Schwalm, born 19 June, 1898 and baptized 14 January, 1900 in the United Methodist Church, Valley View, Pa., parents Ellsworth and Emma Schwalm.

M 11 February, 1924, the same year they met in Texas, in College Station, Brazos Co., Texas.

D 11 September, 1948 of self inflicted gun shot and was buried in Texas. His wife made application for a headstone for him on 1 October, 1948, indicating that he enlisted on **11 December, 1913** and was discharged on 1 October, 1944 as a Staff Sergeant in the U S Army Texas Co. ROTC, College Station, Bryan, Texas with serial # 1407890. Death date is indicated as 11 September, 1948, with burial in the city cemetery. Her name was listed as Mrs. Clara J Schwalm, 907 East 29th Street, Bryan, Texas

My Dad – Ben L. Schwalm

- Father died 1 Dec 1921 when he was 2
- Started working at age 9 at the Nelson Ice Plant driving an ice delivery truck
- Graduated HS School in 1936
- Registered for the WW II Draft in 1940
- Was working as a Beer Distributor when drafted in Spring 1943
- Dating his future wife, Gertrude Thompson, before he was drafted. Her pen name was “Dearest”

Ben L. Schwalm - Service Record & Pay Card

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ENLISTMENT RECORD

(Last name) (First name) (Middle initial) (Army Serial No.)
 Born 5-27-18 REINERT, TAN PA.
 (Month, day, and year) (City or town) (State or country)
 Height 5 ft. 6 in. Weight 177 lb. Eyes BRN Hair BR

Complexion Ruddy Size of gas mask..... Size of shoe 8 C

Married or single SINGLE Occupation Beer Distributor
EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Years in :
 Grammar School 8 High School 4 College or University 0
 Graduate work..... Specialized in.....
 Speaks *English, French, Spanish, German.

OCCUPATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Beer Distributor \$ 25.00
 (Main occupation) (Weekly Wages)
 Years 3 1/2 as *apprentice, journeyman, expert.
 Just what did he do ? Delivered beer from W.H.S.E.

(Next best occupation) (Weekly Wages)
 Years..... as *apprentice, journeyman, expert.

Just what did he do ?

HOME ADDRESS AND NEAREST RELATIVE

Home Address NONE
 (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

Reinert, Tan PA.
 (City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Name and address of nearest relative KATIE SCHWALM
 (Name)

Mother Same
 (Relationship) (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

Same
 (City, town or post office) (State or country)

Person to be notified in case of emergency Same
 (Name)

(Relationship; if friend, so state) (Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

Same
 (City, town or post office) (State or Country)

DESIGNATION OF BENEFICIARY

(To be entered only from appropriate enlistment or induction record or W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 41)

KATIE SCHWALM (Mother)
 (Name and degree of relationship of beneficiary)

Reinert, Tan, PA.
 (Address)

Name Schwalm, Ben L.

Army serial No. 33624494

Grade Technician 5th Grade
Corporal

Years of service 1 yr 9 mo.
 (On date of opening this book)

Insurance, amount and class N \$10,000.00

Insurance premium, monthly N \$ 6 70

Allotments, amount and class \$

Compulsory allotments, amount and class F \$ 22 00

Pay reservation, class A \$

Technician grade

Additional pay for

Person to be notified in case of emergency:

(Name)

(Relationship; if friend, so state)

(Number and street or rural route; if none, so state)

(City, town, or post office) (State or country)

Date of opening this book 10 Feb 45

Ben L. Schwalm Cpl Dec 5 MD
 (Signature of enlisted man. Name, grade, and arm or service only. Do not enter organization)

Witness to signature by officer preparing book:

(Signature—Name, grade, and arm or service only. Do not enter organization)

(2)

(Grade)

(Character)

GH

GH

GH

MILITARY QUALIFICATIONS

Served as in the United States Army in the World War
 (Highest grade held)
 Holds commission as in the Officers' Reserve Corps
 (Grade) (Section)
 Graduate of
 (Noncommissioned officers' or special service school)

ARMY SPECIALTY

Specialty	*Rating with date	*Rating with date
Hosp Orderly	303 25 Aug 43	VG 22 NOV 43
Truck Driver	345 7 Nov 43	SMILLED 9 Feb 44
Bugler	803 27 Feb 44	SMILLED 27 MAR 44
Mail Clerk	054 15 Feb 43	SMILLED 15 FEB 43
Clean Gen	055 12 APR 43	SMILLED 12 APR 43
Company Clerk	405 28 NOV 43	SMILLED 28 NOV 43

*EX—Excellent; VG—Very good; G—GOOD; F—Fair.

