

Records of Captain Francis M. Guss,
97th Regt. PA Volunteers, 1861 – 1864

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Biographical Notes:

97th Regiment

Pennsylvania Volunteers

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Near the close of July, 1861, **Henry R. Guss**, a citizen of West Chester, who had commanded a company in the Ninth Regiment of the three months' service, received authority from the Secretary of War to recruit a regiment for three years.

Ninth Regiment, Company A PA National Guards
West Chester, Chester County
Mustered in April 24, 1861
9th Regiment

Captain

Henry R. Guss

First Lieutenant

Francis M. Guss

Enrolling in the 97th was immediately commenced, and in two months' time its ranks were full.

Companies D and I were principally from Delaware county. The remaining companies were from the county of Chester. A large proportion of officers and men had served in the three months' campaign, and militia organizations. The companies rendezvoused at Camp Wayne, near the borough of West Chester, where an organization was effected by the selection of the following field officers:

Henry R. Guss, Colonel
7/28/1825 - 4/25/1907

Great Grandfather Charles was born in Baden Germany (emigrated to Montgomery County).

Grandfather; Samuel

Father; Samuel and Mother; Sevenia Ruhl

Brother; **Francis M.**

July 1861 – Colonel in 97th Regiment - resigned in June of 1864

Proprietor of Green Tree Hotel in West Chester

Owned a brick yard

Had a corn field on Bradford Ave as a hobby

Home on corner of South Church St. and Dean St.

Related to William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody.

Member of George A. McCall Post #31 GAR

Buried in Oaklands Cemetery.

Augustus P. Duer, Lieutenant Colonel
Galusha Pennypacker, Major

Clothing, arms, and equipments were furnished from the arsenal in Philadelphia, and the drill and discipline of the command was commenced. An excellent Band, consisting of twenty-two members, was attached to it. A school for commissioned officers, conducted by Colonel Guss, was established, and also one for non-commissioned officers, conducted by line officers. The citizens of Chester County contributed freely of whatever could add to the health and comfort of the men.

Francis M. Guss: Captain of 97th PAV Company "A" 10/12/1861.
4/7/1831 – 3/15/1902

Wife Mary C. Pugh; married 4/17/1853

Home on East Gay St.

Entered military service 4/22/1861- 3/29/1861 (3 month enlistment in PA 9th) as 1st Lieutenant.

Wounded at Foster's Place, Bermuda Hundred VA. 5/18/1864.

Discharged at Annapolis 10/3/1864 for wounds of right knee.

Owned a livery Stable on Market St. near Walnut St

Scope and Content:

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This collection consists of accounting records of military stores,
Hospital records and miscellaneous correspondence during the
Civil War.

Arrangement:

Type of record by date

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16 Return of Ordnance	1 st Quarter 1864
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