

## **Michael Duerner Military Records from Civil War**

The attached pages are associated with Michael Duerner's service during the American Civil War. The first page shows a card from the National Archives that referenced Michael's being Mustered-out of service on 26 July 1863 in Harrisburg, PA, There were many other related cards in the files at the National Archives that simply noted on a monthly basis that he was present with Company G of the 169<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Regiment. A copy of his very faded formal discharge is attached, and it is dated as being received on 29 July 1863 in Pittsburgh, PA. It incorrectly states that he was born in Erie County, NY, but he arrived there with his family from Germany when he was only about 18 months old. His age is correctly given as 18 years, and he is described as being five feet and four inches in height, with dark complexion, hazel eyes, and brown hair.

Copies of documents that are related to the pension that he received for his military service are also attached, along with a biographical sketch that was included in a book that listed Civil War veterans from Erie County, PA (precise source is not known). This biography also mentions Michael's brother Johann Christoph Duerner who also served in the American Civil War. These documents were found in the files of Vincent F. Gehrlein, who died in 2001.

William V. Gehrlein  
27 January 2019  
Lewes, Delaware

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Michael Durner

Pvt., Co. G., 169 Reg't Pa. Drafted Mil. Inf.

Age 18 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated

Harrisburg Pa. July 26, 1863.

Muster-out to date July 26, 1863.

Last paid to Feb 28, 1863.

Clothing account:

Last settled \_\_\_\_\_, 186 ; drawn since \$ 100

Due soldier \$ 100; due U. S. \$ 100

Am't for cloth'g in kind or money adv'd \$ 40<sup>74</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Due U. S. for arms, equipments, &c., \$ <sup>28</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Bounty paid \$ 100; due \$ 100

Remarks: Stop for 1 Canteen

Book mark: \_\_\_\_\_

W. Martin



whom it may Concern:



Know Ye, That *William C. ...* a Private of Captain *...* Company, (Y) 111<sup>th</sup> Regiment of P ... who was enrolled on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two to serve for a term of *...* months, is hereby Discharged from the service of the United States, this *...* day of July, 1863, at *...* by reason of *...*

(No objection to his being re-enlisted is known to exist.)

Said *William C. ...* was born in *...* County in the State of *...* York, is eight *...* years of age, five feet *...* inches high, *...* complexion, *...* eyes, *...* hair, and, by occupation, when enrolled, a *...*

Given at *...* this *...* day of July, 1863.

*...*  
1<sup>st</sup> Lt. U.S. Army  
N.C.

\* This sentence will be erased should there be any thing in the conduct or physical condition of the soldier rendering him unfit for the Army.

029. NAME GIVEN *...*

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Record Division.

Department of the Interior,

PENSION OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., Oct 15, 1835.

Mr. Michael Duerner

Erie

Erie Co Penn

SIR:

Your claim has been received, recorded, and has been given a number as below. As claims are presented they are filed, the sufficiency of the declaration is inquired into, and the claimant, if an invalid, is ordered before a Medical Board for examination. Claims will then be taken up for preliminary examination when reached in their order. You have no occasion to expect that your case will be taken up for action until it is reached in its regular turn. The intervening time, however, can be employed to excellent advantage in preparing the evidence necessary to complete your claim. If the evidence is found to be complete and satisfactory, with the necessary reports from the War Department in answer to the calls from this Office, the claim can be settled without delay when it is reached. Otherwise the proper call will be made for the required evidence.

Cases will be made special only when such cause therefor is shown in writing to the Commissioner as will satisfy him that, should they know the facts, other worthy claimants whose claims precede it would deem such action just and proper.

Your claim is entitled Surv. No. 55-1 55-3. Michael Duerner  
Name of soldier.  
Co. Par 9-169 Reg't Pa Inf; and in all communications

RELATIVE THERETO BE SURE AND STATE THE SAME IN FULL AS ABOVE.

Very respectfully,

John C. Black,  
Commissioner

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NOTICE OF ISSUE AND FEES.

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CERTIFICATE DIVISION.

Department of the Interior,  
PENSION OFFICE,

Mch. 22, 1887.

