

## The Swank Family: Part 1

### George Swank of Ohio in 1860

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No less than NINE George Swanks mustered into Ohio units and fought in the Civil War (1860-1865). There was another George Swank born in Ohio, but he served in a Missouri unit. Only one of these died in the war and he died of typhoid fever; several of the others were wounded and some became amputees. Almost unbelievably there were also George Swanks in the Indiana Cavalry and the Pennsylvania Cavalry and Infantry. With all these George Swanks muddying-up the records—most born within a 10 year period—it is something of a challenge to separate them unequivocally. But this is the objective of this essay.

A quick perusal of the morass of George Swanks on ‘Family Trees on Ancestry’ is a testament to how utterly confusing this can be. An initial assumption the author made was that all who served in Ohio regiments lived in Ohio before the war. Below are the family details of all TEN of these George Swanks listed in order of enlistment dates with the George Swank (b. Ohio) in the Missouri cavalry last.

**(No. 1)** George W. Swank, age 18 (b. 1843) enlisted 18 Apr 1861 (for 3 months) into **Company H, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of Ohio Volunteers** and mustered out at Marion, OH 18 Aug 1861.<sup>1</sup> The 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio captured the Confederate-held town of Beverly, West Virginia on July 12, 1861 and held it for the rest of that year.<sup>2</sup> He reenlisted 27 Sep 1861 and was mustered out 27 Sep 1864 at Atlanta, Georgia.<sup>3</sup> **George Washington ‘Wash’ Swank** was born May 1844<sup>4</sup> of Jefferson, Muskingum, Ohio the son of George and Anna (Hurdle Powers) Swank *vide infra* and

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<sup>1</sup> George W. Swank: He appears in the *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, Vols 1-12, 1861-1865*, image 46 of 2792 and in the card file: U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865. He does NOT appear in the National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015); this reference has an extra George Swank in the 187<sup>th</sup> Regiment, but the fold3.com copy of the card refers to the George Swank enlisted into the 189<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Company K.

<sup>2</sup> Online at Wikipedia.org; search ‘4th Ohio Infantry’.

<sup>3</sup> George W. Swank/\_\_\_\_, filed 28 Feb 1892 from Kansas: National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460, cites unit 4<sup>th</sup> Ohio; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>4</sup> 1900 U. S. Census of Bazine, Ness, Kansas, Roll 493, Page 17A, E. D. 0159, FHL Film 1240493, George widower, parents b. Ohio, living with son Elmer and his wife Minnie (Long) Swank; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

died before 1905 in Kansas. In the 1850 census<sup>5</sup> he appears as 'Washington Swank' age 7 in the household of George and Margaret Swank (2<sup>nd</sup> wife). In the 1860 census<sup>6</sup> he is single and working in Jerome, Union, Ohio for the Dodge family; this family includes Mary Ann Dodge, George's future spouse. George married abt 1866 **Mary Ann Dodge** daughter of Juda and Elizabeth (Kilgore) Dodge.<sup>7,8</sup> She was born 7 Apr 1838 at Jerome, Union, Ohio and died in Kansas between 1895 and 1900. In the 1870 census<sup>9</sup> we find the young family homesteading in Iowa with two little boys and George's younger half-brother Robert, age 22. By 1885 the family has moved to Kansas.<sup>10</sup> They had four children: Frank N.<sup>11</sup> (b. 1867 Ohio, d. 28 Aug 1871, Oakland, Iowa, buried Swank Cemetery, Fremont, Johnson, Iowa), Elmore/Elmer (b. 1869 Marion, Ohio, d. 1952 Crescent, Logan, Oklahoma), Clara Elizabeth (b. 1875 Iowa d. 1940, buried Swank Cemetery, Fremont, Johnson, Iowa), and Everett (b. 1893, never married). More about this George Swank in the Part 2 essay.

**(No. 2)** A George J. Swank (age 18, therefore b. 1843) enlisted for 3 year service on 12 Sep 1861 in **Company E, 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of Ohio Volunteers**,<sup>12</sup> and mustered out Oct 5 1864 on expiration of term of service. They fought at the Battle of Shiloh, TN, the Battle of Stones River, the Battle of Chickamauga, and the Atlanta Campaign among others.<sup>13</sup> **George J.**

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<sup>5</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Jefferson, Muskingum, Ohio, M432\_717, Page 155B, Image 184, Household 1908; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>6</sup> 1860 U. S. Census of Jerome, Union, Ohio, Roll M653\_1044, Page 107, Household 3, FHL Film 805044, Mary Ann is 5 yrs older than George; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>7</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Jerome, Union, Ohio, M432\_736, Page 138B, Image 252, FHL Film 545905, family structure is consistent with 1850 census, George is 27 and Mary is 32; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>8</sup> Cf 'Williams Family Tree', owner austincox2121, tree 12116582 and 'Richey Family Tree', owner Deborah Marder, online at trees.Ancestry.com/tree/82184117 (accessed 10 Dec 2015); contains many family details (and pics) not found in other sources.

<sup>9</sup> 1870 U. S. Census of Oakland, Louisa, Iowa, Roll M593\_406, Page 454B, Image 183, FHL Film 552288.

