

## 5th MI Infantry

In September of 1861 the 5<sup>th</sup> MI Infantry left Fort Wayne for Virginia under the command of Col. Henry D. Ferry. With bands playing and flags flying gaily, the regiment marched to the steamer; but the silk banner borne so proudly at the head of the regiment was soon to have its gold fringe torn and its shining folds shot away, piece by piece. Soldier after soldier snatched the standard from the hands of the falling color-bearer and bore it into the thick of the fight. Ten men lost their lives in defending that flag.

The 5<sup>th</sup> MI stood fourth among infantry regiments in the entire Union army with respect to the number of men who were killed in action or who died of wounds received while fighting.<sup>169</sup>

### Glen Lake:

**Samuel A. Axtell** (Extell) Age 44 Co. C. 5th MI Inf. Drafted from Glen Arbor & Benzie Co. Mustered June 30, 1864. Siege of Petersburg, Weldon RR, James River, Strawberry Plains, Poplar Springs Church, Hatcher's Run, Discharged March 20, 1865. (Listed in 1870 Empire post-war Census with 4 children. Also Franklin Axtell served in 17 NY L.A. Buried in Gilmore Cemetery, Benzie, Co.)

**George Haas** Co. K. 5th MI Inf. Enlisted at Manitou. Age 38. From Bavaria.<sup>170</sup> Mustered June 11, 1864 Substitute for Mr. Burton. He left his wife and six children for three years with no word heard of him. Battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Salient (Bloody Angle), North Anna River, Totopotomoy, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, James River, Strawberry Plains, Poplar Springs Church, Hatcher's Run. Discharged at Alexandria, VA June 28, 1865. He returned to his family on Manitou. Listed in South Manitou Township 1894 Veterans Census of MI. Birth year should actually read 1825. Died 1909? (1860 pre-war Census had George listed at 42?) Listed as buried on the Haas/Hass Farm on South Manitou Island. (See John Haas 16<sup>th</sup> MI Inf.)

**Charles B. Taylor** Enlisted in Co. I. 5th MI Inf. Age 33. Mustered Sept. 14, 1862 Washington D.C., Battle of Fredericksburg, Battle of Chancellorsville, Wounded in action at Gettysburg July 1, 1863. Transferred to Co. B. June 10, 1864. Battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Salient (Bloody Angle), North Anna River, Totopotomoy, Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, James River, Strawberry Plains, Poplar Springs Church, Hatcher's Run where listed deserted at Petersburg, VA Oct. 27, 1864. Though this was same day Nathan Guthrie was captured & may have been the same fate. Later listed with 3rd MI Inf. Member G.A.R. Post 168. (See Edmund P. Taylor 10<sup>th</sup> Ill. Cavalry under Leelanau Township.)

### Surrounding Leelanau:

**Henry Davis** Co. H. 5th MI Inf. Centerville. (Substitute for Walter W. Barton.)

**Matthew H. Glen Denning / (M.) Glendening** Age 33. Enlisted 5th MI Inf. Co. H. June 11, 1864 Drafted from Centerville (Centreville?) Mustered July 6, 1864. Wounded in action October 17, 1864. (Decatur) and at the battle of Burgesses Farm Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> and was taken prisoner on the morning of the 28<sup>th</sup>. He was carried to Richmond and kept over three months when he was paroled and returned home on a thirty days furlough.<sup>171</sup> Mustered out at Jeffersonville, IN July 5, 1865. Born 1830 – Died Jan. 6, 1908 Age 78y, 8m, 11d. Traverse City Oakwood Cemetery.

**Nathan Guthrie** Age 36 Co. H. 5th MI Inf. Enlisted at Centerville. July 3, 1864. Taken prisoner Oct. 27, 1864. Returned to Regiment at Burksville, VA April 27, 1865. Listed in Leland TS 1894 Veteran's Census. Leland (Beechwood) Cemetery. (see Samuel Guthrie under 16<sup>th</sup> MI Inf.)

**Frank Newton** (Nowanten /Nowlty/ Newtonton) Co.G. 5th MI Inf. Centerville. (See Martin Novotny 7<sup>th</sup> Cav.?)