

Postmarked April 8, 1999

Mark Dunkelman

Dear Mark

What you sent about Henry is the same info I have in the family book.

He put in for an Invalid Claim for Pension:As follows: Henry Luce, enlisted August 28, 1862. Discharged July 15th 1865: filed by Chas P. Edwards, Kearney, Buffalo County, NE. witnessed by Simon W. Switzer nad Henry C. Andrews, residing in Kearney NE. 9 June 1877 Henry Luce, 57 years of age, resident of the precinct of Cedar, County of Buffalo, NE, was in Co B etc. commanded by Capt. Daniel B. Allen, and was honorably discharged at Elmira NY on the 14th of July 1865. In line of duty near Fairfax Courthouse, Virginia on or about the 15th of Oct. 1862, he contracted the disease of Congestion of the lungs. After a long and heated march while in a state of grest perspiration he was obliged to lie upon the wet ground during a severe rain storm without any blankets or covering of any kind. He was treated in the regimental hospital from on or about the 18th day of Oct. 1862 to about Nov. 10th 1864. Since leaving the service he has resided in the town of Cattaraugus NY, and his occupation has been that of a farmer, prior to his entry into the service he was employed as a mechanic and thathe now partly disabled. He has not received nor applied for pension. His post office address is Kearney , Buffalo County, NE.

(The document bears Henry Luce's signature)

Statement by Henry Luce in support of the application. "I, Henry Luce, being first duly sworn depose and say; Five years previous to my enlistment I lived in Elk County, Pennsylvania. In June 1861, I moved to the town of New Albion, Cattaraugus Co, NY. On Aug. 8th 1862 I enlisted in the U.S. Vol. Service. While living in New Albion my occupation was principally farming. My occupations since my discharge has been farming. After being discharged from the Army in July 1865 I lived at Cattaraugus NY. until Oct. 20th 1873. I then moved to Buffalo County NE. at which place I have made it my residence.

"I contracted disease of the lungs in Oct 1862 while in the U.S. Service and my lungs have troubled me ever since.

"In Dec. 1862 I was ordered into the regimental hospital near Falmouth, VA. at which place I acted as assistant until the battle of Gettysberg in 1863, at which place I was detailed as a nurse. I left Gettysberg about the first of Oct. 1863 and was sent to Camp Convalescent near Alexandria and was there transferred to the invalid Core."

MORE STATEMENTS BY HENRY LUCE ABOUT HIS SERVICE CONNECTED
DISABILITY

"In the spring of 1864 I had a very severe attack of congestion of the lungs, I was then at Capitol Hill Barracks, and was excused from duty for a long time by reason of said disease, during which time I was treated by a Physician and also treated myself having been a nurse in the Hospital so long and becoming acquainted with the proper treatment for lung difficulties."

From Dec. 1862 until Oct. 1863 I was excused from carrying a gun and knapsack, and from doing guard duty."

In spring of 1864 I was detailed in the Regimental Commissary Dept. in which Dept. I served until my discharge July 14th, 1865."

The Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D.C. on Sept. 22, 1877 acknowledged the claim for pension number 240585 by Selina Luce in a communication to the commissioner of pensions.

A claim for pension by Selina Luce was made Sept. 6, 1889 and approved.

Mark as I said I only had bits and peices of Henry's war record. What any others may have I do not know.

I do know Henry made use of his hospital learning because he and Grand Mother Selina went out nursing and birthing babies my Mother told me this. I sure am spoiled typing on the computer you can fix your mistakes. Please excuse my sloppy typing.

Sincerely Yours
Lavonne Ward

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Ps; I see in this info a Hiram Luce, Pvt. 64th NY Regt.

Enlisted Oct. 18, 1861 Died of sickness acquired in Army,

April 20, 1862 Do you have any connections to find out who he was? Or any relative of Henry's ?

*PHOTO: SELINA TEAPE LUCE (1823-1901)
WITH HUSBAND HENRY LUCE (1820-1885).
MARRIED SEPT. 18, 1842*