<sup>10</sup> In the 1880 census George (age 38) is working alone as a carpenter in Franklin County, Kansas (Peoria, Franklin, Kansas, Roll 381, Page 154C, E. D. 089, Image 756, FHL Film 1254381); in the 1885 and 1895 Kansas censuses, the family with three children is reunited first in Ottawa, Franklin, Kansas and subsequently in Auburn, Shaunee, Kansas (Kansas State Census Collection, 1855-1925, online at Ancestry.com); in the 1885 it states they came to Kansas from Iowa.

<sup>11</sup> Brown, Mabel Estle *The Fork of the Rivers, History and Partial Genealogy of People of Oakland-Orono Townships (Iowa)* (Conesville, IA: Brown, 1978) p. 538; Musser Public Library, Muscatine, Iowa, cited in Family Trees at Ancestry, online at trees.Ancestry.com/tree/6498393, 'Van Horn', owner Jennifer Endsley. Also Findagrave #115046276, Swank Cemetery, Johnson County, Iowa.

<sup>12</sup> George J. Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, Vols. 1-12*, image 773 of 2792 and U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); also National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>13</sup> Online at Wikipedia.org; search '19<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry'.

**Swank** was born Apr 1844<sup>14</sup> of Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio<sup>15</sup> the son of Jonathan William and Frances (Jasper)<sup>16</sup> Swank of Virginia; he died<sup>17</sup> 16 Jul 1919 and is buried in the National Cemetery, Jefferson Barracks, (St. Louis) Missouri. In the 1850 census<sup>18</sup> of Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio he appears as the 4<sup>th</sup> of 6 children of Jonathan and Frances Swank. In the 1880<sup>19</sup> census he was single and working on a farm in Farmington, St. Francois, Missouri. He married<sup>20</sup> 20 Mar 1882 at St. Francois, Missouri **Nancy Isabelle Hughes**; she was a widow on 26 Aug 1919.<sup>21</sup> She was born 23 Oct 1861 in Sainte Genevieve, St. Genevieve, Missouri and died<sup>22</sup> 21 Jul 1924 in St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri. They had four children (Sophia b. 1885, Pearl b. 1887, and George L. b. 1889 and one other who died young).

**(No. 3)** A George W. Swank (age 24, therefore b. 1837) enlisted 1 Oct 1861 and mustered on Oct 12, 1861 into the **Company D, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of Ohio Volunteers** for 3 year service; mustered out Jan 1 1862 on a surgeon's certificate of disability.<sup>23</sup> **George Washington Swank** was born<sup>24</sup> 30 Nov 1836 at Tuscarawas County, Ohio the son of Phillip and

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<sup>14</sup> 1900 U. S. Census of St. Louis Ward 28, St. Louis, Missouri, Roll 901, Page 9B, E. D. 0413, FHL Film 1240901, George J. and Nancy I., 3 of 4 children alive in 1900, m. 18 yrs.; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>15</sup> 1860 U. S. Census of Zanesville, Muskingum, Ohio, Roll M653\_1018, Page 219, Household 1265, FHL Film 805018; online at FamilySearch (accessed 13 Nov 2015) and the 1850 U. S. Census of Zanesville Ward 4, Muskingum, Ohio, M432\_717, Page 261B, Image 395, Household 1770; online at FamilySearch (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>16</sup> Swank/Jasper marriage: Ohio Marriages, Perry County, 1789-2013, 31 Aug 1834; online at FamilySearch (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>17</sup> George J. Swank death: U. S. National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962, Sgt. George J. Swank, Co. E, 19<sup>th</sup> Ohio; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>18</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Zanesville Ward 4, Muskingum, Ohio, M432\_717, Page 261A, Image 395, Household 1770; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>19</sup> 1880 U. S. Census of Farmington, St. Francois, Missouri, Roll 714, Page 424D, E. D. 118, Image 853, FHL Film 1254714; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>20</sup> Swank/Hughes marriage: Missouri, Marriage Records, 1805-2002, place of marriage: The Bisby Train Farmington, St. Francois, Missouri; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>21</sup> George J. Swank/widow Nancy I.: National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460, cites unit 19<sup>th</sup> Ohio; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>22</sup> Findagrave #55642672, De Soto Cemetery, Jefferson, Missouri.

<sup>23</sup> George W. Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, Vols. 1-12*, image 454 of 2792 and U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); also National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015); these records indicate he was 24 yrs at enlistment in 1861, therefore b. abt 1837.

<sup>24</sup> Cf 'Stauffer, Pratt, Wright, Riecker Tree', owner kes449, online at [trees.ancestry.com/tree/19132239](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/19132239) (accessed 9 Nov 2015); contains many family details not found in other sources.

