

Case Study #3

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Andrew Werner b May 1825 Germany d 10 July 1905 Somerset County, PA. He immigrated to the US in Sept 1836 through Baltimore, Maryland

Married #1 Ana Maria Keppler about 1858

Married #2 Catherine about 1883

His headstone states that he fought in the Civil War with the 76th Regiment, Company D, Pennsylvania Infantry

The question is what can be learned of his military service

1. Fold3

- a. Enter Andrew Werner's name in the top search box
 - i. Select Civil War Records
 1. Select Pennsylvania and include 34 no place matches
 2. There are 18 results for Pennsylvania for an Andrew Werner. With a total of 36 that includes the no place matches.
 - 3.
 - ii. Pension Numerical Index
 1. There are a 3 results
 - iii. Select Bounty Land Warrants
 1. Select Pennsylvania
 - a. There is one

2. Ancestry.com search

- a. The following search options were performed:
 - i. Select "Search" option across the top of the home page
 - ii. Select Military
 - iii. Enter Andrew Werner's name, birth date, birth location, death date and death location
 1. The results are from the collections: US Civil War Soldier Records & Profiles 1861-1865, US Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files 1861-1934 and US Civil War Soldiers 1861-1865.
 - a. The US Civil War Soldiers 1861-1865 contains a link to the Regiment History
 - iv. Search Collection Focus "United States"
 - v. The results are for all wars during his lifetime.

3. Future Research Suggestions

- a. A search of the neighbors of Andrew Werner in the 1860 and 1870 census might give some indication as to what other regiments might be from the area where Andrew

lived. Once that is determined a history of the regiment might lead to other possible records.

- b. Order the pension file from NARA. This would reveal details about his health and would contain possibly affidavits from soldiers he served with. For the second wife to receive the widow's pension she would have had to provide proof of their marriage and the death of the first wife.
- c. The Familysearch Wiki for Pennsylvania Military Records looks to be a good resource. It has links to direct the user to other military records.

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Pennsylvania_Military_Records