



2014 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR



Finding the Correct Ancestor: Civil War Soldiers and Homesteads **Jean Nudd**

This session highlights a frequent occurrence in genealogy research; multiple people with the same name, living in the same area. Using an example of a Michigan homesteader, who fought in the Civil War, this lecture outlines a process for identifying individuals in order to determine the correct ancestor.



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1862 Homestead Act

- Priority to Civil War veterans
- Anyone could get 160 acres land
- Veterans could get additional land, up to another 160 acres
- Specific requirements to homestead
 - Live on land for 5 years
 - Make improvements to land
 - Prove improvements made

M25, Bureau of Land Management

- Correspondence files
- Last 3 rolls document Civil War veterans additional homestead requests
- Pittsfield volunteers indexed these rolls
- Useful to genealogists?

Charles Rockwell

- Two letters in M25 concerning Charles Rockwell's request for additional land in Michigan
- Charles Rockwell is a pretty common name – in the 1870 Michigan census there are 11 Charles Rockwells listed
- Let's look at the census first to see what we can discover about Charles Rockwell

Respectfully
T. J. Anderson
Acting Commissioner

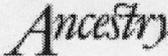
Department of the Interior
- General Land Office,
Washington, D.C. Nov. 2 88.
- Washington, D.C.

"6"
90283
1888
W. E. T.

Messrs Laman & Jachery,

Gentlemen:

Under date of 4th of August
last you filed in this office an ap-
plication for review of its decision
of May 12, 1888, in the case of
Charles Rockwell, Sonia, Mich. Soldier's
Additional H.E. No. 6999, T. L. No. 2791,
S. W. W. Sec. 21 - 18 - 16 E. which decision
declined to certify to Rockwell's right
to make a new additional entry
in lieu of the one described which
was patented November 20, 1877, and
which it appears covers land, the

Search Results Provided By

The No. 1 Source for Family History
Data Source: 1870 United States Federal Census

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View Record	Name	Home in 1870 (City, County, State)	Estimated birth year	Birthplace	Race	Gender	View Image
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Ganges, Allegan, MI	abt 1823	Ohio	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Battle Creek Ward 2, Calhoun, MI	abt 1814	New York	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Olive, Clinton, MI	abt 1861	Michigan	White	Male	
View Record	Chas E Rockwell	Thetford, Genesee, MI	abt 1840	New York	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Bear Lake, Manistee, MI	abt 1835	Connecticut	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Crystal, Montcalm, MI	abt 1811	Pennsylvania	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Bloomfield, Oakland, MI	abt 1862	Michigan	White	Male	
View Record	Charles A Rockwell	Springfield, Oakland, MI	abt 1848	Michigan	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Chester, Ottawa, MI	abt 1823	New York	White	Male	
View Record	Chas Rockwell	Lawrence, Van Buren, MI	abt 1830	New York	White	Male	
View Record	Charles Rockwell	Dexter, Washtenaw, MI	abt 1851	New York	White	Male	

1870 Charles Rockwells

- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1823 in Ohio
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1814 in New York
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1861 in Michigan
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1840 in New York
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1835 in Connecticut
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1811 in Pennsylvania
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1862 in Michigan
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1848 in Michigan
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1823 in New York
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1830 in New York
- Charles Rockwell, b. abt. 1851 in New York

Who can we eliminate?

- Age immediately lets us eliminate 5 of them:
 - Charles born 1861 in Michigan
 - Charles born 1862 in Michigan
 - Charles born 1848 in Michigan
 - Charles born 1851 in New York
 - Charles born in 1811 in Pennsylvania probably too old

What else can we do?

- Fairly common problem in genealogical research – how do we know which person is our ancestor when we are searching for common names
- What techniques and records can we use to sort out the remaining 7 Charles Rockwells?

Steps in Finding The Correct Ancestor

- Determine where your ancestor lived so you can check records for that area; determine if (s)he had siblings, children, war service – anything that makes him/her stand out from the crowd
- Use every type of record you can think of – vital records, census, newspapers, city directories, genealogies, tax lists – even if they don't contain personal information

Steps, cont.

- If more than one person by that name lived in the same place, find person-specific records to find information on each person with that name so you can tell them apart – vital records, pension files, deeds, probate, occupational, voting lists, tax rolls
- Use collateral lines to help you set your ancestor apart from others with the same name
- Collect as much information on that name in that place as you can – be exhaustive in your search examining every type of record, even those that might not have ages or family information

Steps, cont.

- Record complete information from each record source – exact dates, any relationships either implied or specific, witnesses, neighbors, signatures, land descriptions or locations, etc.
- Understand the records you collect; evaluate records you find and assemble the information into a useable framework – Don't just collect information but analyze it

Steps, cont.

- Try putting the facts you collect into graph form or a timeline arranged by given name, then location, religion, neighbors, or any other variables that can help sort out information
- Refocus your research as you assemble the facts found in records – don't just collect records and facts but use the pieces you collect to ask questions to take you to the next step in your research

So Where to Start with Charles Rockwell?

- We know our Charles Rockwell had to be a Civil War soldier
- We don't know where he was born, what state he might have served from, etc.
- What records can we check to find this information out?

Records to look at

- Since he's a Civil War soldier, let's look at www.itd.nps.gov/cwss to see what Charles Rockwells are listed as serving in the Civil War
- Let's check the pension index for the Civil War to see if we can find Charles Rockwells living in Michigan who received pensions for their service
- Let's see if there are any Charles Rockwells in Michigan who received Civil War service gravestones

www.itd.nps.gov/cwss

- Easy to search
- We know our Charles Rockwell had to be a Union soldier since he filed for a home-
stead
- It also includes brief regimental histories
so we can see where it was founded and
what action it saw



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State (Or Origin)

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Unit No. (Or Ordinal)

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Function

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Submit Query

Reset Query

Soldier Name Totals

6.3 million

To view status of soldier

Charles Rockwells

- CR – 140th Ohio Infantry
- CR – 15th NY Engineers
- CR – 49th PA Infantry
- CR – 70th IL Infantry
- CR – 56th IL Mechanics
- CR – 40th NJ Infantry
- CR – 8th MA Infantry
- CR – 49th MA Infantry
- CR – 149th PA Infantry
- CR – 5th PA Reserve Inf.
- CR – 123rd US Colored Inf.
- CR – 137th NY Infantry
- CR – 102nd NY Infantry
- CR – 119th IL Infantry
- CR – 17th PA Cavalry
- CR – 128th OH Infantry
- CR – 13th PA Cavalry
- CR – 5th CT Infantry
- CR – 92nd NY Infantry
- CR – 28th WI Infantry
- CR – 46th IL Infantry
- CR – 49th MA Infantry

From www.civilwararchives.com

15th Regiment Engineers

Organized at Washington, D.C.. October 25, 1861, from 15th Regiment New York Infantry. Attached to Engineer Brigade, Army of the Potomac.

SERVICE.--Duty at Washington and Alexandria until March, 1862. Moved to the Virginia Peninsula March. Siege of Yorktown April 5-May 4. Advance up the Peninsula and constructing bridges on the Chickahominy River May. Seven days before Richmond June 25-July 1. Seven Pines June 27. White Oak Swamp and Charles City Cross Roads June 30. Malvern Hill July 1. At Harrison's Landing until August 16. Moved Washington, D.C., August 16-22. Maryland Campaign September-October. Rappahannock Campaign November, 1862, to June, 1863. Battle of Fredericksburg, Va., December 12-15. "Mud March" January 20-24, 1863. Chancellorsville Campaign April 27-May 6. Operations about Franklin's Crossing April 29-May 2. Maryes Heights, Fredericksburg, May 3. Salem Heights May 3-4. Banks' Ford May 4. Deep Run Ravine June 5-13. Mustered out June 25, 1863. Three years men consolidated to a Battalion of three Companies, "A," "B" and "C." Company "D" assigned December 9, 1863; Company "E" assigned March, 1864, and other seven Companies November, 1864. Gettysburg (Pa.) Campaign June-July, 1863. Battle of Gettysburg July 1-3. Bristoe Campaign October 9-22. Advance to line of the Rappahannock November 7-8. Mine Run Campaign November 26-December 2. Rapidan Campaign May-June, 1864. Battles of the Wilderness May 5-7; Spottsylvania Court House May 8-21; North Anna River May 23-26. On line of the Pamunkey May 26-28. Totopotomoy May 28-