MILITARY RECORD

APPOINTMENT, PROMOTION, OR REDUCTION, WITH AUTHORITY THEREFOR

Grade	Date	Authority	Initials
Pvt	4-28-43	S. S. Acl	
PFC	25 Dec 44	Co 10, 656 Med Cl Co (Sep)	Jed
Tea 5	1 Feb 43	Co 2, 656 Med Cl Co (Sep)	Jed
Cpl	31 Oct 45	Co 103, 656 Med Cl Co (Sep)	Jed

FS Matches Separation Record

Jobs of increasing responsibility as promotions came.

Note repeated Articles Training and no weapon qual.

FOREIGN SERVICE

Left United States for duty in NEW GUINEA
 From SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF on 1 APRIL 1944
 Arrived at FINSCHHAFEN, N.G. on 3 MAY 1944
 Left JAPAN for the United States on 21 Dec 1945
 Arrived at Portland, Ore. on 19 JAN 1946
 Left United States for duty in.....
 From..... on..... 19.....
 Arrived at..... on..... 19.....
 Left..... for the United States on..... 19.....
 Arrived at..... on..... 19.....

MEDALS, DECORATIONS, AND CITATIONS

Name of decoration	Authority and date
Red Graduate Medal	Co 2, 656 Med Cl Co (Sep) 21 Oct 44
Serv Unit Phrague	GO 119, 14 21 107 DIV 6 Sep 45

Awards

ARTICLES OF WAR

(Read to soldier as required by the 110th Article of War)

Date	Initials	Date	Initials
May 6 - 43	Jed	13 Feb 45	Jed
17 Oct 43	Jed	13 Aug 45	Jed
18 Feb 44	H. D. Ma		
23 Aug 44	H. D. Ma		

See page 15
 SEX MORALITY
 Course completed (see AR 40-235) May 6 19 43

QUALIFICATION IN ARMS

(Special qualifications attained in the use of the various arms and additional compensation therefor)

Qualified as..... 19.....
 (Grade designation)
 Compensation \$..... per month. Aggregate or final score.....
 Order publishing fact of qualification.....
 (Number) (Source) (Date)
 Qualified as..... 19.....
 (Grade designation)
 Compensation \$..... per month. Aggregate or final score.....
 Order publishing fact of qualification.....
 (Number) (Source) (Date)
 Qualified as..... 19.....
 (Grade designation)
 Compensation \$..... per month. Aggregate or final score.....
 Order publishing fact of qualification.....
 (Number) (Source) (Date)
 Qualified as..... 19.....
 (Grade designation)

ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH ATTACHED

Organization	From	To
1321st S. U.	May 6 - 43	May 8 - 43
Co B, 62nd MTB, Co Bandy, Tex.	May 11 - 43	Aug 12 - 43

ORIGINAL ASSIGNMENT AND ORGANIZATIONS TO WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY ASSIGNED DURING THIS ENLISTMENT PERIOD.

Assigned to company, regiment, arm, or service	Station	Date
Co D, 1st Med Regt.	Co White, Ore.	17 Aug 43
656 Med Cl Co (Sep)	Co White, Ore.	1 Sep 43

Unit Assignments
Last is 656th MCC (Sep)

ENLISTED RECORD AND REPORT OF SEPARATION HONORABLE DISCHARGE

1. NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL L		2. ARMY SERIAL NO. 33 624 494	3. GRADE CPL	4. ARM OR SERVICE MO	5. COMPONENT AUS
6. CLER CO (SEP)		7. DATE OF SEPARATION 28 JAN 46	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION UNIT B SEP CTR #45 IGMR PA		
9. ADDRESS FOR MAILING PURPOSES PA		10. DATE OF BIRTH 27 MAY 18	11. PLACE OF BIRTH SEE 9		
12. FROM WHICH EMPLOYMENT WILL BE SOUGHT		13. COLOR EYES GREY	14. COLOR HAIR BROWN	15. HEIGHT 5 7	16. WEIGHT 152 LBS.
17. NO. DEPEND.	18. MARITAL STATUS	19. U.S. CITIZEN		21. CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND NO.	
1	SINGLE	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		RAUTEMAN I 7-35.100	

