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Mary's Great Great Grandfather is

Captain William Augustus Hannah(s) *Co. K, 16th Ohio Infantry & Co. F, 97th Ohio Infantry*

William Hannah(s) was born in Eden, Licking Co., Ohio on October 9, 1827 to Robert Samuel Hannahs and Rachel Payne Hannahs. He married Caroline Crane in Dresden, Ohio and they had four children of which my great grandmother, Elmira Alice was one. William enlisted in the three months service in the 16th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a First Lieutenant on May 5, 1861 when Lincoln publicized the need for additional troop from Ohio thinking that the war would only continue another few months. When the end of the war was not insight, Hannahs re-enlisted in the three year service in the 97th Regiment of the Ohio Volunteer Infantry as Captain on July 25, 1862. He was forced to resign after ten months of service when he was wounded and became disabled. Hannahs and the 97th were really in the thick of the fighting in a critical theater. At Perryville they helped to repel the Confederate General Braxton Bragg's October 1-15, 1862 invasion of the North. Following this battle the Hannahs' regiment continued on marching to Nashville, TN where they remained on duty from October 16-November 21, 1862. After action at Kimbroughs Mill, Mill Creek, TN the unit advanced on Murfreesboro, TN in late December and engaged in the Battle of Stone's River from December 30, 1862 until January 3, 1863. The troops remained at Murfreesboro until June of 1863 doing reconnaissance missions to Nolensville and Versailles in January and McMinnville in April. Hannahs was widowed in 1870 and moved his young family family to Alma, Michigan where he was regarded as a well respected pioneer of Gratiot County. A carpenter by trade, he remarried Anna B. Crane, Caroline's sister and they had two children one of whom died in infancy. Hannahs died in Grand Rapid, Michigan on December 5, 1910 at the Michigan Soldiers' Home. He was a member of the William Moyer Post of the G.A.R. which afforded him full military rites at his funeral. William Hannahs was interred at Riverside Cemetery in Alma, Michigan.