T288, Pension Index

- Three Charles Rockwells in the pension rolls
 - Charles Rockwell, widow Mary A., served F 15th NY Engineers, pensioned 1882 in Michigan, widow pensioned 1890
 - Charles Rockwell, widow Lucretia I., served B 56th IL Mechanics, pensioned 1892 in Michigan, widow pensioned 1911
 - Charles Rockwell, no widow listed, served C 20th US Infantry, pensioned 1903 in Michigan

NAME OF SOLDIER:					Rockwell, Charles				
NAME OF DEPENDENT:					Widow, Rockwell, Mary A. Minor,				
SERVICE:					7 15" N.Y. Engin. -				
DATE OF FILING.		CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.		CERTIFICATE NO.		STATE FROM WHICH FILED.		
1882 Feb 17		Invalid,	440669				Mich.		
1890 Aug 3		Widow,	488301		358710		Mich.		
		Minor,							
ATTORNEY:									

NAME OF SOLDIER:

Rockwell, Charles

NAME OF DEPENDENT:

Widow,
Minor,

Rockwell Lucretia I

SERVICE:

B. Stall. Mechanic Fusileers.

DATE OF FILING.

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APPLICATION NO.

CERTIFICATE NO.

STATE FROM WHICH FILED.

1922 Jan. 21
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Invalid,
Widow,
Minor,

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ATTORNEY:

L. F. Hoale

NAME OF SOLDIER:					<i>Rockwell, Charles</i>				
NAME OF DEPENDENT:					<i>Widow, Minor,</i>				
SERVICE:					<i>R. 210 U S Inf</i>				
DATE OF FILING.		CLASS.		APPLICATION NO.		CERTIFICATE NO.		STATE FROM WHICH FILED.	
<i>1923 Oct 5</i>		<i>Invalid, Widow, Minor,</i>		<i>1304599</i>		<i>1084402</i>		<i>Mich</i>	
ATTORNEY:					<i>H. H. Harner</i>				
REMARKS:									

M1845, Civil War Headstones

- Only one Charles Rockwell listed in this publication –
 - Charles Rockwell, pvt., Co. F, 15th Regiment, NY Engineers, buried cemetery at Ravenna, Michigan, died May 6, 1886

R. Stockwell, Charles.

Co. F, 15th Regt.

Wm. Dugan.

Cemetery

at

Pavenna Mich.

Grave

Date of death

May 6 - 1886

Headstone supplied by

Gross Brothers,

Lee Mass.,

Contract date June 1, 1890.

Which Charles Rockwell?

- We have 7 in the 1870 Census in Michigan
- We have 22 who served in the Civil War
- We have 3 who received pensions in Michigan
- We have 1 who received a Civil War headstone
- Where should we go next? Maybe Civil War pension files will give us more information about these Charles Rockwells – need to order from DC so what can we do in the meantime?
- Let's number the CRs we found in the pension index 1, 2 and 3 and see what we can find out about each of them.

Charles Rockwell #1

- The first one we find in the pension index is Charles Rockwell, widow Mary A., who served in the F15th New York Engineers and died around 1890 since that's when his widow was pensioned
- The Charles Rockwell who had a headstone served in the F15th NY Engineers and is buried in Ravenna, died May 6, 1886
- Is he on the census?

Special Schedule.—Surviving Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines, and Widows, etc.

S. D.: _____ ; E. D.: _____ ; Minor Civil Division: _____

From Schedule No. 1.		NAMES OF SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS.	Rank.	Company.	Name of Regiment or Vessel.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge.	Length of Service.			
House No.	Family No.							Yrs.	Mos.	Days.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
41	270 270	Mary A. widow of Rockwell Chamberlain ✓	Private	F	15 th Co. Eng.	5 th Sept. 1864	3 rd June 1865		7	8	41
42	265 275	Ester Parsons widow of Baranhill John ✓	Private	E	21 st Mich. Inf.	1862	186				42
43	265 275	Charles Lorenz F. ✓	Private	A	5 th Mich. Inf.	2 nd Mar. 1865	5 th July 1865		4	3	43
44	265 275	Hurstbank Isaac ✓	Private	D	28 th Mich. Inf.	7 th Aug. 1864	25 th Aug. 1865	1	0	8	44
45	277 279	Brown Christian ✓	Sergeant	E	2 nd Mich. Cav.	5 th Jan. 1864	17 th Aug. 1865	1	7	12	45
46	275 285	Ananilla Goddard widow of Fairchild William L ✓	Private	K	36 th Mich. Inf.	27 th Feb. 1864	13 th July 1865	1	4	14	46
47	278 288	Gilbert Joseph ✓	Private	K	132 nd Ind. Inf.	16 th Feb. 1865	30 th Aug. 1865		6	14	47
48	281 291	Morgan Edward ✓	Private	F	3 rd Mich. Inf.	5 th Feb. 1865	15 th Feb. 1866	1			48
49	272 302	William Thurman ✓	Acting Hospital Steward			Sept. 1861	Dec. 1869				49
50	301 311	Margaret Emma widow of Harris Rowell ✓	Private	E	21 st Mich. Inf.	5 th Aug. 1862	186				50

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	DISABILITY INCURRED.	REMARKS.
10	11	12
41 Ravenna		
42 Ravenna	Discharged Hospital at Koshunkong Tenn.	Person all burned upon service 1863
43 Ravenna		
44 Ravenna		
45 Lisbon	Re-enlisted Veteran	
46 Harrisburg		
47 Harrisburg		
48 Lisbon		
49 Lisbon		

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children BORN SINCE June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 23 and 24 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Chester, in the County of Ottawa, State of Michigan, enumerated by me on the 7th and 8th day of June, 1880.

David Waller

No. of House	Name of Head of Family	Sex	Color	Personal Description	Relationship to Head of Family	Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female	Marital Condition					Education	Native		
							Married	Single	Widowed	Divorced	Separated		Place of Birth of this person, among those in Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Father of this person, among those in Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the Mother of this person, among those in Territory of United States, or the County, if of foreign birth.
77	Baker Warner	W	W	Farmer	Brother	Farmer						Michigan	New York	Michigan	
	Baker Charles	W	M			Shoemaker						New York	Canada	New York	
	— Mary A.	W	F		Wife	Keeping House						New York	Massachusetts	Maine	
	— Jarvis	W	M			Farmer						New York	New York	New York	
80	Arnold Phillip D.	W	M	Boarder								Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	
	Rockwell Grand	W	M			Farmer						New York	New York	New York	
	— Amanda	W	F		Wife	Keeping House						Canada	Canada	Canada	
81	Bennett James	W	M			Farmer						Michigan	New York	New York	
	— Adella	W	F		Wife	Keeping House						New York	New York	New York	
	Arnold Blanche	W	F		adopted daughter							Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	
92	Bennett James	W	M			Farmer						Ohio	Ohio	New York	
	— Julia	W	F		Wife	Keeping House						Michigan	New York	New York	
	— Arthur	W	M		Son							Michigan	Ohio	Michigan	
93	Van Ope William	W	M		Boarder	Team Laborer						Michigan	New York	New York	
	Street Lambson	W	M			Farmer						Canada	New York	Canada	
	— Julia A.	W	F		Wife	Keeping House						Canada	Canada	New York	
	— John	W	M		Son	St. Paul						Canada	Canada	Canada	
94	Street Albert	W	M			Team Laborer						Canada	Canada	Canada	
	— Sabrina	W	F		Wife	Keeping House						Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	
	— Agnes	W	F		Daughter							Michigan	Canada	Michigan	

Note B.—In making entries in columns 9, 10, 11, 23, 24 to 27, an affirmative mark only will be used—i.e., /, except in the case of divorced persons, column 11, where the letter "D" is to be used.
 Note C.—Question No. 23 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given either to question 14 or to question 15.
 Note D.—Question No. 24 will only be asked in cases where an affirmative answer has been given to question 14.



SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Chesler, in the County of Ottawa

of Michigan, enumerated by me on the 26 day of August, 1870.

