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JOHN EDWARD DECK MILITARY COMMISSION, 1865

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Edward Deck was born March 27, 1839 in Fayette County, Ohio to John Deck and Nancy Anderson. In 1861 during the Civil War he enlisted in Company A, Fifty-Seventh Indiana Volunteers as a private. The Fifty-Seventh Indiana Volunteers was organized in Richmond, and Company A mostly included men from Henry and Hancock Counties, so Deck had likely moved to Henry County (where he later resided) by then. Deck was promoted several times during the war, attaining the rank of Second Lieutenant, and family histories state that he was wounded in his right hand. He mustered out December 14, 1865. By 1880 he had married Minerva (“Nervia”) Tygart, with whom he had five children. John Edward Deck died in December 1, 1922 and is buried in Knightstown.

Sources:

Fifty-Seventh Regiment Infantry Roster

Indiana Census and Death Records

Indiana Grave Records

MilitaryHistoryOnline Family History

Ohio Birth Records

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of a single large certificate, signed by Governor Oliver P. Morton, conferring the rank of Second Lieutenant upon John E. Deck. It is standard for Civil War commissions to be signed by a soldier’s state governor. The document asserts not only that Second Lieutenant Deck is fit for and has attained such a rank, but that he will be “GOVERNED, OBEYED, AND RESPECTED according to the Rules and Articles governing the Volunteer Armies of the United States.”

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