

## From the Assessor's Office: Hanson Civil War Service Records

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The manuscript consists of "Complete Records of the Names of all the Soldiers and Officers In the Military Service and of all the Seaman and Officers in the Naval Service of the United States from the Town of Hanson, Plymouth County, Massachusetts During the Rebellion Begun in 1861: Together with Authentic Facts Relating to the Military or Naval Career of Each Soldier, Seaman, And Officer. Made Out, With Additions from Time to Time, in Conformity with the Statutes of the Commonwealth, Approved March 7, 1863, and April 29, 1863 (Record Book Supplied by George Coolidge, 3 Milk Street, Boston)."

There are records for 186 men who served in the military (although some of these entries are duplicates for the same men) and a record for the one man who served in the navy. Each record includes the soldier's name, residence, date and place of birth, dates of enlistment and when mustered, military rank, length of enlistment, regiment and company, amount of bounty paid by the town, marital status, names of parents, civil occupation, and a section to note promotions, resignations, discharges or deaths with "dates, causes, &c."

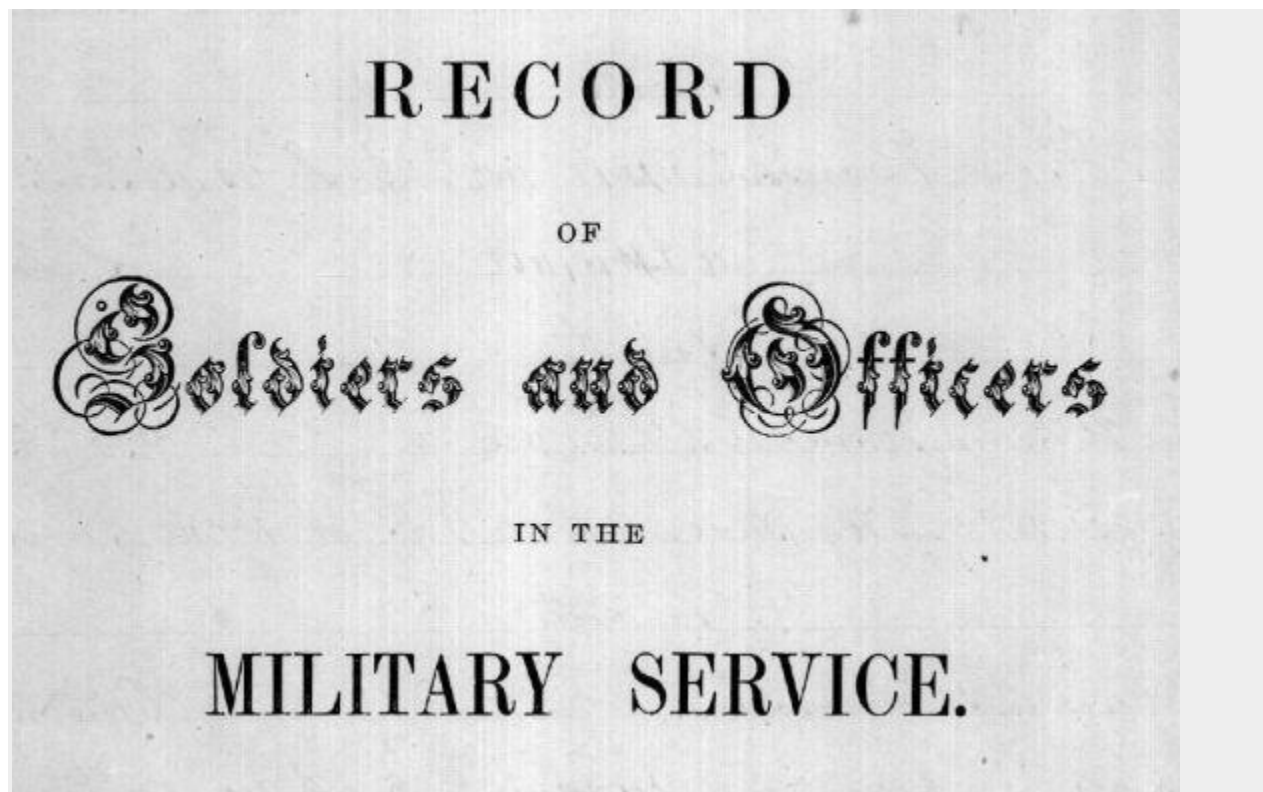
According to this manuscript, 17 Hanson soldiers died during the Civil War, only three of whom were listed as dying from battlefield wounds (the remainder dying from disease): **Augustus F. Elmes** (died of typhoid fever at Camp Brightwood, 25 Oct. 1861); **James Coolican** (b. 1838 in Ireland, died of chronic diarrhea 