Sir

Inclosed herewith is a Certificate, No. 33-2 845  
for Brig pension, this day issued in your favor.  
The Pension Agent at Pittsburgh, upon  
whose rolls your name is to be inscribed, will forward to you properly prepared  
vouchers, and, when these shall have been duly executed and returned to him,  
will transmit directly to your address a check for the pension then due.

Your recognized attorney is John H. Van Natta  
of Erie Pa, whose fee is  
10 dollars, which is payable by the  
Pension Agent.

Very respectfully,

John Black,  
Commissioner

Michael Guerner  
Erie  
Pa

The Act of July 4, 1884, provides that the fee for the prosecution of a pension claim shall be \$10 only, unless a larger fee, not exceeding \$25, is agreed upon under a special written contract. The fee will be paid to the attorney, or other person entitled thereto, by the Pension Agent out of the pension allowed. Should the attorney or other person demand or receive for his services any greater compensation, he would subject himself to the penalties provided in the statute, as follows:

Any agent or attorney or other person instrumental in prosecuting any claim for pension or bounty land who shall directly or indirectly contract for, demand, or receive or retain any greater compensation for his services or instrumentality in prosecuting a claim for pension or bounty land than is herein provided, or for payment thereof at any other time or in any other manner than is herein provided, or who shall wrongfully withhold from a pensioner or claimant the whole or any part of the pension or claim allowed and due such pensioner or claimant, or the land-warrant issued to any such claimant, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall for every such offense be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned at hard labor not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

That section forty-seven hundred and forty-five, title fifty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4745.—Any pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment, or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension which has been, or may hereafter be, granted, shall be void and of no effect, and any person who shall pledge or receive as a pledge, mortgage, sale, assignment or transfer of any right, claim, or interest in any pension or pension certificate, which has been, or may hereafter be granted or issued or who shall hold the same as collateral security for any debt, or promise, or upon any pretext of such security, or promise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution; and any person who shall retain the certificate of a pensioner and refuse to surrender the same upon the demand of the Commissioner of Pensions, or a United States pension agent, or any other person, authorized by the Commissioner of Pensions, or the pensioner, to receive the same shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars and the costs of the prosecution.

Approved February 28, 1883.

No. 352, 845  
PENSION CERTIFICATE OF

Michael Duerner

Payable Quarterly

by the

W. S. P. Pension Agent

at Disbursing Clerk, Bureau of Pensions  
Former Agency      Pittsburg

Monahan  
Clerk.



ACT OF MAY 11, 1912.

No 352,845

Reissue



**BUREAU OF PENSIONS**

Former payments covering any portion of the same, to be deducted.

It is hereby certified That, in conformity with the laws of the  
 United States Michael Duerner  
 who was a Private Co G 169 Regiment Pennsylvania Drafted  
Militia Infantry  
 is entitled to  
 a pension at the rate of fifteen and one half dollars per month, to  
 commence June 4, 1912; Nineteen dollars per month from  
November 23, 1914 and Twenty-two and one half dollars per month  
from November 23, 1919.

Given at the Department of the Interior this  
First day of April  
one thousand nine hundred and thirteen  
 and of the Independence of the United States  
 of America, the one hundred and thirty-seventh

William H. Spivey  
 Secretary of the Interior

Countersigned,

J. L. Ducrest  
 Commissioner of Pensions

*[Handwritten mark]*

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MICHAEL DUERNER

Was born and reared in Germany, settling in this county in 1861, enlisting in the army in October of the following year, in Co. G, 169th Pa. V. I., which was assigned to the 10 A. C.; he was engaged the greater part of his service in scouting, skirmishing, guard and garrison duty in and about Fort Keys, Va., never participating in any of the great battles of the war on account of the nature of his duties; was discharged at Harrisburg, July 16, 1863, at the expiration of term of service. Comrade Duerner was born Nov. 23, 1844, a son of John G. and Margaret (Frick) Duerner; he was married to Mary Seehrist, who is a native of the same country, born in 1845, a daughter of Peter and Ernestine (Hough) Seehrist, her father deceased; there are no children by the union. Mr. Duerner had one brother who served in the army during the late war in the 98th Pa. V. I. Mr. D. resides at 109 E. 21st St., Erie, Pa., and is a cooper by trade.