

Thomas Jefferson Conely 9th Michigan Infantry Papers (1879-1906)

Eleventh Reunion Announcement

ELEVENTH REUNION  
Society of the Army of the Cumberland.

Committee on Reception.  
JUDGE ARTHUR McARTHUR,  
Chairman.

Committee on Decoration,  
COL. A. F. ROCKWELL, U.S.A.,  
Chairman.

Committee on Printing.  
H. T. BRIAN, Chairman.

Committee on Music,  
GEN. W. H. BROWNE, Chairman.

[image of Grand Army of the Republic medal]

Committee on Finance.  
JAS. E. FITCH, Chairman.

Committee on Entertainment.  
W. B. REED, Chairman.

Committee on Transportation,  
COL. L. P. WRIGHT, Chairman.

Committee on Hall.  
COL. H. C. CORBIN, Chairman.

Headquarters Local Executive Committee,  
Society of the Army of the Cumberland  
1221 H STREET, N. W.  
Washington, October 20, 1879.

Dear Sir:

The Eleventh Reunion of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland will be held in this city on the 19th and 20th of November next.

Every Officer and Soldier of the Army of the Cumberland having an honorable discharge is eligible to membership in the Society. A prominent feature of the Reunion will be the ceremonies attending the unveiling of Ward's Equestrian Statue of our old Commander,

GEN. GEORGE H. THOMAS.

The Headquarters of the Society will be at the Arlington Hotel.

All members of kindred societies are cordially invited. Extend invitation to any old comrade that we may not be able to reach.

Please signify your acceptance at an early date. Address the Secretary of Committee.

Reduction of railroad rates will be announced through the press.

J. A. GARFIELD,  
THOS. L. YOUNG,  
A. McD. McCOOK,  
Local Executive Committee.  
H. C. CORBIN, Secretary of Committee.

Honorable Discharge Certificate

Military Department, Michigan

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Lansing July 26th, 1881.

[image of 2 deer holding a shield with wording underneath]

Know Ye, That Thomas J. Conely a Private of Captain S B Mettler's Company (G) First Regiment of Michigan State Troops, who was enrolled on the First day of February one thousand eight hundred and Seventy five, to serve Six years unless sooner discharged, is hereby Honorably Discharged from the service of the State, the First day of February, 1881 at Jackson by reason of Expiration of term of service.

Given at Lansing, this Twenty Sixthday of July 1881.

By order of the Commander-in-Chief,

J. W. Robertson

Adjutant-General.

Certificate of Service

Office State Military Board

Lansing, Mich. Sept 9, 1881

[image of 2 deer holding a shield with words written underneath]

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Given under Section thirty two (32) of Act 16 of the Legislature of the State of Michigan, for the re-organization of the Military forces of the State, approved January 18th, 1862, which exempts persons who have served for Six consecutive years in the State troops from poll tax, jury duty, assessments for highway purposes not exceeding two days in the year and from all military duty, except in case of invasion, insurrection or rebellion. This is to Certify That Thomas J. Conley. Co "G" First Regiment has served creditably in the MICHIGAN STATE TROOPS fully uniformed and equipped according to law and regulations for the period of Six consecutive years since February 14th, 1859.

By order of the State Military Board  
Chas. E Grissom  
Colonel and President of the Board.

Honorable Discharge Certificate

Military Department, Michigan,

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,

Lansing, November 28th, 1882

[image of 2 deer holding a shield with words written underneath]

Know Ye, That Thomas J. Conely, a Private of Captain [blank] Company, (G.) - First Regiment of Michigan State Troops, who was enrolled on the Ninth day of March one thousand eight hundred and Eighty two – to serve Three years unless sooner discharged, is hereby Honorably Discharged from the service of the State, the Twenty eighth day of November 1882 at Jackson by reason of Business engagements

Given at Lansing, this Twenty eighth day of November 1882

By order of the Commander-in-Chief

J. W. Robertson  
Adjutant-General.

Treasury Department Auditor's Form

(Form 21)

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Treasury Department,  
SECOND AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
Washington, D. C., June 20, 1888.  
Thos. J. Conely  
Jackson, Mich.

