

Pvt. Thomas J. McCann

Company "C"

Thomas J. McCann (April 22, 1830-Oct. 1, 1888) and Mary Caroline Simms (June 2, 1832-Feb. 10, 1917) were married at Peach Bottom, Pa. on June 27, 1854.

Thomas J. McCann, was born on April. 22, 1830, in Peach Bottom, York County, Pennsylvania. Mary Caroline Simms was born on June 27, 1837, in Shanes, Harford County, Md. Their graves are in the West Liberty Cemetery, White Hall, Baltimore County, Md.

Mary Caroline Simms was the daughter of Andrew Simms. Andrew was born on July 22, 1788 in Maryland, near Dear Creek, Baltimore County, Md. Andrew died on June 27, 1855. He was a veteran of the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812.

Thomas J. McCann served from Sept. 1, 1862 to May 31, 1865 with the 7th Regiment, Company C, of the Maryland Infantry during the Civil War.

Records show that on Aug. 7, 1879, Thomas J. McCann applied for (Application No. 302455, Certificate No. 479086) and received an Invalid Pension based on his duty with Company C of the 7th Maryland Infantry.

Thomas J. and Mary Caroline Simms McCann had 12 children, including Charles W. McCann, who was born Oct. 7, 1860, grandfather of Charles Howard McCann.

Charles W. McCann and Virginia Ayres (Virginia was from The Rocks, Harford Co., Md.) had the following children: Grace McCann, born Feb. 10, 1886, John W. McCann, born Feb. 25, 1888, Florence McCann, born August 23, 1890, Agnes M. McCann, born Aug. 9, 1892 and Charles Howard McCann, born Sept. 23, 1894, father of Charles Howard McCann (Jr.).

About the descendant;

Charles Howard McCann (Jr.), was born and raised in Texas, and first met and visited the McCann family in Maryland in 1960, when stationed at Ft. Belvoir, Va. My father's mother died when he was a baby and he was sent to live with his grandmother Mary Caroline Simms McCann, the widow of Thomas J. McCann, at her home near Rayville, Md.

I think it's especially interesting that her husband Thomas J. McCann served during the Civil War, and that her father Andrew Simms served in the Battle of Baltimore during the War of 1812.