Catherine (Cribbs) Swank<sup>25</sup>; he died 27 May 1903, at Portland, Multnomah, Oregon and is buried at Kelso, Cowlitz, Washington in the Cowlitz View Memorial Gardens.<sup>26</sup> He married<sup>27</sup> in 23 May 1858 at Tuscarawas County, Ohio **Emily/Emma Pfersich**.<sup>28</sup> She was born 25 Aug 1841 at Ohio and died 11 Nov 1935; buried at Cowlitz View Memorial Gardens in Kelso, Cowlitz, Washington.<sup>29</sup> They had five girls (Anna Louise b. 1859, Clarissa b. 1861, Catherine b. 1864, Jessie Lula b. 1867, and Grace Matilda b. 1872).<sup>30</sup> In the 1850 census George is 13, the 4<sup>th</sup> of 11 children (he had a twin Elizabeth A.) of Philip and Catharine (Cribbs) Swank residing in Sandy, Tuscarawas, Ohio (father b. PA, mother b. OH).<sup>31</sup> In the 1860 census he is married to 'Emila' with a dau (<1 yr.) Ann L. in Sandy Township, Tuscarawas, Ohio; he is listed as 23 yrs (b. 1837) and 'Emila' is 21 (b. 1839).<sup>32</sup> In the 1870 census he is married to Emily with 4 little girls and living in Chillicothe, Livingston, Missouri; he is 38 yrs (b. 1832; is not in agreement with other records), a miller, and Emily is 26 yrs (b. 1844).<sup>33</sup> And in the 1900 census he and 'Emma' are living in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon; he is 63 (b. 1837) and she is 58 (b. 1842); married '17 yrs' ?; 4 of 5 children alive in 1900.<sup>34</sup>

**(No. 4)** George Swank, age 19 (b. 1842), enlisted for 3 years on 6 Nov 1861 in **Company C, 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of Ohio Volunteers**; he mustered out on 25 Jul 1862 at Cincinnati, Ohio on surgeons certificate of disability.<sup>35</sup> George Swank of the 78<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry does not

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<sup>25</sup> Lucy Barkheimer death (dau of Philip and Catherine (Cribbs) Swank): 3 Jan 1914 (b. 3 Jan 1842) Massillion, Stark, Ohio; Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953, online at FamilySearch, Film 1953825 (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>26</sup> Findagrave #103669210, George W. Swank (birth '1832' death 27 May 1903).

<sup>27</sup> Swank/'Pfersich' marriage: Ohio County marriages, 1789-2013, vol. 5, online at FamilySearch, Film 890364, Image 00575, no. 1300.

<sup>28</sup> George W. Swank/widow Emily: National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015); marriage listed in 1883.

<sup>29</sup> Findagrave #103668813; Emilie Pferick Swank), daus Anna L (b. 1859) and Grace Matilda (b. 1872).

<sup>30</sup> G. W. and Emma Schwank, 1900 U. S. Census of Portland Ward 11, Multnomah, Oregon, Roll 1351, Page 5B, E. D. 0086, FHL Microfilm 1241351; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>31</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Sandy, Tuscarawas, Ohio, M432\_735, Page 267B, Image 99, Household 91, FHL Film 444728; online at FamilySearch (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>32</sup> 1860 U. S. Census of Sandy Township, Tuscarawas, Ohio, Roll M653, Page 41, Household 284, FHL Film 805043; online at FamilySearch (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>33</sup> 1870 U. S. Census of Chillicothe, Livingston, Missouri, Roll M593\_789, Page 512A, Image 183, FHL Film 552288; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>34</sup> G. W. and Emma 'Schwank', 1900 U. S. Census of Portland Ward 11, Multnomah, Oregon, Roll 1351, Page 5B, E. D. 0086, FHL Microfilm 1241351.

<sup>35</sup> George Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865*, Vol. 6, p. 365; online at FamilySearch (accessed 12 Nov 2014); U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); and National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

appear in the U. S. Army , Register of Enlistments (an incomplete record), which might have given us a little more information. There is also no pension record. Essentially all we know for sure is that he was 19 yrs at enlistment in Nov 1861 (therefore b. 1842) and he enlisted in Ohio. This **George Swank** has not been identified in the record. From the examination of 1850 and 1860 censuses for Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Pennsylvania for George Swanks b. 1838-1845, there are few candidates that have not already been researched and unequivocally identified in this essay, and these are readily eliminated by further study. The remaining viable candidate was the George Swank born of Newberry, Miami, Ohio the son of Joshua and Rebecca (Large) Swank<sup>36</sup> (father born PA, mother b. OH).<sup>37</sup> Unfortunately, there is strong evidence that he died in 1853 at age 10 and is buried in the same cemetery (Brumbaugh Cemetery in Miami Co. Ohio) as his parents who both died in 1860.<sup>38</sup> And so he remains unidentified until we uncover more information.

**(No. 5)** A George H. Swank, age 24 (b. 1838), enlisted on 18 Aug 1862 and was mustered into **Company E, 93<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Ohio Volunteers**; he was reduced from corporal 27 May 1863.<sup>39</sup> He was mustered out on 29 May 1865 at Nashville, TN.<sup>40</sup> His unit fought at the Battle of Chickamauga and the siege of Chattanooga as well as the Atlanta Campaign and the Battle of Jonesboro.<sup>41</sup> **George H. Swank** was born 18 Oct 1837 at West Carrollton City (Miami Township), Montgomery, Ohio the son of John/Jonathan and Cynthia (Brown) Swank; he died<sup>42</sup> 19 Jan 1915 of Bright's disease at Dayton, Montgomery, Ohio; he was buried 21 Jan 1915 at Woodland Cemetery, Montgomery County (age 77.3).<sup>43</sup> In the 1850 census George H. 'Boles' (should be Swank) appears in the Boles family in Montgomery County; his father had died and

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<sup>36</sup> Cf 'High Family Tree', owner James High, tree 62920171, contains many interesting details; online at [trees.ancestry.com](http://trees.ancestry.com) (accessed 11 Dec 2015); this tree has the parents both dying in 1860 and George dying in 1853, buried Brumbaugh Cemetery, Miami Co. Ohio,.

