

David W. Onan II

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Dear Mr. Winey,

It is by an astonishing coincidence that I am writing you, if you are the co-author of "The Hardtack Regiment". My great, great grandfather was Warren Onan pictured on page 182. I have wanted to correspond with you for some time, and your name and address came to me through another person interested in ONAN research, Yvonne Martin.

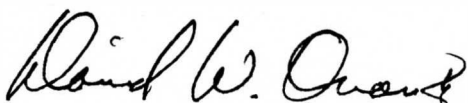
I am interested in good copies of any photographs you may have of Warren Onan. (I have sometimes found his name misspelled Onam.)

Will you let me know what the procedures and cost will be.

I have spent 20 years working on the family history and a good deal of time tramping around rural Cattaraugus County visiting some of the same sources you cite in your book. I wish I was as well organized as you. It might be of interest to know that Warren Onan and his family came to Moorhead MN in the late 1870's. By then he called himself Colonel, and was well regarded in the community even though he made a business of selling "improved properties" to Civil War veterans. He participated in GAR encampments, was a Justice of the Peace, and lived in a fine corner house in Moorhead. He died in 1910 at age 92, outliving his wife and all but one of six children.

A final question. The photo in your book is credited to William C. Welch. I would like the best possible reproduction if it can be done. Is Mr. Welch or his papers available?

Sincerely,



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cc: Yvonne Martin