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Franklin Wilson Moyer
Private Union Army
18 September 1861 – 25 December 1865

Franklin was born on 7 March 1844 in Whitehall Township, Pennsylvania. He enlisted in Allentown as a Private in Company G, 47th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry Regiment on 18 September 1861 for three years. The Regiment mustered in from 19 August to 20 September 1861 at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. They were then ordered to Washington, D.C., where they camped at Kalorama Heights until 28 September 1861. The



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Regiment was then attached to the 3rd brigade of Gen. W. F. Smith's Division and ordered to Fort Ethan Allen near McLean, Virginia. The fort was a bastioned earthwork built by the Union Army in September 1861 to command all the approaches to Chain Bridge across the Potomac River. On 22 January 1862, the Regiment was ordered to Fort Taylor at Key West, Florida. They left on the 23rd for Annapolis, Maryland, where they embarked on the steamship *Oriental*, arriving at Key West on 4 February 1862. They remained in Key West until June 1862, when they redeployed to Hilton Head, South Carolina, where they performed picket duty until they were ordered to join General Brannan on an expedition to open up the St. John's River. When that mission was accomplished, they returned to Hilton

Head and later boarded transport ships at Beaufort, South Carolina, bound for Mackay's Point, South Carolina, where they disembarked. They marched to the Village of Pocotaligo, which was less than ten miles distant, where they were to burn the railroad bridge and destroy as much railroad track as possible. They engaged the Confederates there on 21–23 October 1862. On the second day of battle, Franklin was wounded in action in one of his thighs. The Confederates rushed in reinforcements and, as night fell on the 23rd, the Union Commander ordered a retreat, with the 47th Infantry forming the rear guard. They re-embarked at Mackay's Point on the transport ships and returned to Beaufort. On 28 November 1862, Franklin was transferred from the 47th Infantry to the 1st U.S. Artillery Regiment. For the remainder of the Civil War Franklin fought as a member of the 1st Artillery in several places including Fort Darling, Virginia, at Drury's Bluff, and in the sieges and the battles of Petersburg and Richmond, Virginia. After General Lee surrendered at Appomattox, Virginia, on 9 April 1865, the 1st Artillery Regiment was ordered to Fort Hamilton at New York Harbor where Franklin was mustered out of the Army. He returned to the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania, where he married **Fyana Bartholomew** (10 September 1843 – 9 February 1888) in Lehighton, Pennsylvania. He and Fyana relocated to join his mother in Michigan circa 1869, where they settled. Fyana died in Salem, Michigan. Franklin later married **Maria H. (Anderson) (Crawford)** (? – ?). Franklin died on 20 May 1923 in Northville, Michigan. His parents were **Charles (Carl) Moyer (Meyer)** (c. 1821 – c. 1853) and **Salome (Sally/Sarah) Steffe** (23 August 1824 – 5 January 1917).



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