<sup>37</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Newberry, Miami, Ohio, Roll M432\_711, Image 182, Family 1297; online at [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) (accessed 11 Dec 2015).

<sup>38</sup> Findagrave #11666358), Brumbaugh Cemetery, Miami Co. Ohio.

<sup>39</sup> George H. Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865*, Vol. 7, p. 198; online at [FamilySearch](http://FamilySearch) (accessed 12 Nov 2014); U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); and National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>40</sup> George H. Swank/widow Mary E.: National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460; online at [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) (accessed 12 Nov 2015), list unit as 93<sup>rd</sup> Ohio.

<sup>41</sup> Online at [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org); search '93<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Infantry'.

<sup>42</sup> George H. Swank death: Ohio Deaths,1908-1953, FHL Film 1983290, lists birthdate and place and parent's names in addition to death data; online at [FamilySearch](http://FamilySearch) (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>43</sup> George H. Swank: Findagrave #102367820, a copy of an informative obit is attached as well as a pic of his gravestone citing his unit, the 93<sup>rd</sup> Ohio.

his mother had remarried (2) James Bowles.<sup>44</sup> In the 1860<sup>45</sup> census George was single and with his mother Cynthia Ann (Brown Swank) Bowles in Montgomery County, Ohio. In the 1870<sup>46</sup> census George (age 27) is with his mother 'Catherine' Bowles, (age 59) and his wife-to-be Mary Rhodhamel (age 23). He married abt 1871 **Mary E. Roadhammell**.<sup>47</sup> In the 1900<sup>48</sup> and 1910<sup>49</sup> censuses he was in Butler, Montgomery, Ohio with his wife and two sons. She was born Sep 1846 in Ohio and died 1929; 8 of 8 children alive in 1900 (Jennie Belle b. 1872, Bessie L. b. 1876, James E. b. 1882, Reuben S. b. 1886 and four others). His parents were born in Virginia.

**(No. 6)** A George Swank, age 19 (b. 1843) of Muskingum County, Ohio was drafted for 9 months on 1 Oct 1862 in **Company C, 76<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Ohio Volunteers**<sup>50</sup> and was mustered in on 6 Nov 1862; he died at Jefferson Barracks (near St. Louis) of typhoid fever on 7 Jan 1863. **George Swank**,<sup>51</sup> born abt 1842 in Arkansas, was the son of Aaron Allen and Wilhelmina (Eckmann) Swank;<sup>52,53</sup> they married 12 May 1834. Wilhelmina was born in 1814 and Aaron died 10 Jan 1855.<sup>54</sup>

Aaron Allen Swank (father of No. 6) and Jonathan William Swank (father of No. 2) are brothers, both sons of George and Catherine (Roller) Swank both of Virginia making No.6 and No. 2 cousins.

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<sup>44</sup> Cf 'Swank Family Tree', owner jennice swank, online at [trees.ancestry.com/tree/47082560](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/47082560), contains many useful details including a pic of Cynthia's gravestone containing *vita* (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>45</sup> 1860 U. S. Census of Miamisburg, Montgomery, Ohio, Roll M653, Page 77, Family 574, FHL Film 805013; online at FamilySearch (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>46</sup> 1870 U. S. Census of Miami, Montgomery, Ohio, Roll M593\_1248, Page 677A, Image 577, FHL Film 552747; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>47</sup> Swank/Winder marriage: Ohio County Marriages, 1789-2013, Montgomery Co. marriages 1901-1902, vol 32, this is George H. and Mary Swank's son, record gives useful information about the parents; online at FamilySearch (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>48</sup> 1900 U. S. Census of Butler, Montgomery, Ohio, Roll 1306, Page 12A, E. D. 0032, FHL Film 1241306, George H. is 62, Mary E. is 53; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>49</sup> 1910 U. S. Census of Butler, Montgomery, Ohio, Roll T624\_1215, Page 19A, E. D. 0045, FHL Film 1375228; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>50</sup> George Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865*, Vol. 6, p. 270; online at FamilySearch (accessed 12 Nov 2014); U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); and National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>51</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Washington, Muskingum, Ohio, Roll M432\_718, Page 377B, Image 217, Family 299; with mother 'Wilelmen' and two younger sibs; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>52</sup> George Swank/mother 'Wilemina': National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>53</sup> From docs in Widow's Certificate File 77248, Pensioner 'Wilheminar' Swank (mother); online at Fold3.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>54</sup> *ibid.*