MILITARY HISTORY

22. INDUCTION 43	23. DATE OF ENLISTMENT	24. DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE SERVICE 5 MAY 43	25. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE ALLENTOWN PA
26. FINANCER YES NO	27. LOCAL S.S. BOARD NO. 8	28. COUNTY AND STATE SCHUYLKILL CO. PA	29. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE SEE 9
30. OCCUPATIONAL SPECIALTY AND NO. GENERAL 055		31. MILITARY QUALIFICATION AND DATE (i.e., infantry, aviation and marksmanship badges, etc.)	

32. CAMPAIGNS
LINEA SO PHILIPPINES GO 33 & 40 WD 45

33. AWARDS AND CITATIONS
CONDUCT MEDAL MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD PHILIPPINES LIBERATION RIBBON
BRONZE STAR AMER TH SER MEDAL AS/PAC TH SER MEDAL W/2 BRONZE STARS*

34. LATEST IMMUNIZATION DATES			36. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND RETURN		
34a. DYSPHOID 24 OCT 44	34b. TETANUS 21 JUN 43	34c. OTHER (specify) T3 APR 44 TY*	36a. DATE OF DEPARTURE 1 APR 44	36b. DESTINATION SWP USA	36c. DATE OF ARRIVAL 3 MAY 44
35. LENGTH OF SERVICE		38. HIGHEST GRADE HELD CPL	27 DEC 45		14 JAN 46
35a. DOMESTIC SERVICE	35b. FOREIGN SERVICE				
YEARS MONTHS DAYS	YEARS MONTHS DAYS				
1 0 14	0 0 14				

Honorable Discharge partially damaged due to fire at NPRC in Jul 1973

AUTHORITY FOR SEPARATION

RECALL DEMOBILIZATION

SCHOOL ATTENDED

42. EDUCATION (Years)

Grammar High School College

8 4 0

PAY DATA

PAY PURPOSES		44. MUSTERING OUT PAY		45. SOLDIER DEPOSITS	46. TRAVEL PAY	47. TOTAL AMOUNT, NAME OF DISBURSING OFFICER
MONTHS	DAYS	TOTAL	THIS PAYMENT			
	1	\$ 300.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	JJ MAHE JR MAJOR FD

INSURANCE NOTICE

IF PREMIUM IS NOT PAID WHEN DUE OR WITHIN THIRTY-ONE DAYS THEREAFTER, INSURANCE WILL LAPSE. MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO THE TREASURER OF THE U. S. AND FORWARD TO COLLECTIONS SUBDIVISION, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

TYPE OF INSURANCE		49. HOW PAID		50. Effective Date of Allotment Discontinuance	51. Date of Next Premium Due (One month after 50)	52. PREMIUM DUE EACH MONTH	53. INTENTION OF VETERAN TO		
U.S. Govt.	None	Allotment	Direct to V. A.				Continue	Continue Only	Discontinue
		X		31 JAN 46	28 FEB 46	\$ 6.70			X

55. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W. D. Directives)

RIGHT THUMB PRINT

LAPEL BUTTON ISSUED
ASR SCORE (2SEP45) 55
INACTIVE SERVICE FROM (ERC) 28APR43 TO 4MAY43
*CHOL 11SEP45 FLU 20 DEC 45

NATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED

57. PERSONNEL OFFICER (Type name, grade and organization - signature)

M F EMERICH
1ST LT WAC

WD AGO 53-55
1-44

This form supersedes all previous editions of WD AGO Forms 53 and 55 for enlisted persons entitled to an Honorable Discharge, which will not be used after receipt of this revision.

2. FINAL INDORSEMENT COPY (Affixed to final indorsement page of Service Record)

Dad had a wallet card copy of his Discharge that he carried to prove he was a WW II Vet. I was able to fill in the fire damaged information from this card.

