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**Dedication
of
Civil War Union Soldier
Private Richard Elwood Smith's
Marker**

*placed by
~ Mrs. Benjamin Harrison ~ Tent 2 ~
Daughters of Union Veterans
of the Civil War*

Nanticoke Cemetery
99 Cherry Valley Hill Road, Lisle, NY 13797

Tuesday, August 20, 2024
11:00 a.m.

**Our special thanks to *Daryl Doty Holloway*
for her continuous and faithful research
which expedites this project.**



Today's Program

Welcome to Dedication.....President Ella Youngs Peryea

Invocation.....Chaplain Mary Anne Hayes

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thank you for all goodness and kindness. We ask a special blessing upon our participating organizations and upon the veteran to be honored with a fitting grave marker here today. Direct us in all our doings that they may be favorable in your sight. Grant us knowledge of your truth and abide in us forever. **Amen.**

Pledge of Allegiance.....V. President Bonnie Baker Duff

"When The Boys In Blue Are Gone"....SUVCW Douglas Deuel

Historical Remarks...Cemetery Supervisor Richard Baldwin

Richard Elwood Smith.....SUVCW John Goodnough

Biographical Notes

Richard Elwood Smith was born 27 Jun 1828 in New Lebanon, Columbia County, NY, a son of John L. and Lucina I. (Griggs) Smith. Richard Elwood Smith's known lifetime occupations were as farmer and cabinet maker.

As far as is known, Richard did not marry. He was on a regional list of potential draftees as of July 1863 and subsequently enlisted on 17 Jul 1863 to serve for 3 yrs. At the time of enlistment, his physical features were described thus: Eyes, dark; Hair, brown; Complexion, light; Height, 5' 9".

His first entry into Union Army service was as Private, Co. "E", 76th NY Infantry. On 18 Nov 1864 he was transferred to Co. "A". He was again reassigned on 28 Jan 1865 as Private, Co. "B," 147th NY Infantry. Both regiments served with the Union Army of the Potomac.

Private Smith's extant records indicate hospitalizations relating to issues suffered in service. One source shows he was discharged on or about 03 Jul 1865; however, another source states "Taken ill Nov 1863 and went home; did not recover". But Smith survived and applied successfully for an Invalid's Pension (Certificate #149219). In the early 1870s, he was living on his parents' farm in the Town of Nanticoke. The Federal List of Pensioners on the Roll dated 01 Jan.1883 shows Richard E. Smith at Center Lisle, NY, and then receiving a monthly stipend of \$24.00 for an affliction diagnosed as "Locomotor Ataxia". The latest update in benefits had been approved back in Nov 1877.

During the Jun 1890 Special Veterans' Census, Smith reported at Lisle where he confirmed wartime service in the 76th NY Infantry but could not supply dates. Other notations by the census enumerator included "Locomotor Ataxia" and "Drafted". He passed away on 08 Apr 1891. Interment was in the Nanticoke Cemetery per Find A Grave Memorial #234063024. He was a brother of Dwight R. Smith, who served in the 50th NY Engineers.

DUV Dedication Ceremony..... DUV Tent 2 Officers

President Ella Youngs Peryea

With solemn tread & voices hushed, we Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, remind our fellow citizens of our duty to the soldiers who wore the blue, the flag for which they fought, the country for which they died. So, we keep alive memories of heroic services and unselfish sacrifices.

Secretary.....Deborah Dvorsky

This Union Veteran of the Civil War pledged to exercise a great virtue – Charity. Let us strive to exercise that virtue to all people. May it be a guiding star, causing us to strive for nobler acts of kindness and charity for all.

Treasurer..... Daryl Holloway

We are here true to our obligations as Daughters of Union Veterans and following our hearts. **Richard Elwood Smith** was one of many who followed the flag from the shadow of Sumter to the sunlight of Appomattox. We are grateful for his loyal heart.



Historian.....Beverly Ochiai
Richard Elwood Smith and his comrades offered their lives, fortunes & honor to preserve our country in its hour of need. So, we pledge ourselves anew to honor the 'Flag Our Fathers Saved.' May our spirits here be filled with the spirit of loyalty. Let us pray.

Chaplain.....Mary Anne Hayes
 God of peace, we ask a blessing on this Union Veteran, **Richard Elwood Smith**, defender of our country's honor. Bless and preserve our country in purity and integrity. Bless our orders and groups that we may renew our fraternity, charity & loyalty as we dedicate this soldier's gravestone. In God we trust. **Amen.**

Laying Memorial Wreath.....Tent 2 Daughters
.....Ginny Sheppard & Karen Messersmith

Taps.....Musician Eileen Patch

Our tent is most appreciative of your support. Your encouragement enables us to continue to give our past veterans their due.

**Casual lunch to follow at Langland's Pavilion,
 1771 Union Center Maine Hwy, Endicott, NY 13760
 Hope you join us.**



Object of the Daughters of Union Veterans

To perpetuate the memories of our fathers, their loyalty to the Union, their unselfish sacrifices for the preservation of the same, and to keep alive the history of those who participated in that heroic struggle for the maintenance of our free government.









Richard Elwood Smith
in the New York, U.S., Town Clerks' Registers
of Men Who Served in the Civil War, ca 1861-
1865

Birth Date 27 Jun 1828

Birth Place New Lebanon, New York

Father John L Smith

Mother Lurena Griggs

Residence Place Owego

Enlistment Date 17 Aug 1863

Enlistment Location Nanticoke, Broome, New
York

Regiment 76th Infantry

Company E

Rank Private

Race White

Marital Status Single



SMITH, RICHARD E.—Private,
Co. A, Seventy-sixth Infantry; transferred
to Co. B, this regiment, January 28, 1865;
discharged to date, July 3, 1865.

Burial at Lamb's Corners and
cause of death Locomotor Ataxia per
information received from Town of Lisle
Historian.

Brother Dwight Romano Smith
Pvt, Co. E, 50th NY Infantry Regiment, Civil War



Nanticoke, New York, USA
Coordinates: 42.27771, -76.05574



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