Figure 1. George Washington Swank (#7) of Anoka, Minnesota abt 1870 and abt 1890

**(No.7)** George W. Swank enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteers (3 months) and then in the 34<sup>th</sup> Indiana volunteers, Company K (1 year) and finally in **Company F, 49<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry of Ohio Volunteers**; discharged 20 Sep 1864 at Columbus, OH.<sup>55</sup> He fought in several engagements and was wounded 27 May 1864 at the Battle of Pickett's Mill, GA (right arm amputated). **George Washington Swank**<sup>56</sup> was born 10 Jul 1842 at Freemont County, Ohio and the family moved to Indiana before 1850; he died 25 Feb 1915 at Anoka, Anoka, Minnesota and is buried there in the Forest Hill Cemetery.<sup>57</sup> He was likely the son of David and Clarissa (Krone) Swank;<sup>58,59</sup> parents born Ohio or Pennsylvania. He married<sup>60</sup> (1) 4 Jun 1864 at Miami Co.,

<sup>55</sup> George W. Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865*, I, image 1467 of 2792 and U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); also National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

<sup>56</sup> Cf 'Valker Family Tree', owner valkergm, tree 6367872, contains many useful details including a pic of George Washington Swank; online at trees.Ancestry.com (accessed 13 Nov 2015).

<sup>57</sup> Findagrave #58965768; his marker identifies him as a member of the 49<sup>th</sup> Ohio, Co. F.

<sup>58</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Peru, Miami, Indiana, Roll M432\_160, Page 81A, Image 295, Family 65; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015). He was born in Ohio; since his family moved to Indiana it explains why he enlisted into two Indiana units. There is another 8 yr old George Swank in the 1850 census of

Indiana **Mary Eliza Strickler** daughter of Henry and Catharine Strickler of Pennsylvania. In the 1880<sup>61</sup> census the family with five children was living in Bourbon, Marshall, Indiana. She was born 12 Oct 1845 at Indiana<sup>62</sup> and died 28 Jan 1889 at Anoka, Anoka, Minnesota and is buried there at the Forest Hill Cemetery.<sup>63</sup> He married<sup>64</sup> (2) 28 Apr 1890 at St. Paul, Ramsey, Minnesota **Ann Augusta (Davis) Clutter** as her second husband. She had married<sup>65</sup> (1) 12 Dec 1874 at Colorado Springs, El Paso, Colorado **Jonathan Emory Clutter** (b. 1842 of Kentucky, died 12 Feb 1886 at Dillon, Beaverhead, Montana) and had three children from that marriage. Augusta was born 28 Nov 1851 in New York<sup>66</sup> and died 16 Feb 1937 at Anoka, Anoka, Minnesota and is buried at the Forest Hill Cemetery.<sup>67</sup> In the 1900<sup>68</sup> census they are in Minnesota with two of Mary's children and three children from Augusta's first marriage (3 of 3 children alive). There were six children with Mary (Fanny Anabelle b. 1866, Howard b. 1867, Daniel David b. 1872, Otto b. 1875, Cyrus b. 1877, Mary Mayme b. 1886); no issue with Ann.

**(No.8)** Another George W. Swank (no age given) enrolled into **Company B, 43<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Ohio Volunteers**, (substitute, 1 year service) on 9 Dec 1864 and mustered out July 13, 1865.<sup>69,70</sup> His unit was at the siege of Savannah and the Campaign of the Carolinas.<sup>71</sup> This

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Newberry, Miami, Ohio; the author likes the Indiana family better as George named one of his sons David after his father.

<sup>59</sup> Cf 'Perdieu Family Tree', owner rap74pepper2000, tree 2854112, online at trees.Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015); contains many family details (and pics!) not found in other sources.

<sup>60</sup> Swank/Strickler marriage; Indiana marriages, Miami County index 1850-1920, Clerk's Office, Peru, Book C 1, page 327; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>61</sup> 1880 U. S. Census of Bourbon, Marshall, Indiana, Roll 297, Page 81B, E. D. 102, Image 0165, FHL Film 1254297; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>62</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Green, Parke, Indiana, Roll M432\_164, Page 202B, Image 409, Family 637 and 1860 U. S. Census of Washington, Parke, Indiana, Roll M653\_287, Page 747, Family 1134, FHL Film 803287; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>63</sup> Findagrave #58965859

<sup>64</sup> Swank/Clutter marriage; Minnesota Marriages Index, 1849-1950, FHL Film 1314517; online from Ancestry.com (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>65</sup> Cf 'Janney Ancestry', owner djanney1, online at trees.Ancestry.com/tree/74573193 (accessed 10 Nov 2015); contains many family details not found in other sources

<sup>66</sup> 1880 U. S. Census of Ogden, Weber, Utah, Roll 1339, Page 447A, E. D. 98; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>67</sup> Findagrave #58965986; 'Ann A. Swank'.

<sup>68</sup> 1900 U. S. Census of Anoka Ward 2, Anoka, Minnesota, Roll 756, Page 7A, E. D. 0014, FHL Film 1240756; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 23 Nov 2015).

<sup>69</sup> George W. Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865, Vols. 1-12*, image 1333 of 2792 and U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); also National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015).