Draft Registration Card from Fold 3

SERIAL NUMBER 2534		S. NAME (FNAME) ROSS ALBERT THOMPSON		SPONSOR IN NUMBER 23
D. ADDRESS (FNAME) ORWIN SCHUYLKILL PENNA				
E. TELEPHONE None	F. AGE IN YEARS 28 yrs	G. PLACE OF BIRTH Tower City	H. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U. S. A	
I. DATE OF BIRTH Apr 16 1912		J. STATE OF BIRTH Penn	K. RELATIONSHIP OF THIS PERSON Wife	
L. ADDRESS OF THIS PERSON Orwin Schuykill Penna.				
M. EMPLOYER'S NAME John D. Edmunds				
N. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS Shirley Tower City Post office				
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ADDRESS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.				
REGISTRATION CARD U. S. S. FORM 1		ROSS ALBERT THOMPSON <small>(Registrant's Signature)</small>		

Inducted - May 25, 1943
Active Service - Jun 1, 1943 age 31

Last of the Fighting Thompsons

- Followed in the footsteps of his Civil War ancestors – George, David, William Wallace and Robert Bruce (All from Middleport, PA)
 - David and William settled in Porter Township after the Civil War
- Four older brothers born between 1896–1904
 - Three that lived were all too old for WW II
- Two younger brothers born in 1915 & 1918
 - Charles was mentally retarded from birth
 - Paul got polio as a child and was not medically qualified for service
- Ross was drafted as the only eligible one from a large family
 - His nephews Ben and Ross Schwalm were Fighting Thompsons!



Mae & Ross at Ft Bragg March '44

Age 30 when drafted

Initially trained as an Artilleryman

Harvested wheat in Aug & Sep in ND

278th Field Artillery Battalion became
A 240 mm gun battalion in Jan 1944 at
Ft Bragg, NC

Departed NY on July 15, 1944 on
USS Aquitania

Fighting Thompson arrived Scotland
July 22, 1944

<http://www.278fabn.net/hist1.html>

Ross A. Thompson
Pension Record

WWII Pension Act
of 1950

Lots of
Genealogy
hints from this
record

Form No. 1 -10

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
WORLD WAR II VETERANS' COMPENSATION BUREAU

APPLICATION FOR WORLD WAR II COMPENSATION—TO BE USED BY HONORABLY
DISCHARGED VETERAN OR PERSON STILL IN SERVICE

Revised
MAR 16 1950

IMPORTANT—Before Filling Out This Form Study it Carefully.
Read and Follow Instructions—Print Plainly in Ink or Use Typewriter. DO NOT
Use Pencil—All Signatures Must Be in Ink.

1—Name of Applicant.
THOMPSON Ross A.
Last First Middle or Initial

2—Address to Which CHECK and MAIL is to be Sent.
W. GRAND AVE. TOWER CITY SCH. PA.
House No. St. R. D. P. O. Box City or Town County State

3—Date and Place of Birth.
SEPTEMBER 16 1912 TOWER CITY SCH. PA.
Month Day Year City or Town County State

4—Name Under Which Applicant Served In World War II.
THOMPSON Ross A.
Last First Middle or Initial

5—Date of Beginning and Date of Ending of Each Period of Service Between December 7, 1941
and March 2, 1946 (Both Dates Inclusive) During Which Applicant Was In DOMESTIC
SERVICE.
JUNE 1 1943 13/14 JULY 14 1944
Date of Beginning Date of Ending
NOV 30 1944 Dec 1, 1944 SEPT. 1 1945
Date of Beginning Date of Ending

6—Date of Beginning and Date of Ending of Each Period of Service Between December 7, 1941
and March 2, 1946 (Both Dates Inclusive) During Which Applicant Was In FOREIGN SERVICE.
JULY 15 1944 4/11 NOV. 30 1944
Date of Beginning Date of Ending

7—Date and Place Applicant Entered Active Service.
JUNE 1 1943 ALLENTOWN PA.
Month Day Year Place

8—Service or Serial Numbers Assigned To Applicant.
Service No's.
Serial No's. 33 626 171

9—Date and Place Where Applicant Was Separated From Active Service.
SEPT. 1 1945 DESHON GEN. HOSPITAL, BUTLER, PA.
Month Day Year Place

10—Is Applicant Now Serving In Armed Forces On Active Duty? Yes _____ No X O
If Answer is YES—Be Sure To Have Certificate Executed And Filed With Application—See Instruction Sheet.

