



Regimental Colors of the
176th Pennsylvania Regiment

Charles H. Hiskey
Corporal Union Army
7 November 1862 – 17 August 1863

Charles was born on 22 Sep 1841 in Lower Macungie Township, Pennsylvania, probably in East Texas. He joined the Union Army as a Private in Company A, 176th Infantry Regiment, on 7 November 1862 at Camp Philadelphia, located near Haddington, Pennsylvania. The camp was a rendezvous point for conscripts of eastern Pennsylvania. The Regiment was composed of ten companies of militia, seven from Lehigh County and three from Monroe County. The majority of Company A came from Millerstown (now Macungie) Borough and the surrounding Lower Macungie Township. On 27 November 1862, the Regiment left Camp Philadelphia for Washington, D.C., and then continued on to Suffolk, Virginia, where it was assigned to Colonel Robert S. Foster's Virginia Brigade, 7th Corps. In December 1862 the Regiment left Suffolk for the area around Charleston, South Carolina, via New Berne and Morehead City, North Carolina, to reinforce the 3rd Division, 18th Army Corps, in the defense of Charleston. On 29 January 1863, the Regiment sailed to Port Royal Island, South Carolina, for a week and was then transferred several times between Port Royal Island, Saint Helena Island, Beaufort, and Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where it served until July 1863 as part of the 10th Army Corps. Charles was promoted to Corporal on 10 March 1863. On 4 August 1863, the 176th Infantry Regiment was ordered home to Pennsylvania to be mustered out of service. During its nine months of service, the 176th Regiment was principally employed in building fortifications and providing garrison protection and picket duty as part of the blockade and defense of Charleston Harbor. Charles returned north to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he mustered out with the Regiment on 18 August 1863. In civilian life Charles and his family were farmers in Lower Macungie Township. Charles died on 26 December 1878 and is buried alongside his wife **Lianda Troxel** (19 March 1845 – 12 May 1880) in East Texas in the cemetery behind the Union Church (presently a community center) on East Texas Road. Charles had a brother, **William H. Hiskey** (c.1844 – 30 March 1863), who also enlisted in Company A, 176th Infantry Regiment along with Charles. William died of disease on 30 March 1863 while the Regiment was in Beaufort. Charles' parents were **Charles H. Hiskey** (22 September 1811 – 26 December 1890) and **Judith Keck** (5 August 1817 – 4 November 1849).