Post Office: Reverie

James M. Barney, Ass't Marshal.

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1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15		18	20		
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12			15	16		17	19	20
Dwelling-house, owned or tenanted, or vacant.	Family, transient, or boarding.	Name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.	Age at last birthday, or age at first year, given in the original census.	Sex—Male (M.), Female (F.).	Color—White (W.), Black (B.), Mulatto (M.), Other (O.).	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of such person, male or female.	Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.	Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S.; or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Father of foreign birth.	Mother of foreign birth.	If born within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.).	If married within the year, state month (Jan., Feb., &c.).	Attended school within the year.	Cannot read.	Cannot write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 21 years of age and up to 45.	Male Citizens of U. S. of 15 years of age and up to 21, whose rights to vote are decided or adjudged by any court, legislative body, or other authority.
232	235	Reskull Chalo	47	M	W	Farmer	2000	100	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	/	16
		Mary	44	F	W	Keeping house			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		17
		Greenfills	21	M	W	Farm labour			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	/	18
		Ohiza	19	F	W	At home			"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"		19
		James	15	M	W	Farm labour			"	"	"	"	"	/	"	"	"		20
		Katie Ann	18	F	W	Keeping house			Maine										21
239	236	Baker William	42	M	W	Farmer	1200	700	Scotland									/	22
		Susan	34	F	W	Keeping house			Michigan										23
		Morris	16	M	W	Farm labour			"					/					24
		Warner	14	M	W	"			"					/					25

SCHEDULE 1.—Free Inhabitants in Camillus in the County of Crawford State
of N.Y. enumerated by me, on the 7th day of Sept 1880. S. H. Cook Asst Marshal
Post Office Camillus N.Y.

Dwelling-house numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1880, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read or write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or color.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
18	1930	1933	Edw. J. Cate	76	M				Maine				
19			Ann "	70	F				"				
20			Charles Rockwell	37	M		Farm	2600 1120	N.Y.				
21			Mary "	33	F				"				
22			Edw. "	11	M				"				
23			Theresa "	7	F				"				
24			James "	5	M				"				
25			Sarah Conway	9	F				"				
26			George Rockwell	1	M				"				
27	1931	1934	" James	32	M		Day laborer		vt.				
28			Elizabeth	23	F				Borne				

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SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in The Town of Leominster **in the County of** Orange **State**
of New York **enumerated by me, on the** 25th **day of** August **1850.** L.O. Rockwell Ass't Marshal.

Dwelling-house numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 15 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	Color, (White, or Colored, or Indian.)							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Mary	2	F								
584	584	Elin Bates	46	W		Farmer	800	Maine				
		Anna	40	F								
585		Charles Rockwell	29	W		Shoemaker		New York				
		Mary A	25	F								
		Granville	1	W								
585	586	Martin Stearns	50	W		Seaman		Maine				
		Bridget	40	F								
		William	11	W								
		John	7	W				New York				

Charles Rockwell #1

- On the 1890 Census of Union veterans and widows, Mary A. listed as widow of Charles in Chester, enlisted Sept. 5, 1864, discharged June 13, 1865, rank private, regiment 15th NY Engineers
- Same Charles appears on the 1880 census in Chester, wife Mary A. and son James along with a Phillip O. Averill, Charles' occupation is shoemaker
- Charles Rockwell on the 1870 Michigan census born in New York in 1823, post office is Ravenna, living in Chester, Ottawa County, wife Mary A.
- 1860 census in New York, in Camillus, Onondaga Co., he's a farmer, living with wife Mary A. and children Granville, Theresa, and James but also Ebenezer (age 76) and Ann (age 70) Cates! In-laws perhaps?
- 1850 census also in Camillus, Onondaga Co., New York, again listed with wife Mary A and Ebenezer Cates, 66 and Anna Cates 64. Charles listed as a shoemaker, Ebenezer as a farmer

What else can we check for this Charles Rockwell?

- The first things that come to my mind are the New York state census and the 1850 and 1860 agricultural census as well as his pension file
- Turns out the New York State Archives has more on Civil War soldiers that might prove helpful!

Camillus in the County of Unondaga

Theresa Briggs

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Family numbered in the order of their visitation	Value	Family numbered in the order of their visitation	Name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June was in this family	Age	Sex	Color	Relation to the head of the family	In what county of this State, or in what other State, or Foreign Country born	Married	Widowed	Probable Trade or Occupation	Native	Foreign	Free	Slave	Indigent	Deaf	Blind	Insane
84	600	86	Aza Bingham	76	M			Vermont	1		Farmer	1							
87	200	89	Charles Rockwell	32	M				1		Farmer	1							1
			Mary A Rockwell	28	F		wife	Unondaga	1										
			Greenville B Rockwell	4	M		Child	"											
			Thosny M. Rockwell	4	F		"	"											
			Emily Rockwell	2	F		"	"											
			James Rockwell	$\frac{2}{12}$	M		"	"											
			Ebenzer Cates	72	M		Father	Maine	1		none	1							1
			Anna Cates	66	F		Mother	"	1										
			Ebenzer Conway	12	M		Nephew	Unondaga											

New York State Census

- 1855 NY State Census lists Charles Rockwell, age 32, laborer, born Onondaga, married, nothing under years lived in this city/town, farmer, native voter, owns land
- With him in the household are his wife, Mary A., age 28, born Onondaga, resided in Camillus 9 years; children Grenville age 6, Theresey M. age 4, Emily age 2 and James 2/12
- Ebenezer Cates age 72, relationship father, born Maine, married, resided in Camillus 9 years, no occupation, native voter, owns land and his wife Anna age 66 as well as a nephew Ebenezer Conway, age 12, lived in Camillus 9 years, born Onondaga

SCHEDULE 4.—Productions of Agriculture in Cumillas in the County of Montague in the

Post Office Cumillas N.Y.

NAME OF OWNER, AGENT, OR MANAGER OF THE FARM.	ACRES OF LAND		CASH VALUE OF FARM	VALUE OF FARMING IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY	LIVE STOCK, JUNE 1, 1860								PRODUCE DURING THE							
	Improved	Unimproved			Horses	Asses and Mules	Milk Cows	Working Oxen	Other Cattle	Sheep	Swine	Value of Live Stock	Wheat, bushels of	Rye, bushels of	Indian Corn, bushels of	Oats, bushels of	Rice, lbs. of	Tobacco, lbs. of	Canned Cotton, bales of 400 lbs. each	Wool, lbs. of
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<u>H. Nobles</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>3,800</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>2</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>15</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>25</u>		<u>200</u>	<u>340</u>				
<u>John Cook</u>							<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>165</u>	<u>270</u>		<u>110</u>	<u>275</u>			<u>100</u>	
<u>W. K. O. Y. Rapson</u>	<u>136</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>11,700</u>	<u>255</u>	<u>5</u>		<u>8</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>63</u>		<u>800</u>	<u>600</u>			<u>250</u>	
<u>A. E. Smith</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9,500</u>	<u>345</u>	<u>4</u>		<u>6</u>		<u>6</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,130</u>	<u>200</u>		<u>610</u>	<u>400</u>			<u>120</u>	
<u>C. D. Bingham</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>7</u>		<u>6</u>		<u>7</u>	<u>61</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>7,545</u>	<u>400</u>		<u>400</u>	<u>300</u>			<u>300</u>	

State of *N.Y.*

enumerated by me, on the *5th*

day of *September* 1860.