11—Mark "X" Above Name To Indicate Sex And Branch of Service.
X Male X Female Army Navy Marine Corps Coast Guard Other—Describe

12—Applicant's Residence At Time of Entry Into Active Service.
ORWIN SCH. PA.
House No. Street R. D. P. O. Box City or Town County State

13—Applicant Was Registered Under Selective Service As Follows.
8 TOWER CITY SCH. PA.
Draft Board No. City or Town County State

Applicant Must Not Write
In Space Below

MAR 7 1950
Date Application Was Received

Batch Control Number
6477

Active Domestic Service
Months 23 \$ 230
Days \$
Amount Due \$ 230

Active Foreign Service
Months 5 \$ 75
Days \$
Amount Due \$ 25

Total Amt. Due \$ 305.00

Audited By [Signature]

Service Computed By [Signature]

Amounts Extended By [Signature]

Approved For Payment
Date MAR 16 1950

For A. G. [Signature]

For Aud. G. [Signature]

For S. T. [Signature]

Application Disapproved

By _____

Civil War Records

- National Archives in Washington DC holds Union and Confederate soldier and unit records
- State Militia unit records are held by the State
- NY and PA provided the most troops to the Union Army
- PA Archives is a good source for initial entry record cards

Thompson, Robert B Co E, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Soldier's Rank In: Private – 20 Jan 1862
 Soldier's Rank Out: Corporal 17 Jul 1865
 Relationship – 2nd Great Uncle (Half brother of GGF William Thompson)

Item 31 Print

Thompson, R. B.	E - 48 I	1 - 1218
Enrolled		at
M.I.	1-20-62 as Pvt.	at
M.O.	7-17-65	
Discharged		
Age at enrollment-19		Complexion Dark
Height 5' 7"		Eyes Grey
Hair Auburn		Occup. Laborer
Residence- Schuylkill County		
Remarks: Re-enlisted 1-1-64 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Pro. to Corp. Date unknown. Joined Company (Over)		

Recruited in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania
Mustered in July, 1861
Wynkoop Artillerists
48th PA Regiment Co. E

Captain William Winlack Charles W. Schnerr **First Lieutenant** William Cullen Thomas Bohannon **Second Lieutenant** Joseph W. Fisher James May **First Sergeant** J. C. McElrath **Sergeant** John Seaward Stafford Johnson Thomas Tosh William Trainer William Clemens David McAllister Samuel A. Beddall Samuel Clemens **Corporal** James Brennan William Mackey James Greener William J. Morgan Robert Penman **R. B. Thompson** Patrick Rodgers George W. James Joseph Lord James McLaughlin Musicians John Cameron George La'ham George J. Heisler

Item 32 Print

at Hatterass Inlet, N.C. Rolls gives first name
 as Robert.

<http://www.pacivilwar.com/cwpa48e.html>

<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/archive.asp?view=ArchiveItems&ArchiveID=17&FL=T&FID=1443818&LID=1443867>

Minimum Age to enlist was 20 Robert Bruce Thompson was 19

DECLARATION OF RECRUIT.

I, *Robert B Thomson* desiring to
ENLIST in the SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES, as a VOLUNTEER, from the STATE OF PENN-
SYLVANIA, for the PERIOD OF THE WAR, Do declare, That I am *Nineteen*
years and _____ months of age; that I have never been discharged from the United States
service on account of disability or by sentence of a court-martial, or by order before the expiration of a term of
enlistment; and I know of no impediment to my serving honestly and faithfully as a soldier for the war.

GIVEN at *Pottsville* in *Penna.*
The *Twentieth* day of *January*

WITNESS: *Joseph Edwards*

Robert B Thomson

Solution – Get his mother's approval the day after he enlisted

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, *Margaret Thomson* Do certify, That I am the
The Mother, Legal Guardian of *Robert B Thomson*; that the
said *Robert B Thomson* is *Nineteen* years of age; and that I do
hereby freely give my Consent to his enlisting as a SOLDIER in the Army of the United States for the
period of The War.

GIVEN at *Middleport, Schuylkill County, Pa.*
The *Twenty first* day of *January*

WITNESSES

Richard Sherman

Margaret Thomson
M

T | 48 | Pa.