25 Feb. 1863 at Baton Rouge); **Theodore Lyman Bonney** (died of typhoid fever at Aquia Creek, Virginia, 11 May 1863); **Stephen Bates** (died of chronic diarrhea at Baton Rouge, 21 May 1863); **John Lyons** (died of chronic diarrhea at Port Hudson, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 29 September 1863); **Julius W. Munroe** (taken prisoner 19 Oct. 1864 and died of chronic diarrhea at the Salisbury Confederate Prison, N.C.); **Joseph L. Fish** (died of chronic diarrhea, 31 Oct. 1863); **Andrew W. Fish** (died of chronic diarrhea at a hospital in Baton Rouge, 3 Aug. 1863); **Edward Smith** (died of typhoid fever at Annapolis, Maryland, 19 Nov. 1863); **George Golbert** "died [Aug. 1862]"; **Horatio Foster** "died at Warrington"; **John H. Perry** "died at []"; **Daniel Bourne** "died in Virginia of gunshot wound in groin, received in Battle of the Wilderness"; **Thomas Drake** died at Andersonville, Va. [sic, probably Anderson Prison Camp, Georgia], 14 March 1865; **Austin Luther** was "wounded in the U.S. service" and died at New Orleans, 5 April 1864; **Henry Ewell** was "wounded in left arm at the taking of the Weldon R.R., Petersburg, Va., Aug. 25/64" and died at Washington, D.C., 2 Nov. 1864; **Morton Hill** died at New Orleans, La., 19 April 1863. [An additional three Hanson men were listed as dying in the Civil War according to *History of the Town of Hanson*: **Joseph T. Bourne** (d. of chronic diarrhea at Sharpsburg, Va., 11 Nov. 1862), **Edward P. Mansfield** ("shot in the Battle of Wilderness" and d. at Spotsylvania, Va., 4 May 1864), and **George Thompson**]