S. H. Coe Ass't. Marshal.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 1, 1860.

22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Peanut Beans, bushels of.	Fresh Potatoes, bushels of.	Sweet Potatoes, bushels of.	Barley, bushels of.	Buckwheat, bush. of.	Value of Orchard Products, in dollars.	Wine, gallons of.	Value of Produce of Market Gardens.	Butter, lbs. of.	Cheese, lbs. of.	Hay, tons of.	Clover Seed, bushels of.	Grass Seeds, bushels of.	Hops, lbs. of.	Dew Rotted, tons of.	Water Rotted, tons of.	Other prepared Hemp.	Flax, lbs. of.	Flaxseed, bush. of.	Silk Cocoons, lbs. of.	Maple Sugar, lbs. of.	Cane Sugar, lbs. of 1,000 lbs.	Molasses, gallons of, and from what made.	Beechwood, lbs. of.	Honey, lbs. of.	Value of Home-made Manufactures.	Value of Animals slaughtered.
	100						120			8																110
								150			2															63
	20																									170
	75		350					600		11																140
	200				25		25	1000		20	40									400						160
	150				20			600	800	6																200
10	200							700	240	25										100	10	30				85
6	100				20		20	400															20			190
	200				30			600	700	20												100	20			190

1860 U.S. Agricultural Census

- The 1850 listing is a good example of mix-ups that can occur in census records – It lists Eber Rockwell rather than Charles Rockwell or Ebenezer Cates!
- 1860 lists C. Rockwell in Camillus, owns 50 acres, 44 improved, cash value of land \$2500, 2 horses, 3 milch cows, other cattle 3, sheep 4, swine 4, value of livestock \$405, grew 65 bushels of wheat, 50 bushels of corn, 100 bushels of oats, 1000 pounds of tobacco, various vegetables like peas and potatoes, 400 pounds of butter and 20 pounds of honey

New York State Archives

- Perhaps the most interesting items found concerning this Charles Rockwell were at the NYSA –
 - Complete Record . . . composing the quotas of the troops furnished to the U.S. from each town in New York
 - Adjutant General's Office, compiled muster roll abstracts of Civil War soldiers

Adjutant General's records

- Arranged by county, then town and then alphabetically by surname of soldier
- Listing for Charles Rockwell in Camillus, Onondaga Co., tells us that he was age 44 when he enlisted Sept. 5, 1864 from Camillus, discharged June 13, 1865 at Ft. Berry, Virginia, born in Geddes, NY, had grey eyes, brown hair, light complexion, and was 5'10" tall.

Adjutant General's Office.

**13775-83 Civil War Master Roll Abstracts of New York State Volunteers, United State Sharpshooters, and United States Colored Troops, [ca. 1861-1900]
264 cubic feet, 837 volumes.**

Arrangement: Numeric by regiment, then alphabetical by last name.

Finding aids: Volume list.

Indexes: An alphabetical name index is available which lists regiment number(s).

Series 13775 consists of abstracts compiled from original muster rolls of New York State units that fought in the Civil War. The abstracts provide information on the history and engagements of the units and on the enlistment and military service of individual members. The accretion being filmed here, 13775-83, consists of 837 volumes of abstracts that include information on the 85th through the 194th Infantry and other regiments.

M. O. R.

M R Oct 31/64

Rockwell, Charles 2412

AGE.	ENLISTED.					MUSTERED IN.						
	WHEN.			WHERE.	PERIOD YEARS.	WHEN.			GRADE.	COMP'Y.	REG'T.	
	YEARS.	DAY.	MONTH.			YEAR.	DAY.	MONTH.				YEAR.
	44	5	Sept	1864	Camillus, NY	1	5	Sept	1864	Priv	F	15 Empire

M. O. R.
M R Oct 31/64
M. & D. R.

LEFT THE ORGANIZATION.

HOW.	WHEN.			IN WHAT GRADE.	EXPLANATION.
	DAY.	MONTH.	YEAR.		
	M.O.	13	June	1865	Priv with Co AT FORT BERRY VA

M. O. R.

M. R. Oct '64, Present as Private

REMARKS: M. R. DEC. '64 FEB. APL. '65 PRESENT. AS PRIVATE.

Born Padder, N.Y. Age 44 years. Occupation Mechanic

M. & D. R.

Complete Record of Troops

- Microfilmed for each town
- Under Camillus, we find Charles Rockwell, born April 10, 1821 in Onondagas Co., private in the 15th Cavalry, enlisted Sept. 15, 1864, mustered in Sept. 19, town paid a bounty of \$150 while the county paid a bounty of \$1000, town didn't pay the family any relief for his service, listed as married, also gives parents names – father Elkany, a laborer and Ann Barder mother. Last column of remarks lists Charles as still living in Camillus when the register was completed.

COMPLETE RECORD,

AS REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 690, OF THE LAWS OF 1865,

RELATING TO

OFFICERS, SOLDIERS AND SEAMEN,

COMPOSING THE QUOTAS OF THE TROOPS FURNISHED

TO THE

UNITED STATES,

BY THE

Town of Amillus

County of Oneida

STATE OF NEW YORK

Name: Rockwell Charles Private 15th Co - Sept 15, 1864 1st Regt Camillus N.Y. \$1350 \$7000
Residence: Camillus 600th Co. 1st Regt. Sept 19, 1864
Time and Place of Birth: Apr. 10 18 91 Oneida Co. N.Y. 1st Private

Name: Phelps Johnathan H Private 122nd Co - Aug. 2, 1864 3rd Regt Camillus N.Y.
Residence: Camillus 1st Regt. Aug. 28, 1864
Time and Place of Birth: Aug 4 18 23 Cortland Co. N.Y. 1st Private

Name: Stebbins Peter Private 122nd Co - Feb. 13, 1864 3rd Regt Camillus N.Y. \$900
Residence: Camillus 1st Regt. Feb. 13, 1864
Time and Place of Birth: Apr. 20 18 92 Saratoga N.Y. 1st Private

Name: Baldwin Charles 104th Co - Oct. 10 - 1864 3rd Regt Camillus N.Y.

Charles Rockwell #1

- So what have we learned about CR#1?
 - Born in Geddes, Onondaga Co., NY
 - Born April 10, 1821
 - 5'10" tall, light complexion, grey eyes, brown eyes
 - Married Mary Ann Cates
 - Parents Elkany & Ann Barder
 - Father born CT, mother born NY
 - Had 4 children, 1 died young
 - Served in the 15th NY Engineers, Co. F
 - Enlisted Sept, 5, 1864 in NY
 - Discharged June 13, 1865, Ft. Barry, VA
 - Modestly successful farmer & part-time shoemaker
 - Moved to Michigan in 1866, settled in Ravenna, Chester, Ottawa Co.
 - Died May 6, 1886
 - Received a Civil War gravestone

Charles Rockwell #1 pension

- We've learned a great deal about this Charles Rockwell but nothing that tells us if he was the homesteader! Let's look at his pension file.
- To get a Civil War pension, the veteran had to be injured during the war – CR #1 suffered from rheumatism on the left side, and his pension gives us a pretty detailed account of how the injury happened near Ft. Marion

Ravenna Michigan C Michigan
November 25 1882

Dear Sir

Your Circular relative to
my Invalid Pension Claim No 440669
is received. In answer I would say
that for five years preceding my enlist-
ment I lived in Canaan, Oneida
County New York and worked at Sho-
making. After my discharge I returned
to Canaan, and attempted to work at
Shoemaking but found I could not
work on the bench on account of the hurt
to my limb. In 1866 I came to Michigan
and since that time I did what I could at
farming until I had the misfortune to lose
my arm after which I peddled some
doing chores working in the garden, and
whatever I could to get along.

While we were out on drill one day
near Fort Marion the Officer in
command ordered us to double quick
march, while passing down a hill
which had been cleared from bushes
leaving stubs about six inches high
I struck my toe against or under a
root & fell forward striking the ground

my trip The Surgeon gave me
Linniments for it. Since my discharge
I have used Linniments & Medicines
recommended by doctors & others but
have not regularly employed a doctor
I have been troubled with Rheumatism
at different times since, also with Cramp
in my limb I had a severe attack
of Rheumatism in the Spring of 1850
by which I was confined to the house
for some time using Linniments &
medicines prescribed by Dr. J. G. Smith
now living in Kalamazoo. I had, had
several attacks before, at different times, but not as
severe as that one that laid me up - The limb that
was injured as above stated has become much
smaller than the other, and the big toe has hardly
any feeling in it, and is very troublesome

Charles Rockwell

Sworn and Subscribed before me at Ravenna
this 27th day of November 1852

Thos. D. Smith Notary Public
Kalamazoo County
Mich

My Notarial Certificate is on file in
P. D. Smith

Charles #1 pension, cont.

- Mary as his widow also allowed a pension but had to prove she was his widow –
- Number of affidavits in the file to prove this
- Several of these affidavits contain information not only on their life in Michigan but also their life in Onondaga Co.

Declaration for Widow's Pension.

