

LETTERS OF CHARLES A. WILSON

There are four letters in the collection authored by Charles A. Wilson in 1861 to 1863 in the possession of the Bliley family and scanned in November 2011, by Charles A. Bliley of Rochester, NY. Two of the letters were written from Iowa and the other two from other locations while he was serving in the Union Army during the Civil War.

- Wilson, C.A. LTR 10.28.1859
- Wilson, C.A. LTR 02.15.1861
- Wilson, C.A. LTR 03.16.1862
- Wilson, C.A. LTR 02.11.1863

The following are data from various resources:



Charles A. Wilson

B: July 10, 1840

D: August 11, 1863

(Photo from personal album of Frank A. Bliley)

Civil War Enlistment Record

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles about Charles A Wilson

Name: Charles A Wilson

Residence: West Union, Iowa

Age at enlistment: 23

Enlistment Date: 15 Aug 1862

Rank at enlistment: 5th Corpl

State Served: Iowa

Survived the War?: No

Service Record: Enlisted in Company G, Iowa 38th Infantry Regiment on 09 Sep 1862.

Promoted to Full 4th Corporal on 11 Nov 1862.

Mustered out on 11 Aug 1863 at Port Hudson, LA.

Birth Date: abt 1839

Sources: Roster & Record of Iowa Soldiers in the War of Rebellion

Notes: His pay as a corporal was \$13.00 a month. The "mustered out" record may be the date of his death as it also says he did not survive the war.

RELATIONSHIP TO THE BLILEY FAMILY

Charles "Charlie" Wilson is the great grandson of Charles A. Bliley of Harbor Creek, Pennsylvania. While Charlie was technically nephew to Charles Bliley through his sister, Eleanor Bliley Wilson Deer, Charles and his mother, Catherine Bleile/Bliley/Blila too him in for undetermined reasons at the age of two and raised him.

From memoirs of Mary Jane Mead Bliley:

As published on www.Bliley.net.

"Charles mother, Catherine, and Charles' nephew, Charlie Wilson (son of Ellen [Eleanor] Bliley-Wilson-Deer) lived with us. Charles' mother took Charlie Wilson when he was two years old [she was 20]. He was eight years old at the time of my marriage. He was a very good boy and kind to me. We raised him. When he was twenty years old he went to Renick, Missouri, and spent six months with his mother, Ellen Deer. Then he went to Iowa to the Dave Baemers and worked about three years when he enlisted in the Civil War. He was in the war something less than one year when he was stricken with fever and died. He was buried in New Orleans. We were grieved to learn of his death."

The Bliley family back in Harbor Creek, PA must have been crushed to hear of his death. Beamers were friends of Mary Jane Mead Bliley's brother who moved to Iowa in 1857.

Mother: Ellen Bleile/Bliley Wilson Deer

Born: 1820, Bad Krozingen, Germany

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