

Samuel W. Tisdale, Co E, 5th Regiment Rhode Island Inf.

My Great, Great Uncle

Although I know of no existing letters that were left behind with their views or experiences of The American Civil War, but would like to share what I do know.

Samuel was born in Exeter, Rhode Island, in 1834. His father's name was William and mother was Mary Westcott. There were 11 other siblings. One of his brothers, George, who was younger than Samuel, was born 30 Sept 1844 and was also in the war. My g g grandfather, Charles, was 9 years of age, he was born 2 Feb 1852 when the Civil war began and helped his father on the farm as he was not old enough to enter the war.

Samuel W. Tisdale enlisted as a private on 10 October 1861. On 16 December 1861, he was mustered into "E" Co. 5th Reg't, Rhode Island Inf. at Camp Slocum near Providence, RI. The Reg't became "E" Co. 5th Reg't, Rhode Island Heavy Artillery around May or June, 1863 and was mustered out 20 November 1864. The Reg't. served at Roanoke and at New Berne under Col. Henry Sisson during the Burnside Expedition. Samuel, also served in "I" Co. 7th United States Veteran Volunteers which was organized at Camp Stoneman, Washington, DC and was attached to the 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, until June 1865. Duty at Washington, DC., Shenandoah Valley, Va. and in Philadelphia, Pa. until July 1866. They mustered out 23 July 1866.



In the several campaigns of North Carolina, the 5th Rhode Island maintains an honorable position. A hard working Regiment, ever doing with promptness and spirit whatever duties were assigned it, the good name it has achieved is held among the choice treasures of the State of Rhode Island

The Civil War was over and Samuel returned to Rhode Island where he met Mary E, Colby of Newport, RI. and they married. They moved to Coventry, Tolland, Ct. he farmed the land and had 7 children. Samuel and Mary are buried at Nathan Hale Cemetery, in the same town and his grave has a GAR marker and is flagged. Samuel Tisdale, b 1834 – d 11 Sept, 1888.



George A. Tisdale mustered into service 17 January 1865 with "G" Co. 2nd Rhode Island Inf. as Brigade Com. Guard. George served about 7 months, until the end of the War and mustered out 13 July, 1865 at Hall's Hill, Va. He married Mary Barker and lived in Wakefield, RI. He is buried at the Joseph Tisdale Lot in Exeter, RI. George Tisdale, b 30 Sept, 1844 – d 24 Dec, 1886.

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