(Act of June 27, 1890.)

To be executed before a Clerk of a Court of Record or a Notary Public or Justice of the Peace *having a Seal.*

State of *Michigan*, County of *Mustkegon*, ss.

On this *Eighteenth* day of *August*, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety....., personally appeared before me a, *Notary Public*

in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,

Mary A. Rockwell, aged *sixty four* years, a resident of the *Township* of *Chesio*, county of *Ottawa*

State of *Michigan*, who being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of *Charles Rockwell*

of *Charles Rockwell* at *Syracuse New York*, on the *Fifth* day of *September*, 1866, in *Lieut. Nelson E. Simlups Co Ft 15. Regt. New York Vol. Artillery as a private*

(Here state rank, company and regiment in military service, or vessel, if in the navy.)

in the war of the Rebellion, and served at least ninety days, and was honorably discharged at *Fort Bayly Va. June 15. 1865*, and died *on the sixth day of May, 1886 in the Township of Chesio Co. Ottawa State of Mich*

(The cause of death need not be stated.)

That she was married under the name of *Mary A. Bates*, to said

Charles Rockwell on the *16th* day of *September*, 1846, by *Rev. John M. Ministry*, at *Camillus Onondaga Co, N.Y.*

there being no legal barrier to said marriage (If there was a former marriage of claimant or her husband, state it here and how dissolved.)

That she has not remarried since the death of the said *Charles Rockwell*

That she is without other means of support than her daily labor. (Name of soldier or sailor.) That names and dates of birth of all the children of the soldier now living under sixteen years of age are as follows:

-, born, 18, born, 18
-, born, 18, born, 18
-, born, 18, born, 18

She has heretofore applied for pension, the number of her former application is (Be careful to fill this part of the blank correctly.)

That she makes this declaration for the purpose of being placed on the pension roll of the U. S. under the provisions of the Act of June 27, 1890. She hereby appoints **PATRICK O'FARRELL**, of *Washington, D. C.*, her lawful attorney to prosecute her claim, and agrees to allow him a fee of ten dollars. Her postoffice

address is *Ravenna Mustkegon Co. Michigan*

Attest: *Fred A. Thatcher* *Mary A. Rockwell*

This Blank is for the exclusive use of CAPTAIN PATRICK O'FARRELL'S Clients.

Affidavit. Soldier's Widow.

Personally came before me Mary A. Rockwell ¹⁸⁸⁴
widow of Charles Rockwell a private in Co. F. 15th N.Y.
Engineers—who says that she was born in the town of
Cicero County of Onondaga State of N.Y. on the 22nd day of
Feb. 1826. That she was married to the aforesaid Charles
Rockwell on the 16th day of September 1846. in the township of
Carnillus in the County of Onondaga and State of New
York by the Rev. John M. Kinsley a Methodist Clergyman
at her father's house. There were present as witnesses her
father, mother and one sister Emily—her cousins Nancy
Mellen and Myron Mellen. That her maiden name
was Mary Ann Cates. That she has not now nor
ever had a certificate of her marriage. That all the
witnesses of the aforesaid marriage are now dead to her
certain knowledge—except one Cousin Nancy Mellen whose
place of residence is unknown to her at this time.

That she lived with her husband the aforesaid Charles
Rockwell as his acknowledged wife until his death
May 6. 1886 a period of forty years nearly. That
she was never married to any other person. That she
now has three children living in the township of Chelsea
Ottawa County Mich as the fruits of that marriage.

Mary's pension papers

- Most interesting affidavit in the file gives us information that Charles #1 is probably NOT the homesteader – from William Averill, age 64, a resident of Casnovia, Muskegon Co., Michigan, a long-time acquaintance of Charles and Mary Rockwell

[NOTE.—Affiants should state how they gained a knowledge of the facts to which they testify.]

I was acquainted with Charles Rockwell from December 5th 1839 to the date of his death which was in May 1886. He was enrolled in the Government Service, Sept. 8th 1864 in a regiment of mechanics or engineers. He was discharged from the Service June 12th 1865 by reason of Special Order. Age at death about 66 years. I was acquainted with Mary Ann Rockwell his wife from the age of 10 years to the present time. She was married to Charles Rockwell Sept. 16th 1846. Present age about 66 years. She has two sons living. Charles Rockwell had 40 acres of land at the time of his death of which about 20 acres is improved and available. He also left a mortgage on it of \$150.00 which is still there. I estimate the value of the land about \$600.00 and would rent for about \$50.00 per annum of which the law of Michigan allows her $\frac{1}{3}$ or \$16.66. Also the interest on the mortgage at 7 per cent = \$10.50 leaving bal. \$6.16 in her favor. And the average annual tax is about \$7.00 according to tax records on hand for previous years leaving her $\frac{34}{100}$ of a dollar in debt annually. I think the Pension Bureau would act wisely in restoring this shortage at least or a more favorable decree of the Probate Court for the widowhood. Charles Rockwell was never in the service after the above mentioned discharge.

NOTE.

State how long you have been acquainted with claimant. If you were acquainted with him at the time of his return from the army. State what his physical condition was. State the name of the disease he complained of, how it appeared to affect him, and what symptoms you observed of said disease when he complained.

If he has complained of suffering from said disease each year since then, while under your observation, state such fact, and in what manner he appeared to be affected by the disease or disability. It is not expected that neighbors or laymen can testify the same as physicians, but they should be able to testify to the symptoms they observed of the disease or disability from which he complained, and state to the best of their knowledge and belief the extent to which he has been disabled for performing manual labor, by reasons of the alleged disability.

And I further declare that I have no interest in said case and am not concerned in its prosecution.

Jno Averill

How do we know Charles #1 not the homesteader?

- The smallest acreage of land available to homestead was 160 acres or a quarter section
- Charles Rockwell #1 had only 40 acres of land in Michigan with a mortgage, about the same as his holdings in New York
- A search of www.glorerecords.blm.gov, patents, lists 2 homestead entries for Charles Rockwell, in Michigan, both under the Act of 1862, so our homesteader had not just 160 acres allowed but an additional homestead of 160 acres for a total of 320 acres of land

Printer Friendly Land Patent Results List - BLM GLO Records

You searched on: State=MICHIGAN, First Name=charles, Last Name=rockwell

Patentee Name	State	County/ Parish	Issue Date	District Land Office	Doc. Nr.	Accession or Serial Nr.
ROCKWELL, CHARLES	MI	Manistee	2/10/1874	Traverse City	1475	MI2490__.451
ROCKWELL, CHARLES	MI	Mason	11/20/1877	Ionia	2791	MI3040__.057
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Ottawa	5/1/1839	Bronson	10046	MI1300__.398
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10047	MI1300__.399
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10048	MI1300__.400
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10049	MI1300__.401
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10050	MI1300__.402
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Hillsdale	11/7/1837	Monroe	12548	MI1170__.029
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Hillsdale	8/14/1837	Monroe	13183	MI1180__.147
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Barry	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	17654	MI1570__.187
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	St Joseph	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19709	MI1490__.137
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Kalamazoo	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19710	MI1490__.138
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	St Joseph	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19711	MI1490__.139
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19795	MI1490__.218
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	St Joseph	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19796	MI1490__.219
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Kalamazoo	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19902	MI1490__.312
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Barry	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	20813	MI1570 .332

Charles Rockwell #2

- The pension card for Charles Rockwell #2 lists his widow as Lucretia and service as B56 Illinois Mechanics and Fusileers, filed 1892 with widow's pension filed 1911 – so we know Charles #2 was alive until about 1911
- Let's start again with the census – 1910 first and then backwards to 1850

STATE Michigan
 COUNTY Manistee
 TOWNSHIP OR OTHER DIVISION OF COUNTY Manistee

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR-BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 THIRTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1910-POPULATION

SUPERVISOR'S DISTRICT NO. 9 SHEET NO. 3
 ENUMERATION DISTRICT NO. 25 B

NAME OF INSTITUTION Manistee

NAME OF INCORPORATED PLACE X

WARD OF CITY 4

ENUMERATED BY ME ON THE 3rd 4th 5th DAY OF May 1910

EXAMINER Robert C. ...