Robert B Thompson
Pvt. E, Co. E, 48 Reg't Pennsylvania Inf.
Corp. 7

Appears on Returns as follows:

Apr 1862. Apr. 1/62 Hatteras
N.C. Joined the Regt.

Sep. 1862. Absent wounded since
Aug. 29/62.

Nov & Dec 1862 Absent sick in Hosp.
since Aug. 29/62.

June 1864. Absent wounded.
July to Sep. 1864 Absent wounded at
Petersburg, Va. June 17/64 & sent
to Hosp.

Oct 1864 Absent wounded June 17/64
Kyles Gen Hosp. Phila

Nov 1864 to Jan 1865. Absent wounded
June 17/64, in Hosp.

(over)

Book mark:

T | 48 | Pa.

Robert B Thompson
Pvt., Co. E, 48 Reg't Pa. Inf.

Age 19 years.

Appears on a

Detachment Muster-out Roll

of the organization named above. Roll dated

Cincinnati O., Jan. 29, 1864

Muster-out to date Jan. 20, 1864

Last paid to Oct. 31, 1863

Clothing account:

Last settled _____, 186 ; drawn since \$ _____ 100

Due soldier \$ _____ 100; due U. S. \$ _____ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ _____ 100

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ _____ 100

Bounty paid \$ _____ 100; due \$ 100 100

Remarks: \$ 7.18 due for
clothing not drawn for

three months of third year
commencing Oct. 1, 1863.

Re-enlisted Jan. 21,
1864,

(over)

Book mark:

Kessler, John P - Co D, 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 Soldier's Rank In: Private. Soldier's Rank Out: Private. Discharged
 Relationship –Great Grandfather

Kesler, John D - 48 I 1 - 1216

Enrolled 9-23-61 At Pottsville

M.I. 9-23-61 As Pvt. At Hbg.

M.O.

Discharged

Age at enrollment- 21 Complexion- Fair

Height- 5'8½" Eyes- Gray

Hair- Brown Occup. Farmer

Residence- Schuylkill

Remarks: Not on M.O. Roll. Alph. Roll gives

name: Kessler

Kaufman, Jonathan, ...	Private	Feb. 2nd '61	Killed May 6th, '61, at the Wilderness.
Kinsey, Thomas, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Killed Dec. 19th, '61, Breckenridge.
Koite, Eino, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Discharged Oct. 20th, '61, order of War Department. Co Jananttery.
Kramer, William, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Wounded Aug. 28th, '61, at Bull Run. Not on muster out roll.
Kessler, John, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Absent in hospital Nov. 18th, '61, at Philadelphia.
Kick, Arthur, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Died June 20th, '62, of disease.
Kreiger, Daniel T., ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Not on muster out roll.
Kline, Jared, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Transferred to Battery "E" 5th U. S. Artillery Oct. 29th, '61.
Kline, George M., ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Sick in hospital Oct. 18th, '61; discharged Feb. 2nd, '62.
Kline, Benjamin, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Not on muster out roll.
Koons, Joseph, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Wounded Aug. 28th, '61, at Bull Run. Not on muster out roll.
Koons, Jacob, ...	"	Sept. 2nd, '61	Not on muster out roll.
Letzra, Philip, ...	"	July 3rd, '61	Mustered out July 10th, '61.
Lightner, John, ...	"	Oct. 1st, '61	Not on muster out roll.

Enrollment File card gives details of initial service and clue as to muster out status. Also corrects name.
 Mustered in at Harrisburg, PA on 9-23-1861

Source - <http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/archive.asp>

Bates history of PA Regiments confirms initial enrollment and clue as to status in Nov 1862.

