

Collection #
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**JOSIAH MARVEL
CIVIL WAR MATERIALS, CA. 1861–1929**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript folder
1 OVC size graphic

COLLECTION DATES: Ca. 1861–1929

PROVENANCE: Daisy Marvel Jones, 1963; Daisy Marvel Jones and Mary E. Stuebaker, 1963

RESTRICTIONS: None

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ALTERNATE FORMATS: Portrait of Josiah Marvel in the Digital Image Collections

RELATED HOLDINGS:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1963.0408, 1963.0703

NOTES:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Josiah Marvel was born June 25, 1845, the youngest surviving child of Robert and Sarah (Wilkins) Marvel. According to census records his parents were born in Delaware and were married August 16, 1827, in Muskingum County (Zanesville), Ohio. They moved from Ohio in 1835 to Brown Township, Hendricks County, Indiana where Josiah was born.

During the Civil War Josiah was mustered in at Indianapolis as a private on September 13, 1861, into Company H of the 7th Infantry Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He was mustered out with an honorable discharge for an unidentified disability on February 21, 1862. On December 31, 1863, Josiah married Nancy Wilson and they had five children, two sons: (Charles E. and Harlin) and three daughters (Ida Rose, Allie, and Cora). Josiah died on October 28, 1913. Early census records indicate he was a farmer but the 1910 census lists him as a sawmill laborer. Josiah was misidentified as Joseph in the 1870 and 1900 census.

The 7th Indiana Infantry organized at Indianapolis, Indiana in April 1861 was ordered to West Virginia on May 29. It was involved in a skirmish at Philippi, camped there for six weeks and marched to Bellington where it engaged in three days of heavy skirmishes. They pursued Confederate General Garnett from Carrick's Ford, resulting in his defeat and killing the General. Originally organized as a three month regiment, they mustered out at Indianapolis on August 2, 1861, but immediately reorganized for three years and mustered in September 13, 1861 and left Indiana again for West Virginia. Under the command of General Reynolds they were engaged in the battle of Green Brier, and Winchester Heights, at Port Republic, and Front Royal.

When assigned to the Army of Virginia, they were involved at Cedar Mountain and the second battle of Bull Run. In pursuit of General Lee's forces through Maryland, they were involved in the battle of Antietam and the battle of Fredericksburg. During 1863, they were engaged at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, suffering heavy casualties in both battles. In November they were in the battle of Mine Run, and went into camp at Culpeper.

Moving with the Army of the Potomac in the spring of 1864, they were engaged in battles of the Wilderness, Laurel Hill, Spotsylvania, Po River, North Anna River, Bethesda Church and Cold Harbor, losing heavily during these engagements. On June 16th, they moved to Petersburg and participated in the siege there until August 18th. The 7th mustered out as a regiment and consolidated with the 19th Indiana in September 1864 and in turn was consolidated with the 20th Indiana on October 18th.

Sources:

Materials in the collection

Genealogy Division, Indiana State Library: "Brief History of the Marvel Family"

Online sources: American Civil War Research Database

U.S. Census records for 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection is comprised of one folder of Civil War pension records and one portrait photograph of Josiah Marvel of Brownsburg, Indiana.

The full length portrait of Marvel shows him standing at attention in his uniform with his rifle. The photograph is a salt print enhanced with charcoal and is 19 ½ x 15 ½ inches in size.

The pension records for Marvel were received from the Bureau of Archives, Washington, D.C. and consist of: a voucher for pension 1898; recommendation for pension with date of discharge given as February 21, 1862 by reason of disability; pension for May 24, 1912 giving his date of enlistment as September 13, 1861 and an honorable discharge July 1, 1862; widow's pension for Nancy Marvel, December 1913; and the drop report for Nancy Marvel at her death November 14, 1929. There is also a marriage license of Josiah Marvel and Nancy Wilson and a copy of Marvel's obituary from *The Brownsburg Record*.

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Josiah Marvel Pension Records, marriage license, and
obituary, 1863–1929 [photocopies]

Charcoal enhanced salt print photograph of Josiah Marvel in
his Civil War uniform with rifle, ca. 1861

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OVC Graphics:
Box 1, Folder 1

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1. Go to the Indiana Historical Society's online catalog:
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2. Click on the "Basic Search" icon.
3. Select "Call Number" from the "Search In:" box.
4. Search for the collection by its basic call number (in this case, SC0408).
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