SEX	AGE	OCCUPATION	TIME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION						ACTIVITY			LANGUAGE	OCCUPATION	EDUCATION		RECORD OF SERVICE	
					Color	Hair	Eyes	Complexion	Height	Weight	Build	Place of birth of this person	Place of birth of father of this person			Place of birth of mother of this person	Whether able to read English or not, give language spoken	Grade or grade of school	Years of school
86	36	Myers, Dolly	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
87	37	Lakewell, Charles	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	English	Elementary	None	None
88	38	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
89	39	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
90	40	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
91	41	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
92	42	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
93	43	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
94	44	Lakewell, Charles	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	English	Elementary	None	None
95	45	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
96	46	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
97	47	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
98	48	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
99	49	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
100	50	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
101	51	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
102	52	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
103	53	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
104	54	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
105	55	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
106	56	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
107	57	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
108	58	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
109	59	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
110	60	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None
111	61	Myers, David S.	Head	Head	M	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 7"	120	Med	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	Pennsylvania	English	Elementary	None	None
112	62	Lewis, Lois	Wife	Wife	W	Blk	Blk	Blk	Blk	5' 8"	120	Med	Illinois	Illinois	Illinois	English	Elementary	None	None

Charles Rockwell #2

- The 1910 census shows Charles Rockwell, age 77, born Connecticut, with wife Lucretia, age 66, living in Maple Grove, Manistee Co. Lucretia had borne 6 children with 3 living.
- On the 1900 census, Charles' birth is given as Sept. 1832 and he owns his farm free of mortgage.

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 Supervisor's District No. 5
 Enumeration District No. 299

Eleventh Census of the United States.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE.

SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS, ETC.

Persons who served in the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States during the war of the rebellion (who are survivors), and widows of such persons, in Maple Grove Township, County of Manistee, State of Michigan, enumerated in June, 1890. Samuel Danforth Enumerator.

From Schedule No. 1.		NAMES OF SURVIVING SOLDIERS, SAILORS, AND MARINES, AND WIDOWS.	Rank.	Company.	Name of Regiment or Vessel.	Date of Enlistment.	Date of Discharge.	Length of Service.		
House No.	Family No.							Yrs.	Mos.	Days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
51	1	Charles G. Rockwell	Corporal	B	1 Mich. ^{Inf.}	Oct 11 1861	Jan 11 1862	3	15	1
24	4	Abram Poff	Private	A	4 Mass'	Sept 17 1862	Aug 25 1863	11	20	2
35	16	Cyrus Hanes	Private	G	74. Regt. ^{Artillery}	Aug 7 1862	June 9 1865	2	9	28
318	19	William W. James	Private	K	6 Mich.	Dec 23 1863	Aug 20 1865	1	7	27
300	21	Olive W. Byer	Corporal	A	48 Ohio	Sept 19 1861	May 9 1866	4	7	20
334	35	Adam Belliard	Private	F	1st	Aug 6 1862	May 26 1863	10	✓	6
340	41	John Meyers	Private	B	1 69	Oct 16 1861	July 21 1863	9	✓	7
8						186	186			8
9						186	186			9
10						186	186			10
11						186	186			11
12						186	186			12

POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	DISABILITY INCURRED.	REMARKS.
10	11	12
1 James Manistee Co		
2 Bear Lake "	Chronic Diarrhea	
3 " "	Wounded right Leg	
4 James "	Catarrh, Asthma and Bronchial affection	
5 " "		
6 " "		

Charles Rockwell #2

- The 1890 Veterans Schedules for Michigan show Charles G. Rockwell, farmer in Maple Grove, enlisted Oct. 11, 1861, discharged Jan. 11, 1862, Co. B., 1st Michigan Fusileers – not quite in agreement with his pension card!

SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants in

Pontiac

in the County of *Oakland* State

of *Michigan*

enumerated by me, on the *28th* day of

1850.

S. Sterling

Ass't Marshal

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1	2	3	DESCRIPTION.			7	8	9	10 11 12			13
			4	5	6				Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	
		<i>John</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>m</i>		<i>farmer</i>	<i>1000</i>	<i>Mich</i>				
29		<i>Justina</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>f</i>				<i>N.Y.</i>				
30		<i>Amelia</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>f</i>				<i>Mich</i>	<i>u</i>			
31		<i>David</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>m</i>				<i>Id</i>				
32		<i>Willard</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>m</i>				<i>Id</i>				
33		<i>John Fisher</i>	<i>75</i>	<i>m</i>		<i>farmer</i>		<i>N.Y.</i>				
34		<i>Mary</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>f</i>				<i>Id</i>				
35	<i>1351 1385</i>	<i>Chas G Rockwell</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>m</i>		<i>Farmer</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>Conn</i>				
36		<i>Sara</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>f</i>				<i>Conn</i>				
37		<i>Amelia</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>f</i>				<i>Conn</i>				
38		<i>Morris</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>m</i>				<i>Conn</i>				
39		<i>Chas</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>m</i>				<i>Conn</i>				
40		<i>Amanda</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>f</i>				<i>Conn</i>				
41		<i>Sylvester</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>m</i>				<i>Conn</i>				

Charles Rockwell #2

- Now we know this Charles was born in CT, we can search earlier census records.
- In 1850, there's just one Charles Rockwell in Michigan born in CT – age 17, living with his parents, Charles G. (49) and Sara (44) in Pontiac, Oakland Co., father is a farmer.
- In 1860, Sara is the head of the household

Inquiries numbered 7, 16, and 17 are not to be asked in respect to infants. Inquiries numbered 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, and 20 are to be answered (if at all) merely by an affirmative mark, as /.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in The Town of Bear Lake, in the County of Benzie, State of Michigan, enumerated by me on the 27th day of July, 1870.

Post Office: Bear Lake, Michigan

Samuel S. Glover, Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3	4			7	8		10	11		13	14	15		18	19		20								
			4	5	6		8	9		11	12			15	16		17	19		20							
Description.		The name of every person whose place of abode on the first day of June, 1870, was in this family.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.		VALUE OF REAL ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, naming State or Territory of U. S., or the Country, if of foreign birth.		FAMILY.		EDUCATION.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.		CONSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS.										
No. of males and females.		No. of males and females.			No. of males and females.		Value of Real Estate.		Value of Personal Estate.		Number of foreign birth.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.		Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.		Male children of U. S. citizens, or of U. S. born, under 21 years of age, and who have not become U. S. citizens.		Female children of U. S. citizens, or of U. S. born, under 21 years of age, and who have not become U. S. citizens.								
1	25	25	Joselliger Abram J	37	M	W	Farmer	1570	350	Canada	1	1															
2			— Mary J	36	F	W	Keeping home			Canada																	
3			— Mary W	13	F	W	Attending school			Canada																	
4			— Welcamp J	11	M	W	Attending school			Canada																	
5			— Abram D	10	M	W	Attending school			Canada																	
37			Robert Charles	8	M	W	Attending school			New York																	
38	33	53	Rosenwall Gandra	35	M	W	Farmer	500	150	Connecticut																	
39			— Lucetta	26	F	W	Keeping home			Michigan																	
9		No. of dwellings		9		No. of white males		10		No. of males, foreign born		8		8100		18000		No. of males		14 15		2 14		2		18 1	
9		" " families		9		" " colored males				" " females		6															
24		" " white males		24		" " females				" " blind																	

Recd.

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1870, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No one June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be IN.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 13, 14, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

No. 3
Census Dist. No. 2
Enumeration Dist. No. 161

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SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Maple Grove Township, in the County of Manistee, State enumerated by me on the _____ day of June, 1880.

