

Memorial Program, 19 May 2019

St John the Baptist Cemetery, New Baltimore, Somerset County, PA

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War & it's Auxiliary

Mt Union Church Camp 502

Researched by Betsy Will Matthews, President Aux. 502

1. **Henry Burkett** served as a Corporal in Co. E, 76th Regiment PA Volunteers from October 9, 1861 to 11-28-1864 when he was discharged. Henry filed for a pension on January 8, 1879. Died May 4, 1898 at 75 years of age. His widow filed for his pension after his death.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87323367/henry-burkett>



2. **Jacob Harbrant** was drafted July 5, 1864 at age 21 as a Private in Co. C, 58th Regiment Pa. Infantry. He mustered in July 5, 1864 as a Private at Chambersburg, Pa. and was discharged Aug. 19, 1865 by General Order. He served July 5, 1864 - Aug. 18, 1865 - 13 month 13 days. He applied for an Invalid Pension Sept. 11, 1883. He died Oct. 18, 1905. His wife Bridget applied for a Widow's Pension after his death, and followed him in death in 1927. He had three sons.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87323450/jacob-harbrant>

- 3. John Hochard** was a farmer in Bedford County. He mustered in as a Private in Co. D, 138th Regiment PA Volunteers from August 29, 1862. John mustered out on June 23, 1865 with his Company. He was wounded at Mine Run, Virginia on November 27, 1863 and at the Wilderness on May 6, 1864. John served 33 months and 24 days. He applied for an Invalid pension on March 23, 1870. He died on March 19, 1922 at 78 years of age. His widow Mary applied on August 24, 1928 for his pension.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87323470/john-hochard>

- 4. Robert Roddy** was a lawyer in Addison in the 1860 census. He enlisted on September 1, 1861. He mustered in on November 12, 1861 with Co. H, 85th Regiment PA Infantry. Robert was discharged on a Surgeon's certificate of disability on September 18, 1864. He served 36 months and 10 days. He applied for an Invalid pension the day he was discharged. Robert died on May 14, 1877.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/82843680/robert-r-roddey>

OBITUARY.

RODDY.—At New Baltimore, Somerset county, Pa., May 14, 1877, Robert Roddy, aged 49 years and 4 months.

Mr. Roddy was born in Petersburg, Somerset county, Pa., and was at the time of his death the oldest native resident of the place, he having always considered it his home. He was well and favorably known throughout Somerset and Fayette counties, having at an early age been prominently before the public in the capacity of journalist and editor. When quite a young man he was editor and proprietor of the *Somerset Visitor*, which he conducted with signal ability from 1850 to 1854. Subsequently he read law with J. E. Cox, of Somerset, and after passing an unusually creditable examination, was admitted to the bar. Disliking the legal profession, however, being naturally of a retiring disposition, he only practiced a short time. He spent two or three years traveling, east and west, corresponding in the meantime for several newspapers.

About 1860, he was attached to the editorial corps of the *Genius of Liberty*, Unlontown, of which his brother, the late Col. E. G. Roddy, was editor. That paper, under his management, received an impetus in its general make-up and circulation, which placed it among the foremost newspapers in Western Pennsylvania.

The civil war breaking out shortly afterward, he was among the first to enlist; and, although his physical condition was entirely unfitted for the rigors of a military life, and against the advice of his friends, he served, with credit to himself, as a private in Company H, 85th Regiment, Pa. Vols. for upwards of three years, when he was honorably discharged. During his campaigns in the swamps of Virginia and the Carolinas, he corresponded for the *Genius*, and other papers, under the nom de plume of "Zingaro," the letters being spicy, readable, and ably written, unsparring in their uncovering of vice and immorality in high places, of course, bringing down on him the anathemas and maledictions of the guilty ones.

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Immediately on his return he again assumed editorial control of the *Genius*; spending considerable time in the oil regions corresponding for his paper, until the death of Col. Roddy, editor-in-chief. Mr. Roddy was subsequently connected with the *McKeesport Times*, in an editorial capacity, at the same time corresponding for the *Genius*, *Pittsburgh Chronicle*, *Pittsburgh Commercial*, *Somerset Herald*, &c. His health failing in a great measure, he returned to his old home, where he has remained ever since, beloved and respected by the whole community. A few years ago, several serials appeared in the *Somerset Herald* from his pen, which were the last of his labors, excepting an occasional letter to the same paper, on local affairs.

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As a writer Mr. Roddy was prolific, being a man of more than usual literary culture, varied and extensive reading, with a mind stored abundantly with useful knowledge. His letters were pithy, interesting, caustic, when occasion required, yet fair and honorable withal. The thrifty town of Confluence owes more of whatever prosperity she may have had in the past, or may have in the future, to him than any other man, or set of men. It was he who, in spite of all opposition, worked with tongue and pen for the embryo town, at a time when everyone else seemed to doubt.

Zingaro's letters in the *Chronicle* will be remembered long in the future for their steady maintenance of the interests of his native county, the welfare of her people, and the development of her resources. Mr. Roddy was particularly friendly to Somerset county, and would never allow any one to say in his presence that the West, or any other part of the country, exceeded her in wealth, natural resources, or anything calculated to make life enjoyable. He used to say that, no matter how truthful a man might be, a few years in the West would cure him of it.