**George (Doan) Washington Swank** was born 25 Oct 1843 at Pickaway County, Ohio and died 3 Oct 1898<sup>72,73</sup> and is buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, DeKalb, Indiana. He was the son of William and Hetty Swank<sup>74</sup> (he was b. OH; she was b. PA). He married<sup>75</sup> 18 Sep 1865 at Putnam County, Ohio **Minerva J. Woodring**.<sup>76</sup> She was born 8 Jan 1846 in Putnam County Ohio and died 28 Jan 1922 at Hammond, Lake, Indiana. They are buried<sup>77</sup> (single stone) in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn, De Kalb, Indiana. In the 1870<sup>78</sup> census in Allen, Miami, Indiana they had three children; he was 25 (b. 1845 in Ohio) and she was 23 (b. 1847 in Ohio). In the 1880<sup>79</sup> census (he was 36, she was 32) they had six children and were residing in De Kalb County Indiana. In the 1900 census<sup>80</sup> Minerva is alone (age 53, b. Jan 1847, 7 of 8 children alive). Children: Mary Anna b. 1867, Hetta/Etta Delilah b. 1868, William Franklin b. 1870, May

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<sup>70</sup> George W. Swank file, 43<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Volunteers: born 1843 in Union Co. Ohio; search National Archives (researcher BB), property of R. Tolman. There are no Swanks in Union Co. Ohio in either the 1840 or 1850 censuses.

<sup>71</sup> Online at Wikipedia.org; search '43<sup>rd</sup> Ohio Infantry'.

<sup>72</sup> Cf 'Doster/Lockwood Family Tree', owner paedbr, online at [trees.ancestry.com/tree/1058638](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree/1058638) (accessed 10 Nov 2015); contains many family details not found in other sources.

<sup>73</sup> George W. Swank/widow Minerva J.: National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460, cites unit 43<sup>rd</sup> Ohio; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>74</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Darby, Pickaway, Ohio, Roll M432\_720, Page 89A, Image 179, Family 1174 and 1860 U. S. Census of Muhlenberg, Pickaway, Ohio, Roll M653\_1023, Page 24, Image 53, Family 319; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015). In the 1850 (very hard to read, badly faded) he is called 'Denoon W. Swenk' and in the 1860 he is 'Washington Swank' (other family member names match). On the U. S. Civil War Draft Registration Records, 1863-1865 (dated Jun 1863, Putnam County, Ohio), NM-65, entry 172, he is listed as 'Doan W. Swunk' age 20; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 20 Nov 2015). These data match the Ohio counties where he is reported in other sources to have been born and married. In both the 1850 and 1860 censuses, both the parents are reported to have been born in Ohio, whereas later in life the censuses indicate that his father was born in Pennsylvania and mother in Ohio.

<sup>75</sup> Swank/Woodring marriage: Ohio marriages, 1800-1958, online at FamilySearch, FHL Film 0915774 v1-2 (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>76</sup> George W. Swank/widow Minerva J.: National Archives and Records Administration, U. S. Civil War Pension Index, General Index, 1861-1934, Film T288\_460; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>77</sup> Findagrave, #145526334, him 1843-1898, her 1847-1923/pic (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

<sup>78</sup> 1870 U. S. Census of Allen, Miami, Indiana, Roll M593\_343, Page 7B, Image 18, FHL Film 545842; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

<sup>79</sup> 1880 U. S. Census of Jackson, De Kalb, Indiana, Roll 273, Page 173B, E. D. 088, Image 0343; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>80</sup> 1900 U. S. Census of Wilmington, De Kalb, Indiana, Roll 367, Page 7A, E. D. 0068, FHL Film 1240367; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

Edna (Ella) b. 1872, Seth Edward b. 1874, Myrtle Irene b. 1876, John Adam b. 1879, and Maude, b. after 1880.<sup>81</sup>

**(No. 9)** George Swank, age 32 (b. 1833) enlisted 18 Feb 1865 (1 year service) and mustered 6 Mar 1865 into **Company K, 189<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment of Ohio Volunteers**; he mustered out 28 Sep 1865 at Nashville, TN.<sup>82</sup> **George Swank**<sup>83</sup> was born 22 Dec 1832 at Montgomery County, Ohio the son of George and Susanna (Crumrine) Swank<sup>84,85</sup> (both b. PA); he died<sup>86</sup> 8 Oct 1925 at Arcanum, Darke, Ohio and was buried 10 Oct 1925 at Ithaca, Darke, Ohio.<sup>87</sup> There are possible alternative parents<sup>88</sup>—John and Susanna (Niswonger) Swank of Perry, Montgomery, Ohio (he b. MD, she b. VA).<sup>89</sup> In the 1860 census<sup>90</sup> he was single and a

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<sup>81</sup> Cf 'Doster/Lockwood Family Tree', owner paedbr, tree 1058638, online at trees.Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Nov 2015).

<sup>82</sup> George Swank: *Official Roster of the soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1865*, Vol. 10, p. 106; online at FamilySearch (accessed 12 Nov 2014); curiously, this reference does not appear on the Ancestry.com reference of the same name; U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865 (card file); and National Park Service, U. S. Civil War Soldiers, 1861-1865, Film M552 roll 107; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 9 Nov 2015); this last reference has an extra George Swank in the 187<sup>th</sup> Regiment, the copy of the enlistment card refers to this George Swank in the 189<sup>th</sup> Regiment; there is no Swank in the 187<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>83</sup> Geo Swank death: Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953, FamilySearch FHL Film 1992691, image 758; record has birth, marriage and death information as well as parentage (parents both b. Pennsylvania).