Calvin Davison

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Personal Description	Civil Condition				Profession, Occupation or Trade of each person, male or female.	In the present (on the day of the Enumerator's visit) such or temporarily disabled, or so to be capable in order to ordinary business or duties? If so, what is the obstacle or disability?	Health					Education		Native		
					Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced			Blind	Deaf and dumb	Paralyzed	Deaf	Blind	Illiterate	Cannot read	Cannot write	Place of Birth of this person, naming State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.	Place of Birth of the father of this person, naming the State or Territory of United States, or the Country, if of foreign birth.
24	Mary	F	30	Wife					Farmer								New York	Michigan	Michigan	
	Louisa	F	32	Wife					Keeping house								Michigan	New York	New York	
	Mary	F	22	Daughter					at home								Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	
	Louisa	F	1	Daughter					at home								New York	England	England	
27	Phenas	M	30	Farmer					Farmer								New York	Ohio	Ohio	
	Sarah	F	28	Wife					Keeping house								Ohio	Ohio	Ohio	
	Grace	F	1	Daughter					at home								Michigan	New York	Ohio	
28	Charles	M	47	Farmer					Farmer								Connecticut	Connecticut	Connecticut	
	Louisa	F	57	Wife					Keeping house								Illinois	Connecticut	New York	
	Thomas	M	9	Son					at home								Michigan	Connecticut	Illinois	
	Beatrice	F	7	Daughter					at home								Michigan	Connecticut	Illinois	
	Eva	F	5	Daughter					at home								Michigan	Connecticut	Illinois	
29	Christina	F	53	Wife					Farmer								England	England	England	
	Patricia	F	56	Wife					Farmer								Canada	Maryland	Tennessee	
	Eliza	F	57	Wife					Keeping house								England	England	England	
	Emmie	F	13	Daughter					at home								Canada	Canada	England	
	Charles	M	15	Son					Labourer								Canada	Canada	England	
	Sarah	F	17	Daughter					at home								Canada	Canada	England	

Charles Rockwell #2

- The 1870 census shows Charles #2 married to Lucretia, living in Bear Lake, Manistee Co., real estate valued at \$500 and he had \$150 in personal property
- By 1880, they had 3 children, confirms that his parents were born in CT, living in Maple Grove, Manistee Co.

1870 Mortality Schedule

- We saw on the 1910 census, that Lucretia and Charles had had 6 children but only 3 were living.
- On the 1870 census, they didn't have any children but by 1880 they had 3 listed on the census.
- A search on Ancestry located a listing for a Charles Rockwell in Bear Lake who died in 1869

County of Manistee, State of Michigan, enumerated by me, Samuel J. Brown, Ass't Marshal.

Number of the Family, as given in the 1st column of Schedule 1.	Name of every person who died during the year ending June 1, 1870, whose place of abode at the time of death was in this family.	DISPOSITION.			Sex (M., F., or W.).	Place of Birth, naming the State or Territory of the U. S., or the country, if of foreign birth.	PARITY.		The Month in which the person died.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade.	Disease or Cause of Death.
		Age at Death (in Years, Months, and Days).	Color (W., B., or O.).	Religion (C., M., or O.).			Number of Average Inhabitants.	Number of Average Deaths.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10	Murphy Thomas	10	m	w		Canada			April		Measels
33	Rockwell Leonard	3	m	w		Michigan			July		Inflammation of Stomach
40	Morse Amasa A.	41	m	w	m	New York			June	Farmer	Abscess in Side
65	Coates William	12	m	w		Wis. Wiscon			Sept		Inflammation of Bowels
	Robinson Myriam	35	f	w	m	Ohio			July	Keenickow	Cholera ^{Sept} Enterica
	Suttons Samuel	52	m	w	m	Canada			Oct	Carpenter	Dropsy

Charles Rockwell #2

- Again, to find complete information on this man, other places to search would be state census as well as the agricultural schedules for Michigan.
- We could again order his pension file from Washington
- And, of course, since we have the homestead numbers from the M25 letter, we should order the Land Entry file

Land Entry Papers

- Bureau of Land Management has a database of public land patents available on-line at www.glorerecords.blm.gov
- Only 2 listings in Michigan for Charles Rockwell – first filed Feb. 10, 1874 at Traverse City, #1475
- Second filed Nov. 20, 1877 at Ionia #2791 – the one we know is the additional homestead from M25 so both have to be the same CR
- Unlike land purchase files, homestead files can have significantly more information in them

Printer Friendly Land Patent Results List - BLM GLO Records

You searched on: State=MICHIGAN, First Name=charles, Last Name=rockwell

Patentee Name	State	County/ Parish	Issue Date	District Land Office	Doc. Nr.	Accession or Serial Nr.
ROCKWELL, CHARLES	MI	Manistee	2/10/1874	Traverse City	1475	MI2490__.451
ROCKWELL, CHARLES	MI	Mason	11/20/1877	Ionia	2791	MI3040__.057
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Ottawa	5/1/1839	Bronson	10046	MI1300__.398
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10047	MI1300__.399
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10048	MI1300__.400
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10049	MI1300__.401
ROCKWELL, CHARLES A	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Bronson	10050	MI1300__.402
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Hillsdale	11/7/1837	Monroe	12548	MI1170__.029
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Hillsdale	8/14/1837	Monroe	13183	MI1180__.147
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Barry	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	17654	MI1570__.187
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	St Joseph	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19709	MI1490__.137
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Kalamazoo	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19710	MI1490__.138
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	St Joseph	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19711	MI1490__.139
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Berrien	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19795	MI1490__.218
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	St Joseph	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19796	MI1490__.219
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Kalamazoo	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	19902	MI1490__.312
ROCKWELL, CHARLES W	MI	Barry	5/1/1839	Kalamazoo	20813	MI1570__.332

Accession/Serial #: MI3040__057 **BLM Serial #:** MI NO S/N

Names

Patentee: CHARLES ROCKWELL

Survey

State: MICHIGAN

Acres: 80

Metes/Bounds: No

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 11/20/1877

Land Office: Ionia

Cancelled: No

U.S. Reservations: No

Mineral Reservations: No

Authority: May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 2791

Misc. Doc. Nr.: 6999

Accession/Serial Nr.: MI3040__057

BLM Serial Nr.: MI NO S/N

Aliquot Parts	Sec./Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
E½NW	21/	18-N	16-W	No	Michigan-Toledo Strip	MI	Mason	



The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 2791
Application 6999

Whereas, there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Ionia, Michigan, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Charles Rockwell

has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the East-half of the North West-quarter of Section twenty one, in Township eighteen North, of Range sixteen West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at Ionia, Michigan, containing eighty acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES, unto the said Charles Rockwell

the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Charles Rockwell and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof, J. Rutherford B. Hayes, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the twentieth day of November, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy seven, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and second

By the President: R. B. Hayes

By B. L. Long

Sec'y.



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Accession/Serial #: MI2490__451 **BLM Serial #:** MI NO S/N

Names

Patentee: CHARLES ROCKWELL

Survey

State: MICHIGAN

Acres: 87.53

Metes/Bounds: No

Title Transfer

Issue Date: 2/10/1874

Land Office: Traverse City

Cancelled: No

U.S. Reservations: No

Mineral Reservations: No

Authority: May 20, 1862: Homestead Entry Original (12 Stat. 392)

Document Numbers

Document Nr.: 1475

Misc. Doc. Nr.: 2052

Accession/Serial Nr.: MI2490__451

BLM Serial Nr.: MI NO S/N

Aliquot Parts	Sec./ Block	Township	Range	Fract. Section	Meridian	State	Counties	Survey Nr.
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW	7/	23-N	14-W	Yes	Michigan-Toledo Strip	MI	Manistee	



The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Homestead Certificate No. 1475
Application 2052

Whereas, there has been deposited in the **General Land Office** of the United States, a **CERTIFICATE** of the **Register of the Land Office at Traverse City, Michigan**, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of **Charles Rockwell**,

has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the best fractional half of the north west fractional quarter, of Section seven, in Township twenty-three north, of Range fourteen west, in the district of lands subject to sale at Traverse City Michigan, containing eighty seven acres, and fifty three hundredths of an acre,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the **General Land Office** by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the **UNITED STATES** unto the said **Charles Rockwell**, the tract of Land above described: **To Have and to Hold** the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said **Charles Rockwell**, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony whereof, **S. Mlysses S. Grant**, **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the **Seal of the General Land Office** to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, the tenth day of February, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy four, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety eighth.

