

***CW/VFM-104: Hiram Williams Co. H, 198th Pennsylvania Volunteer Regiment***

The 198<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry was organized late in the war; early September of 1864. They did not serve in many engagements, but were present at Lee's surrender at Appomattox Courthouse (4/9/1865), which was when Williams was wounded. Hiram Williams, who had previously served with the 10th Pennsylvania Militia Regiment in 1862, has the distinction of being the last Union Soldier wounded in the Civil War. He was hit by a shell and, as a result, he lost all the toes on his right foot and his entire left foot.

Letters to his Mother:

9/18/1862 from Chambersburg- simply a letter to let his mother know he is well

Original document: 1pp

Typed copy: 1pp

3/9/1865 from Hatches Run- simply to let his mother know that all is well and that he is sending money

Original document: 1pp

Typed copy: 1pp

4/22/1865 from Farmville Hospital- account of his injury

Original document: 1pp

Typed copy: 1pp

5/7/1865 from Washington- let her know he's out of the hospital, and that his wounds are healing

Original document: 1pp

Typed copy: 1pp

Letter from Samuel Pullen to Christiana:

4/11/1865 from Appomattox Courthouse- Pullen (Williams' tent mate) wrote to Christiana (Williams' sister) to let her know that her brother had been wounded.

Original document: 1pp  
Typed copy: 1pp

General Letter from Williams:

6/6/1890- simply a statement of his service in the 198<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania

Original document: 2pp  
Typed copy: 2pp

Roll of Company K of the 10<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania (1862):

Original document: 1pp

Discharge Paper (10/6/1865):

Original document: 1pp

Pension documents:

Pension Certificate  
Original document: 2pp

Form of Application for an artificial limb  
Original document: 1pp

Notification of Pension Increase (1903)  
Original document: 1pp

Notification of Pension Increase (1960)  
Original document: 1pp

Letter from Prudential Insurance Company to John B. Williams:

10/26/1908- John gave up the original policies held with them in order to take new (already paid-up) ones.

Letter from Gerald S. Brinton to Arthur M. Smith:

10/20/1975- letter stating that Smith's great uncle (Williams) was in the 198<sup>th</sup> PA. He tells him where the regiment fought, and that it was part of Joshua Chamberlain's brigade.

Letter from Nancy C. Scott to Arthur M. Smith:

9/22/1982- letter thanking him for his donation of his great uncle's papers and newspaper clippings.

Clippings:

**Lee Surrender Witness Died**

Williams' Obituary

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