For the last year, Mr. Roddy has seemed to devote himself almost entirely to the interests of his future salvation; and, although a newspaper man intuitively, and a politician by choice, he took very little interest in politics, or anything of the kind. He devoted his time principally to a study of the Scriptures, with very commendable zeal and diligence.

The writer remembers with profound sorrow the last conversation he had with deceased. He was a member of the Catholic Church, and desired some spiritual consolation from Father Camma, and as New Baltimore was the nearest point to which he could go, he desired some information as to the best method of traveling there, and the writer's professional opinion as to his physical condition. He arrived at New Baltimore sick and worn with travel on Thursday before his death, took his bed almost immediately, and never rose again.

His end was peace. In the quiet gray of morning his spirit took its flight, calmly, quietly, as though he were passing into a peaceful slumber. A great sufferer during most of his life, Heaven vouchsafed him a quiet hour in which to die—he suffered no pain. And, although denied the presence of his own family, or any of his life-long friends, his brothers and sisters have the satisfaction of knowing that all his wants were ministered to by a sympathetic brother of his own church, and that in his last moments, the kindly hand of woman wiped the death-damp from his brow, eased his aching head, shed her tears for him, and smoothed his pathway down to the "Dark Valley of the Shadow of Death."

In this connection, his friends desire again to return their sincere thanks to the kind Protestant family in which he died. It seems but yesterday that the kindly face of Mr. Roddy, or "Bob," as everyone familiarly called him, was seen on our streets, and it seems hard to realize that our old friend has gone to that "bourn from whence no traveler returns." He was a genial, social companion, kind in all his relations, a friend to the friendless, a Good Samaritan to the sick and the afflicted, and to suffering anywhere, he was always ready to lend a listening ear and a helping hand.

On the night of his death, he intimated a desire to be buried in the graveyard belonging to the church at New Baltimore, which request was complied with. Solemn High Mass, according to the custom of the Catholic Church, was held on the morning of May 16th for the repose of his soul.

Thus our last tribute of respect is paid to a dearly beloved friend. *Requiescat in pace.*

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- 5. Jacob Wambaugh** was drafted November 15, 1864 at age 44 and mustered in as a Private with Co. A, 29th Regiment PA Infantry at Chambersburg. He was discharged on July 17, 1865. He applied for a Disability Invalid pension on

January 30, 1888 due to being shot in the cheek. He was with General Sherman on his march to the sea, when he burned Georgia. He is the brother of Lewis Wambaugh. Jacob died on May 12, 1895. His wife Margaret applied for a widow's pension. Jacob had ten children.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87323621/jacob-wambaugh>

6. **Lewis Wambaugh** was a farmer. He enlisted on February 21, 1864 as a Private in Co. D, 76th Regiment PA Infantry. He was discharged on July 18, 1865. He served 12 months and 13 days. He applied for an Invalid pension on March 19, 1907. He died on August 22, 1922 at 86 years of age. His wife was Mary.

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87323622/lewis-wambaugh>

Lewis Wambaugh

Lewis Wambaugh an aged civil war veteran, died at his home near Kegg on Saturday, August 5th at 3.45 o'clock p. m. aged 86 years, 3 months and 8 days, death being due to cancer of the liver. He is survived by six children, Louise and F. near Kegg, Casper and Henry, of Wilkinsburg, Anthony of East Pittsburgh and Joseph of Bedford. His wife Mary Wolfhart Wambaugh and five children, Catherina Drenning, Sarah Brittlebrum, Francis, George and Robert preceded him, he is also survived by thirty grand children and fifteen great grandchildren. The funeral was held at New Baltimore, Tuesday, August 8th Services were conducted by Rev Sabastian J. Uraner. Interment followed in the adjoining cemetery.

7. **Andrew Werner** was a farmer and he enlisted on November 28, 1864 as a Private in Co. D, 76th Regiment PA Infantry. He mustered out with his Company on July 18, 1865. He applied for an Invalid pension on July 9, 1883. Andrew died on July 10, 1905 at 80 years of age. His wife Catherine applied for a widow's pension on August 23, 1905. <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/87323637/andrew-werner>
8. **Michael Zeller** was a farmer. He mustered in on November 2, 1862 in Harrisburg with Co. I, 171st Regiment PA Infantry, 3rd Division, 18th Corps. He mustered out with his Company on August 8, 1863 and served 9 months, 6 days. Michael

applied for an Invalid pension on January 29, 1880. He died on April 25, 1915. His widow Mary applied for his pension on May 12, 1915.

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9. **Michael Jordan** was born in Beckley, Virginia. He was a farmer. Michael mustered in as a Private in Company D, 2nd Maryland Home Brigade Infantry on February 28, 1865 at Cumberland. He had red hair and was 5 foot, 7 inches tall. He applied for a pension on June 1, 1888 and he died on November 29, 1921. His wife Alwida applied for his pension on December 20, 1921.

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