Solving a Civil War Records Problem

Kessler, John - 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry
 1890 Veterans Census confirmed rank and service
 Relationship –Great Grandfather

1890 Veterans Schedules for John Kessler
 Pennsylvania > Dauphin > Williamstown

PAGE Special Schedule.—Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows, etc.
 S. D.: _____; E. D.: _____; Minor Civil Division: _____

Home No.	Family No.	NAMES OF SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS.	Rank.	Company.	Name of Regiment or Vessel.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge.	Length of Service.
41	1	Catharine Kessler widow of John Kessler				30 Aug 64	24 Aug 65	1 26
42	1	George Kessler	Private	C	18th Pa Inf	21 Sep 1861	8 June 1865	3 17
43	1	Richard James	Private	B	15th Pa Inf	27 July 1861	27 Feb 1865	3 7
44	1	Frank Titman	Private	D	12th Pa Inf	9 Aug 1861	9 Aug 1865	3 11
45	1	John M. Collins	Private	E	1st Pa Inf	18 Apr 1861	25 July 1861	3 11
46	1	Mary Elizabeth widow of George Edward Kessler	Private	S	8th Pa Cav		1861	100
47	1	James Baird	Private	H	11th Pa Inf	11 Aug 1861	11 Aug 1865	3 11
48	1	William Young	Private	E	45th Pa Inf	21 July 1861	20 July 1865	3 11
49	1	Joseph Derby	Private	H	17th Pa Inf		1861	100
50	1	Julius Kessler	Private	C	21st Pa Inf	15 Feb 1861	15 Feb 1865	3 11
51	1	Charles Green	Private	H	210th Pa Inf	15 Sep 1861	9 Aug 1865	3 11
52	1	John Kessler	Private	D	45th Pa Inf	30 Aug 1861	24 Jan 1866	3 11

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS: 10 Williamstown Pa
 11
 12

DISABILITY INCURRED: 11
 12

REMARKS: 11
 12

Multiple Kesslers' served in the Civil War

Born 15 Mar 1841 which matches age of 21 in Sep 1861

Unsure when he returned to unit after time in hospital.
 Unknown if he was wounded or was sick.

Apparently reenlisted Aug 30, 1864

Served until Jan 24, 1866 (this explains why he was not on muster roll when the rest of the unit mustered out.)

Lived in Williamstown, PA when a Veterans roll was taken in 1890. Was collecting a pension as "Invalid"
 Death certificate in 1919 indicated "Blind".


Additional Research under way to confirm service, nature of hospitalization and post Civil War life.

John Lebo
 Civil War
 Enlistment
 Received 2 weeks
 of training at
 Camp Curtin and
 then shipped to
 Petersburg, VA

Original Document property of
 Ross H. Schwalm

arrived in Petersburg
 on Sep 29 1864,
 Pvt Lebo was in
 combat the next day
 near Weldon
 Railroad.

VOLUNTEER ENLISTMENT.

STATE OF  TOWN OF

Penna *Harrisburg*

I, *John Lebo*, born in *Samboise*,
 in the State of *Penna*, aged *Twenty* years,
 and by occupation a *Laborer*, DO HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE to have
 volunteered this *fourteenth* day of *Sept*, 1864,
 to serve as a **Soldier** in the Army of the United States of America, for
 the period of ~~THREE~~ **YEARS**, unless sooner discharged by proper authority:
 Do also agree to accept such bounty, pay, rations, and clothing, as are, or may be,
 established by law for volunteers. And I, *John Lebo*, do
 solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the **United States
 of America**, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their
 enemies or opposers whomsoever; and that I will observe and obey the orders of
 the President of the United States, and the orders of the officers appointed over
 me, according to the Rules and Articles of War.

Sworn and subscribed to, at *Harrisburg*
 this *14* day of *Sept*, 1864, } *John Lebo*
 BY: *John R. Miller*
Capt & R. Officer

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have carefully examined the above-named Volunteer, agreeably
 to the General Regulations of the Army, and that, in my opinion, he is free from all bodily defects and
 mental infirmities, which would in any way disqualify him for the service of the Army.

R. Wray
 EXAMINING SURGEON.

I CERTIFY, ON HONOR, That I have minutely inspected the Volunteer *John Lebo*
 previously to his enlistment, and that he was entirely sober when enlisted; that, to the best of my
 judgment and belief, he is of lawful age; and that, in accepting him as duly qualified to perform the
 duties of an able-bodied soldier, I have strictly observed the Regulations which govern the recruiting
 service. This soldier has *gray* eyes, *light* hair, *light* complexion, is *five*
feet five inches high, *enlisted as if enlisted to perform the*
fourth Co. 14th
Reg. Dist 34th Ind Dist

John R. Miller
 Regiment of _____ Volunteers,
 Capt of _____ RECRUITING OFFICER.

(A. G. O. 26, 74 & 76.)

