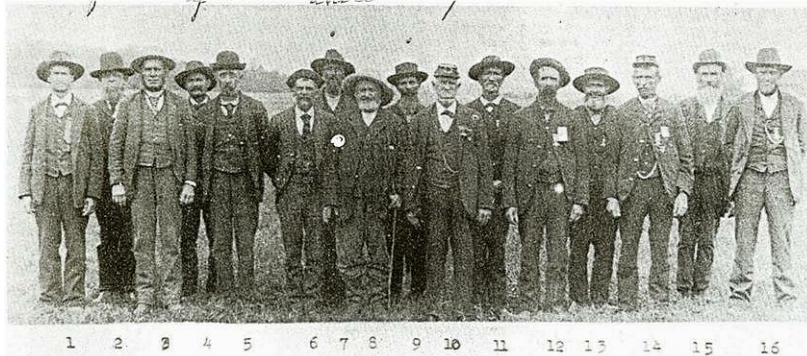


# Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

## *Photos from the Past*

### Reunion of Company F of the 53rd Pennsylvania Infantry

Photograph is of a reunion of Company F of the 53rd Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in Sweet Valley, Pennsylvania. The photograph appeared in a 1973 newspaper. The photograph was taken in the late 1800's, prior to 1892. Photograph was provided by [AZJoannie@aol.com](mailto:AZJoannie@aol.com).



(1)-Perry Prantz---(2)-Edward Penbleton---(3)-Geo. W. Thompson---(4)-John Wilson  
(5)-O. L. Fisher---(6)-Myron Strickland---(7)-Harry Case------(8)-Peter Spencer  
(9)-Nelson Case ---(10)-Capt. Jacob Rice--(11)-Enoch Hoover------(12)-Peter Kulp  
(13)-William Richards---(14)-O. L. Roushey---(15)-Jabez Jackson---(16)-John Clark

A CI reader Gerald Fritzes, Trucksville, from the Trucksville area loaned us a photo of members of Company F, of the 53rd Regiment taken at a reunion of the Civil War Veterans many years ago. All the men on the photo were identified and through the cooperation of Mr. D.A. Waters, a genealogist at Dallas, we were able to gain insight into the families and persons pictured.

At first it was thought the picture was taken about 1903 at a big reunion at Fernbrook Park. However, the setting and the fact that at least one of the men had died in 1892 made the photo go back nearer to the time of the war.

Residences of the men given are those of the early part of the present century and long after the photo was taken.

Mr. Waters believes the men were all members of the Capt. John J. Whitney Post of the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. The Post faced Huntsville Street and the two-story wood structure was built by Captain Jacob Rice near his

**George W. Thompson**  
George W. Thompson did not reside in the Back Mountain area. His home was in Luzerne.

**John Wilson**  
John Wilson lived at Ketcham and several of his descendants still live in the same area.

**O.L. Fisher**  
Oliver L. Fisher, and his family lived in the third house above the hotel barn on the left side of Machell Avenue in Dallas. A granddaughter Mrs. Clyde (Emily) Veitch, lives on Mill Street.

**Myron Strickland**  
Myron Strickland was another Wyoming Valley resident serving with Company F. He lived in Kingston.

**Harry Case**  
Harry Case, whose given name was actually Henry, was a Ruggles resident.

**Peter Spencer**  
Peter Spencer was one of the first of the group to die and a check with a number of area Spencers failed to produce any relatives. We were unable to learn of his residence or family connection.

**Fernbrook to Demunds.** He operated a cider mill each fall and was the grandfather of Peter Roushey of Shavertown.

**Jabez Jackson**  
Jabez Jackson was a skilled carpenter and builder who lived at several Dallas locations before moving to Laketon. He was better known as "Bible" Jackson and was carried on the list of the Dallas Methodist Church as an "Exhorter." He once made a walking preaching tour of several western states. Private Carter W. Jackson, Harveys Lake, thought to be a

son died of typhoid at Chickamauga in the Spanish American War. Another son was the late Garfield Jackson also of Harveys Lake.

**John Clark**  
John Clark also resided in the Beaumont area but little is known of his family.

If anyone has information concerning a date, the occasion and location of the photo CI would appreciate hearing from you. We would also welcome any family information you might have.

Reunion of Company F, 53rd Pennsylvania Infantry (circa 1890)