Sir:

By Treasury Certificate No. 88995, the Accounting Officers of the Treasury have admitted a balance of \$12.93 in favor of yourself, [illegible word] [blank], of [crossed out] late Capt [sic] Co. K, 9 Regiment of Mich Vols, and when an appropriation for its payment shall have been made by Congress, said Certificate will be transmitted to the Paymaster General, U. S. A., at Washington, D. C., who will forward to you a check for the amount, [illegible words crossed out], payable to your order. This Settlement is for [line drawn to sentence written below] Difference between pay as Lt. & Capt. Act-June 03/84 Jan 2/63 and Feb 12/63,

13.33

Less tax .40

\$ 12.93

Claim for travel pay is disallowed for the reason that it does not appear from the record and evidence in the case, that this officer's resignation was not tendered and accepted for his own convenience.

[rest of form from above: from the [blank] of [blank], 18[blank] when [blank] to the [blank] of [blank], 28[blank], the time of [blank] amounting to \$[blank] Bounty allowed by act of [blank]

Your attention is invited to the following extract from an Act of Congress approved July 7, 1884:

"That the Secretary of the Treasury shall at the commencement of each session of Congress report the amount due each claimant whose claim has been allowed in whole or in part to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the presiding officer of the Senate, who shall lay the same before their respective Houses for consideration."

Under this provision of law the above-named settlement will be reported to Congress.

Respectfully yours,  
Wm. A. Day  
Auditor.

Letter to Mrs. Conley dated July 2, 1899 Detroit, MI

Detroit, July 2, 1899  
707 Jefferson Avenue.

My dear Mrs. Conely

Accept my sympathy in your affliction in the loss of your husband. I feel it a personal loss to me for ever since '61 he and I have been true friends.

And a braver man, or better friend than he was, never lived.

Again let me assure you of my sincere sympathy with you and my desire to be of any service in the future.

Yours sincerely,  
Henry M. Duffield

Mrs. Thos. J. Conley

Letter from Lawyers about Potential Money Due Heirs

C. D. PENNEBAKER,  
JOHN PAUL JONES.

PENNEBAKER and JONES.  
Attorneys and Counselors,  
1331 F Street,  
Washington, D. C.  
Jan. 11, 1906.

Heirs of  
Capt. Thomas J. Conely,  
Jackson, Michigan.

We are informed that you are the heirs of the late Thomas J. Conely who served as an officer in the 9th Regt. Mich. Vol. during the war of the Rebellion. If so we believe that there is some money due you from the United States growing out of the said service.

The claim has nothing whatever to do with pensions, but relates to items of pay and allowances, which we contend were erroneously disallowed by Army Paymasters or by the Accounting Officers of the Treasury, and certain further deductions which were made in the settlement of all officers' accounts, which we insist were illegal. We find that in many cases where the officer believes his accounts to have been finally and correctly settled, there are varying amounts due, under changed and more liberal rulings, and under recent legislation and decisions, and it is advisable that this officer's accounts be

readjusted. Aside from any payment which can be made through the Treasury Department we have entered suits in the United States Court of Claims to test various questions relating to pay of Volunteer Officers of the civil war, and if our contentions shall be sustained (as some have already been), a recovery can be had in your case in that tribunal, notwithstanding any statement of the Treasury Officials that "there is nothing further due," as such reports merely mean that there is nothing due which can be paid under the rules which govern their actions. Fortunately for claimants, the Court of Claims is not so restricted, and if you will execute and return the enclosed application we will give the matter prompt attention before the accounting officers, and afterwards enter suit on any items disallowed contrary to our construction of the law.

We think we can assure you of a collection, and will, of course, have no charge whatever to make except in the event of success, and we will assume and pay all necessary expenses of any suit entered here.

Very truly yours,  
Pennebaker and Jones

Letter Undated

Jackson Mich Sunday  
2 P.M.

Dear Lottie,

I suppose you think it a great piece of business that I am here and cannot call. I am so unwell that I cannot leave the house, but am in hopes to see you to morrow [sic] if I am well Enough. If I am able to Call I will certainly call. I arrived last night about 12 o clock [sic] – am now completely used up – but am a little better today although I dare not stir out. If You and Mary Ann can call over, will be happy to have you do so – Hoping you are well and that I will be well Enough to Come over to morrow [sic]. I remain  
Your truly and affectionately,

Tom