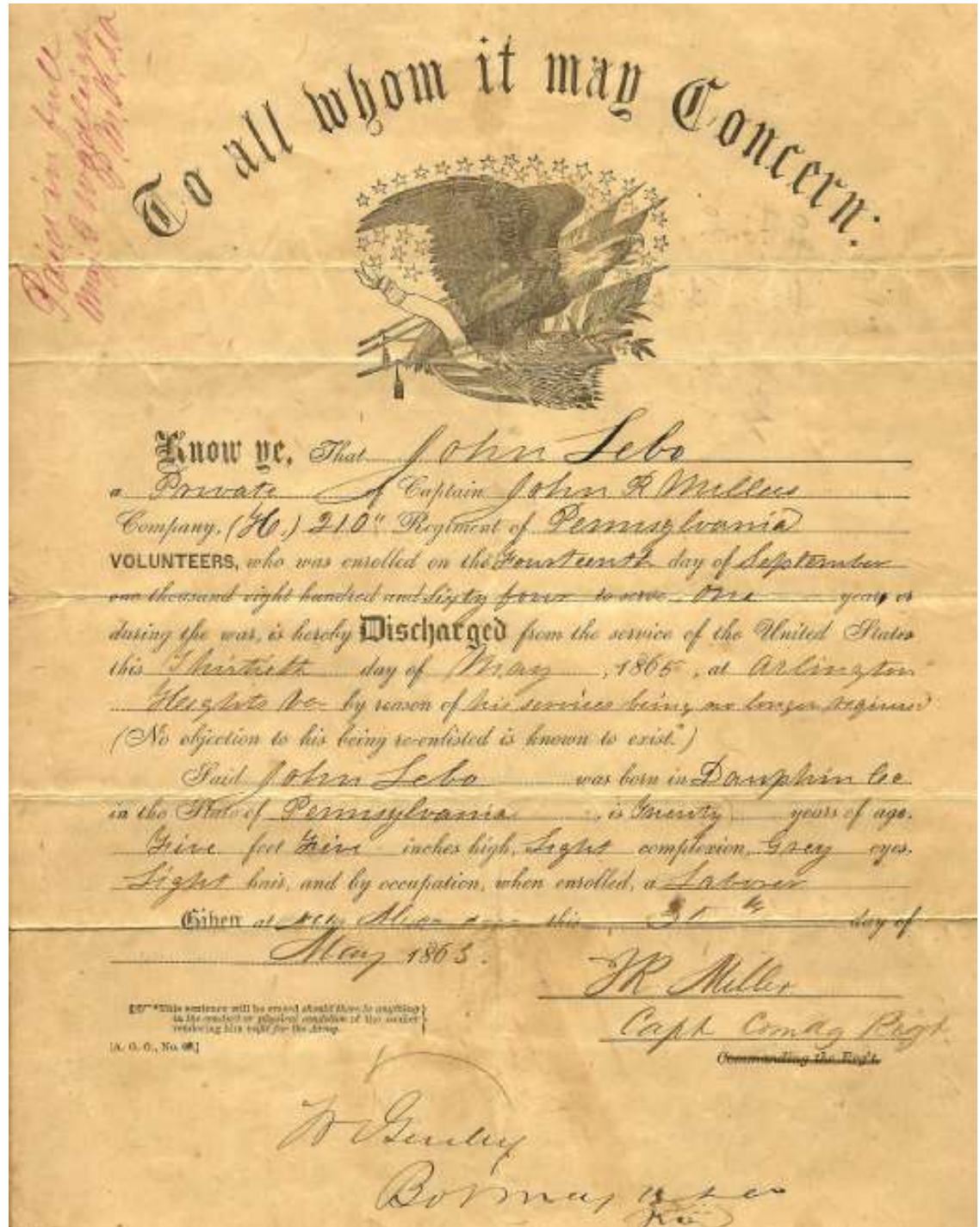


Indicates "Paid in Full"

John Lebo Civil War Discharge May 30, 1865

"his services being
no longer required"

Original Document
property of
Ross H. Schwalm.
Original Pension
records are also in
my possession.



Questions?

- Send them to: PAHessian@gmail.com
- Call me at: (571) 330-2745
- Ross H. Schwalm – Woodbridge, VA