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July is the traditional month in which we celebrate and cherish our American heritage and freedom. The excitement of the flags flying high, the parades with stimulating music, and our 4th of July fireworks, speeches of thanksgiving...all these combine to rouse patriotic spirits to new levels. We recognize once again the origin of our great country and the costs incurred to achieve our democracy. God willing that we never tire of this renewal of our true American spirit.

In the spirit of remembering who we are as a people and how we came to be, we salute and give tribute to all those who gave their lives for this cause of Democracy, in whatever place and time. We take this opportunity to recognize two Civil War soldiers who well served their country in its time of need. These two soldiers burial places are nearly forgotten. They are buried at the Old Norfolk State Hospital Cemetery and have Civil War cemetery markers without much data on them. After some research this is what we were able to uncover so far.

CALVIN LUTHER CAREY

Born about 1844 in Canada according to the 1860 Lewiston, Niagara, New York census FATHER; CALVIN L. CAREY, B 1800 in Genessee County, New York MOTHER; NANCY CORNELL, B 1812 in Canada

CALVIN L. CAREY enlisted as a Private in New York for the Union, and on March 10, 1863 was first transferred to Company H, 105th Infantry Regiment New York. Then he was transferred to Company G, 94th Infantry Regiment New York, in which unit he was in active service. The 94th Regiment, New York Infantry was mustered in March 10, 1862, and saw active duty in defense of Washington, D. C., the Northern Virginia Campaign, Bull Run and Antietam, in 1862.

Calvin L. Carey was in active duty in 1863 in the Battle Gettysburg, PA, July 1-3rd, and was wounded in action on July 1, 1863.

The Union New York Volunteers 94th Regiment, New York Infantry saw action in numerous campaigns including Chancellorsville, Battle of Gettysburg, Mine Run, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Weldon Railroad, and Hatcher's Run through February of 1865. Calvin L. Carey was discharged from Company G, 94th Infantry Regiment, New York on March 5, 1865, with Distinguished Service noted on his record.

CALVIN LUTHER CAREY married SARAH ANN HADDEN, Born July 14, 1848/50 in England. Calvin and Sarah lived in Michigan, Iowa and Nebraska, according to the birth records of their nine children:

Sarah Ellen Carey, born 24 April 1872 in Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan Mary Jane Carey, born 4 July 1869 in Charlotte, Eaton, Michigan Thomas Carey, born about 1874

George William Carey, born 1876

Annie Belle Carey, born 7 June 1881 in Sunfield, Eaton, Michigan Minnie Maria Carey, born 13 September 1884 in Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa David Luther Carey, born 27 November 1886 in Waterloo, Black Hawk, Iowa Etta Electa Carey, born 1890 in Belleville, Sarpy, Nebraska Avis May Carey, born 17 January 1892 in Lincoln, Nebraska

CALVIN LUTHER CAREY died February 19, 1895 in Norfolk, Nebraska, and is buried in the Norfolk Regional Center (former State Hospital) Cemetery (Old cemetery). No data is available on his wife, or his children listed above.

JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis was born about 1840, place unknown. He enlisted as a Private from Polk County, Iowa, on July 15, 1861 at the age of 21. He was in Company E, 4th Infantry Regiment Iowa, on August 8, 1861. October 25, 1862 he was promoted to full Corporal in this Regiment.

The 4th Regiment Iowa Infantry was organized at Council Bluffs and mustered in on August 8, 1861. This Regiment saw duty in various campaigns including battles at Pea Ridge, Chickasaw Bayou. John Lewis reenlisted in Company E 4th Infantry Regiment Iowa on January 25, 1864. His Regiment was in campaigns including Siege of Vicksburg, Battles of Chattanooga, Ringgold Gap, Battle of Atlanta, and finally march to Washington, D. C., and the Grand Review May 24, 1865. He was mustered out July 24, 1865 at Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1885 he was living in Clarinda, Iowa. John Lewis applied for an Invalid's pension on July 3, 1888 in Iowa. Mary E. Lewis, widow of John Lewis, applied for a widow's pension May 4, 1912 based on his service in Company E, 4th Iowa Infantry.

John Lewis died on November 26, 1911. He is buried in the Norfolk Regional Center (former State Hospital) (Old Cemetery). No data currently available on his wife or family if any.

If you know of any further information on these two Civil War veterans please let the newsletter editor know. Thank you to Bernice Walters for the research on these veterans.