<sup>84</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Perry, Montgomery, Ohio, M432\_714, Page 466B, Image 392, Household 2814, age 18, 4<sup>th</sup> of 7 children with mother Susanna (age 48, b. PA), father dead?, another son Aaron in the 1900 census (Roll 1262, Page 5B, E. D. 0063, FHL Film 1241262) lists both parents b. in PA; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>85</sup> Cf. 'Linsky Family Tree', owner BevLinsky, online at trees.Ancestry.com/tree/767144 (accessed 10 Dec 2015); contains many sources and other family details.

<sup>86</sup> Ohio Deaths, 1908-1953, FHL Film 1992681, image 758, lists birth details including parentage; online at FamilySearch (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

<sup>87</sup> George Swank, 189<sup>th</sup> Ohio Reg't, U. S. Application for Headstone for Military Veterans, 1925-1963; online at Ancestry.com.

<sup>88</sup> Cf. 'Linsky Family Tree', owner BevLinsky, online at trees.Ancestry.com/tree/767144 (accessed 10 Dec 2015). The Linsky tree describes the descendants of George's grandfather, Peter Swank of Cumberland County, Pennsylvania—the two Swanks (John and George) of Perry, Montgomery County are brothers and Peter's sons. According to this tree and sources therein, John Swank had no son George. Since they lived close by one another it is likely that George, son of George was working on his Uncle John's farm and is hence listed in the census twice. This author could find no other records for a second George Swank, b. 1832 in Ohio. This tree has George married to Sarah Wolf in 1855, but they are not findable in the 1860 census.

<sup>89</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Perry, Montgomery, Ohio, M432\_714, Page 448B, Image 356, Household 2555, age 18, although these parents cannot be absolutely ruled out, George and Susanna are a more likely choice as their other son Aaron also lived in Darke County; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

laborer in Randolph, Montgomery, Ohio. He married<sup>91</sup> 5 Apr 1866 at Darke County, Ohio **Elizabeth Ann Trump**, probable daughter<sup>92</sup> of John and Eliza Trump of Twin, Darke, Ohio; she was born abt 1840. In the 1870<sup>93,94</sup> census George and Elizabeth A. Swank had a new dau Eliza A. Swank (age 1); Elizabeth was 28; 10 years later in the 1880<sup>95</sup> census (George was 47 and Elizabeth was 40, b. 1840), they had 4 daus and a son (Eliza A b. 1869, Cora A. b. 1871, Eleanora b. 1873, Minnie D. b. 1876 and Charles W. b. 1881).<sup>96</sup> In the 1920<sup>97</sup> census he was 87 and a widower and living with his niece Ella Eller in Twin, Darke, Ohio.

**(No. 10)** George W. Swank enlisted (for 3 years) as a corporal 2 Aug 1861 in **Company G, 2<sup>nd</sup> Missouri Volunteer Cavalry (Merrill's Horse)**; mustered out 15 Sep 1864 at St. Louis, Missouri.<sup>98</sup> He was shortly promoted to Sergeant and served in over 20 engagements in Arkansas, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama fighting guerrillas and irregular Confederate cavalry.<sup>99</sup> **George Walter Swank** was born<sup>100</sup> Feb 1839 at Ohio the son of Thomas and Nancy (Calloway) Swank and died<sup>101</sup> 23 Jul 1910 and is buried in the Swank Cemetery, New Cambria,

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<sup>90</sup> 1860 U. S. Census of Randolph, Montgomery, Ohio, Roll M653\_1014, Page 332, Household 1008, FHL Film 805044; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>91</sup> Swank/Trump marriage: Ohio County Marriages, 1789-2013; online at FamilySearch.org (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>92</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Twin, Darke, Ohio, M432\_674, Page 413B, Image 345; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>93</sup> 1870 U. S. Census of Twin, Darke, Ohio, Roll M593\_1194, Page 323B, Image 654, FHL Film 552693; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>94</sup> The Linsky Tree *vide supra* has George married in 1855 to a Sarah Wolf in Montgomery County, Ohio (no source listed). But the only compatible record from the 1860 census *vide supra* has him single in 1860 as a laborer in Montgomery County.

<sup>95</sup> 1880 U. S. Census of Twin, Darke, Ohio, Roll 1011, E. D. 070, Image 0025, Page 322A, FHL Film 1255011; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>96</sup> Ohio Births and Christenings, 1821-1962, records for Cora and Charles, lists parents as George Swank/Elizabeth Trump; online at FamilySearch.org (accessed 10 Dec 2015).

<sup>97</sup> 1920 U. S. Census of Twin, Darke, Ohio, Roll T625\_1359, Page 8B, E. D. 117, Image 387; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>98</sup> George W. Swank: *Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Missouri*, Publication M405 (NARA 300398) Record group 94, age 22; online at fold3.com (accessed 18 Nov 2015).

<sup>99</sup> Online at Wikipedia.org; search 'Merrill's Horse'.

<sup>100</sup> 1850 U. S. Census of Monroe, Pickaway, Ohio, M432\_720, Page 98A, Image 197, Household 1303; online at FamilySearch (accessed 18 Nov 2015).

