



Regimental Colors of the  
176th Pennsylvania Regiment

**Adam D. Miller Jr.**  
**Private Union Army**  
**7 November 1862 – 18 August 1863**

Adam was born on 2 March 1824 in Pennsylvania, probably in Salisbury Township, Lehigh County, where he and his family lived for many years prior to the Civil War. His parents were **Adam D. Miller Sr.** (born circa 1792) and **Maria -----** (born circa 1796). It is not known when Adam's parents died. Adam married **Elvina -----** (18 February 1832 – 1 October 1905) before the Civil War, sometime around 1850. Adam and Elvina were the parents of seven children, five of whom are known: **Catherine, William H., Milton H., Anna M.,** and **Sarah A.** Adam was drafted into the Union Army as a Private, and was mustered in at Camp Philadelphia, located near Haddington, Pennsylvania, on 7 November 1862 in Company B, 176<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry Regiment. 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. 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, 7<sup>th</sup> Corps, for training. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, 18<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Army Corps. On 4 August 1863, the 176<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment was ordered home to Pennsylvania to be mustered out of service. During its nine months of service, the 176<sup>th</sup> Regiment was not engaged in any hostile operations, but was principally employed in building fortifications and providing garrison protection and picket duty as part of the blockade and defense of Charleston Harbor. Nevertheless, the presence of the Regiment, as well as that of other militia units in the South, consistently pressured the Confederacy to detach troops from active armies elsewhere in order to counter the perceived threat of attack. Adam returned north with the Regiment to Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he mustered out as a Private on 18 August 1863. After he mustered out, Adam returned home to Salisbury Township and sometime before 1890 he and Elvina moved to East Texas, Pennsylvania, in Lower Macungie Township where they settled and Adam became a Cobbler by trade. Adam died on 1 January 1913, and is buried alongside Elvina in East Texas behind Union Church (later converted to a community center) on East Texas Road.