11 Hanson men were recorded in this manuscript as being wounded during service (who recovered): **Nathaniel Howland** was "wounded on board of steamer on the Mississippi River Apr. 13th 1864"; **Thomas Whiting** was "wounded in thigh at Port Hudson" on 14 June 1863; **Algernon White** was discharged for "total disability caused by a wound received at Bull Run [on] Aug. 29

1862"; **Andrew Gurny** was "discharged Aug. 22 1863 [at] Baton Rouge for disability"; **Joshua Perkins** was wounded 14 June 1863 and taken prisoner 19 Sept. 1863; **Francis Hill** was discharged for disability on 17 Nov. 1863; **Freeman Gurney** was discharged for disability on 3 Oct. 1862; **William W. Hood** was "mustered out July 22, 1861 for disability"; **Edward Orcutt** was "discharged from service for disability"; **Reuben Willis** was "discharged March 16th 1865 for disability on account of wounds received in service"; **Freeman Howland** was "discharged Feb. 6 1865 for disability caused by shot wound in left arm."

There was one deserter listed in the manuscript: **Charles Noble** who deserted from service on 9 April 1864 one month after enlisting as a private on 4 March 1864.

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p. 6-7: Briggs, Seth M.; Stetson, Charles H.; Stetson, Isaiah; Bearce, Benjamin H.; Gurney, Thomas; Hood, William W.; Denham, Charles W.; Sampson, Augustus M.

p. 8-9: Capen, Alonzo; Bosworth, Ichabod; Howland, Freeman P.; Howland, James H.; Elmes, August F.; Whitten, Henry W.; Clark, Thomas G.; Bourne, Thomas W.

p. 10-11: Keene, Thatcher; Luther, Herbert M.; Luther, Edward Y.; Drayton, John; Stetson, Jeremiah; Stetson, Edwin L.; Coolican, James; Smith, Joseph

p. 12-13: Bonney, Theodore L.; Bonney, Otis L.; Bonney, Morton V.; Prouty, Joseph E.; Ramsdell, Isaac; Bates, Stephen; Lyons, John; Leavitt, Joseph S.

p. 14-15: Munroe, Julius W.; Ames, John C.; Fish, Joseph L.; Fish, Andrew W.; Ames, Marcus F.; Cook, Henry; Brigham, Andrew C.; Cook, Edwin B.

p. 16-17: Thayer, Albert M.; Everson, Joseph H.; Fuller, Elbridge G.; Gurney, Ebenezer H.; Bourn, Josiah; Smith, Reuben; Smith, Jason; Howland, Nathaniel T.

p. 18-19: Barker, John; Whiting, Thomas F.; Hill, Jacob P.; Beal, Bernard C.; Peterson, Algernon A.; Pratt, Orange S.; Ramsdell, Samuel D.; Daland, Daniel B.

p. 20-21: White, Algernon J.; Sampson, George T.; Gurney, Andrew; Perkins, Joshua L.; Soper, Henry; Turner, Seth F.; Shaw, Andrew J.; Shaw, Zenas

p. 22-23: McGough, Lawrence; Hood, Horatio N.; Whiting, Charles H. W.; Pratt, Edwin W.; Smith, Edward; Mansfield, Edward P.; Golbert, George; Foster, Horatio

p. 24-25: Willis, Reuben; Ewell, Henry; Hayward, George; Hill, Francis C.; Everson, Erastus W.; Brown, John; Gurney, Freeman J.; Perry, John H.

p. 26-27: Hatch, Nathaniel T.; Gurney, Thomas; Bearce, Benjamin H.; Bourne, Daniel; Bourne, Isaac; Phillips, Calvin T.; Daland, Daniel B.; Pratt, Edwin W.

p. 28-29: Drew, Cyrus; Drew, Thomas; Kingman, David; Drake, Thomas; Luther, Austin E.; Ewell, Henry; Drayton, John; Smith, Reuben

p. 30-31: Hill, Francis C.; Bourne, George H.; Gurney, E. Henry; Hood, William W.; Everson, F[rederic]. Otis; Perry, John H.; Ramsdell, Philemon; Orcutt, Edward

p. 32-33: Cook, Josiah G.; Loring, Joseph B.; Hill, Morton E.; Leavitt, Hiram; Delano, George T.; Sprague, N[athaniel]. D. W.; Perry, Henry J.; Estes, Florin

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p. 46-47: Pratt, Orange S.; Sampson, George T.; Thayer, Edwin S.; Howard, Willard; Hill, J[acob]. P.; Corson, Charles W.; Capen, A[lonzo].; Bonney, M[orton]. V.

p. 48-49: Bonney, T[heodore]. L.; Perry, John H.; Harlow, William B.; Sprague, C[harles]. H.; Stetson, C[harles]. H.; Thomas, G[ershom]. B.; Toomey, Michael; Smith, Daniel S.

p. 50-51: Curtis, John F.; Doneley, Michael; Everett, George B.; Jewett, John; Bates, Lorenzo T.; Smith, James; Jewett, John; Howland, F[reeman]. P.

p. 52-53: Averill, Louis C.; Noble, Charles J.

Below is an index of the Hanson Civil War Sailor who performed naval service, organized by the pages he is listed on in the pdf of the manuscript:

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