<sup>101</sup> Findagrave #27913083; lists the first wife Mary Jane Lile and their marriage date (this author cannot find source for this), also lists many of the children and their married names. This same source lists her name as Mary Jane Lile Troutman—this is not the same woman! This Mary J. Troutman was born 1845 in Kentucky, whereas the Mary Jane that married George was born 1842 in Illinois, per the 1860 census *vide supra*.

Macon, Missouri. He married<sup>102</sup> (1) 12 Feb 1860 at Macon Co., Missouri **Mary Jane Lile**. She was born<sup>103</sup> 1842 in Illinois and presumably died after the birth of their only child Emily Ann. He married<sup>104</sup> (2) 3 Jan 1866 at Macon County, Missouri **Nancy A. Mikel/Mechall** dau of Samuel and Tabitha Martha (Souther) Mikel.<sup>105</sup> She was born Mar 1850 at Missouri and died<sup>106</sup> Sep 1910 and is buried at the Ramona Cemetery in Ramona, Washington, Oklahoma. In the 1870<sup>107</sup> U. S. Census of Belville, Howard, Kansas George is 31 and Nancy is 20 yrs.; Emily A, George's dau by Mary Jane is 10 yrs. (therefore not a dau of Nancy, since they were only married 4yrs). In the 1875 Kansas census<sup>108</sup> they were living in Little Caney Township, Howard, Kansas (Geo. W., 36 yrs. b. Ohio; N. A., 24 yrs. b. Missouri). They had 5 children and had Margret Mikels—Nancy's sister?—and her 2 mo.-old son in their household. In the 1880 census<sup>109</sup> they were still in Little Caney, now in Chautauqua Co. with 6 children (George 41 yrs., b. Ohio) and in the 1885 Kansas State Census<sup>110</sup> they had 8 children (George 46 yrs. b. Ohio). All together George had ten children—one with Mary Jane and nine<sup>111</sup> with Nancy: Emily Ann b. 1861, Ulysses Grant Simpson b. 1866, Emma D. b. 1869, John Winchester b. 1872, Mary Elizabeth b. 1873, Anna b. 1875, Esper (Esther) A. b. 1877, May V. b. 1880, Ellen A/Ella. b. 1883, George Walter b. 1885).

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<sup>102</sup> Swank/Lile marriage: Cf the Findagrave ref for George's burial.

<sup>103</sup> 1860 U. S. Census of Walnut Creek Township, Macon, Missouri, Roll M653\_631, Image 160, Household 1089, FHL Film 803631; online at FamilySearch.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

<sup>104</sup> Swank/Michall marriage: Missouri Marriage Records, 1805-2002, Macon County; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

<sup>105</sup> Cf 'Swank/Elliott Family Tree', owner Thomas Kelly Courson Gonzalez, online at trees.Ancestry.com/tree/51298102 (accessed 17 Nov 2015).

<sup>106</sup> Findagrave # 48626899; names of six children with married names are listed on the site.

<sup>107</sup> 1870 U. S. Census of Belville, Howard, Kansas, Roll M593\_434, Page 231A, Image 478, FHL Film 545933; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

<sup>108</sup> Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas, 1875 Kansas State Census of Little Caney, Howard Co., Roll ks1875\_3, line 42; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 18 Nov 2015).











<sup>109</sup> 1880 U. S. Census of Little Caney, Chautauqua, Kansas, Roll 375, E. D. 073, Image 0631, Page 373B, FHL Film 1254375; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 12 Nov 2015).

<sup>110</sup> Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas, 1875 Kansas State Census of Little Caney, Howard Co., Roll ks1885\_18, line 26; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 18 Nov 2015).

<sup>111</sup> 1900 U. S. Census of Township 26, Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, Roll 1843, E. D. 0011, FHL Film 1241843; George is 61 yrs. and living with his son Grant and his family, wife Nancy A. is 50 yrs. (8 of 9 children alive) and is next door with their son John and his family; online at Ancestry.com (accessed 19 Nov 2015).

## Origins

The tabulation below shows the parentage of each the Ohio George Swanks and the birth origin of the fathers from the census record. And so it appears that the Ohio Swank families came from Pennsylvania and Virginia. Two of the Muskingum County Ohio Swanks (**No. 2** and **No. 6**) are first cousins (their fathers were brothers), children of Johann George Swank of Loudoun County Virginia (1790-1841).

Civil War Soldier	Parents: Surname SWANK	1850 Census: Birth-year and Birthplace of Father	1850 Census: Ohio County
#1	George and Anna	b. 1812, Ohio	 Muskingum
#2	Jonathan and Frances	b. 1809, Virginia	 Muskingum
#3	Philip and Catherine	b. 1791, Pennsylvania	 Tuscarawas
#4	'Joshua and Rebecca'	b. 1806, Pennsylvania	 Miami
#5	Jonathan and Cynthia	b. 1815, Virginia (d. 1841)	 Montgomery
#6	Aaron and Wilhelmina	--; (d. 1844) (Virginia)	 Muskingum
#7	David and Clarissa	b. 1805, Ohio	 Miami
#8	William and Hetty	b. 1815, Ohio	 Pickaway
#9	George and Susannah	b. 1790, Pennsylvania (d. 1844)	 Montgomery
#10	Thomas and Nancy	b. 1819, Ohio	 Pickaway