By the President: *U. S. Grant*

By

S. O. Williamson, Sec'y.



Land Entry File

- Homestead Entry file #2791, gives CR title of the east half of northwest quarter, section 21 in township 18N, range 16W
- Affidavit in the file from the War Dept. acknowledges CR enrolled on Oct. 11, 1861 at Pontiac, MI, in Co. B. of the Mechanics and Fusileers, 56th Regt. Of the IL Volunteers for 3 years

War Department,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., July 19th, 1879.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the
2 day of May, 1879, requesting a
"Statement of Service" of Charles Rockwell

The following information has been obtained from the files of this
Office, and is respectfully furnished in reply to your inquiry:

It appears from the Rolls on file in this Office, that Charles
Rockwell was enrolled on the 11
day of October, 1861, at Pontiac Mich, in Co. B,
Mechanic Fusiliers Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, to
serve 3 years, or during the war, and mustered into service as
a Corporal on the 28 day of January, 1862,
at Chicago, Ill., in Co. B, Mechanic Fusiliers Regiment
of Illinois Volunteers, to serve 3 years, or during the
war. On the Muster^{out} Roll of Co. B of that Regiment for the
months of dated January 28th, 1862, he is reported
Corpl, Mustered out with Co. at Chicago,
Ills. Jan'y 28. 1862.

"Organization being irregular and deception
having been practiced in enlisting the men; it

Land Entry File, cont.

- Discharged Jan. 28, 1862 at Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL, from Co. B, 1st Regt of Mechanics and Fusileers
- Includes personal information that Charles was born in Fairfield, CT, age 29 at the time of enlistment in 1861, five' 10" tall, fresh complexion, blue eyes, brown hair

To all Whom it may Concern:

5 found E.M.

KNOW YE, That

Charles Rockwell

Company (B), of Captain James E. Marsh's 1st Regiment of Michigan Fusiliers

Volunteers, who was enrolled on the Eleventh day of October one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one to serve for three years,

during the war, is hereby DISCHARGED from the service of the United States this twenty eighth day of January 1862, at Camp Douglas Chicago Ills.

by order of the Secretary of War

(No objection to his being re-entisted is known to exist*)

Said Charles Rockwell was born in Fairfield County in the State of Connecticut, is twenty nine years of age five feet

ten inches high, Fresh complexion Blue eyes eyes Brown hair, and by occupation when enrolled, a Wagon Maker

GIVEN at Camp Douglas Chicago this twenty eighth day of January, 1862.

Capt. James E. Marsh Commanding the Regt.

*This sentence will be erased should there be anything in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the army.

[A. G. O. No. 90.]

State of Michigan } ss. COUNTY OF Mason

I, Charles Sawyer the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for said County do hereby certify that that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original "Discharge" of Charles Rockwell late a Corporal of Company (B), 1st regiment of Michigan as the same appears upon a comparison this day made by me.

Witness my hand and Seal of said Court, this 24 day of July A. D. 1870.

Which is the right Charles Rockwell?

- Let's look at the information we've collected on CR#2 to see if he is the homesteader –
- Homesteader born in CT – 1850-1910 census, CR#2 is the only Charles Rockwell living in MI born in CT
- Served in the 56th IL Mechanics – CR#2, according to his pension card, served in the 56th IL Mechanics

What do we know about CR#2?

- Born in Fairfield, Connecticut
- Born September 1832
- 5'10" tall, fresh complexion, blue eyes, brown hair
- Married Lucretia ?
- Parents Charles G. and Sara?
- Both parents born in Connecticut
- Had 6 children, 3 died young
- Served in 56th IL Volunteers, Co. B, Mechanics
- Enlisted Oct. 11, 1861 at Pontiac, MI
- Discharged Jan. 28, 1862 at Camp Douglas, Chicago, IL
- Farmer
- Injured in the Civil War and filed for a pension
- Widow also received a pension
- Moved to Michigan before 1850, lived first in Pontiac, homesteaded in Maple Grove
- Died between May 15, 1910 and Oct. 6, 1911
- Did not have a Civil War gravestone

Homesteader

- Just to be absolutely sure that CR#2 is our homesteader, let's look at a map and make sure that the location given in the homestead file is in Maple Grove, Manistee Co.

Homestead

- We see from the map that Manistee Co.'s western border is Lake Michigan.
- Going east from Lake Michigan are Onekama, Bear Creek and then Maple Grove
- Plat map for Township 23-N shows it to border Lake Michigan and shows Portage Lake in the bottom left quadrant
- Atlas shows Portage Lake right next to Onekama

Lake Michigan

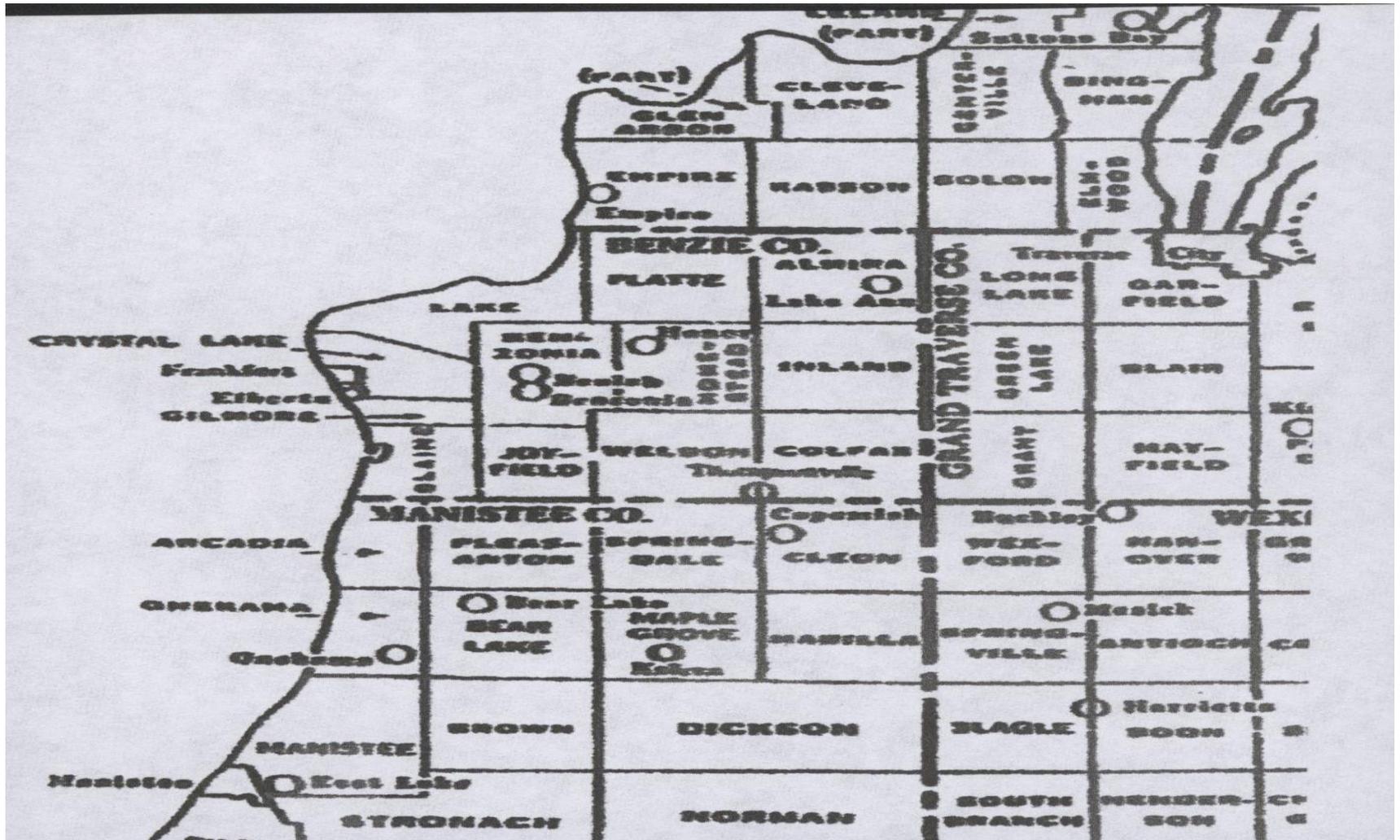


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Conclusions

- So CR#2 was the homesteader!
- If we wanted to continue researching CR#2, what would be our next steps?
 - History of Fairfield, CT
 - Rockwell genealogies, Barbour Collection (CT vital records)
 - CT State Archives
 - Michigan state census from LDS and 1850-1880 agricultural schedules as well as his pension file

Questions?

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