



Camp of the Second Connecticut regiment at Washington, in a grove on the north side of the city - Near the New York 7th. Alfred Rudolph Waud, May, 1861. Library of Congress

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Returning from outpost duty. Edwin Forbes, 1876. Library of Congress

Personal History

Lewis Cass White

I was born at Whitestown, Butler Co. Penna. June 30 1843 a town that was laid out in 1804 by my great-great-grandfather Matthew White.

I worked on the farm attended District School until 1854 when my father having been elected Prothonotary of Butler County for three years the family moved to Butler and lived there until April 1858 when the family returned to Whitestown and resumed farming, storekeeping and brick making and his father built the Brick Church and the first three brick dwellings in the town. Was converted at a Methodist Protracted meeting in October 1860 and joined the Methodist Church and been a member ever since. Taught a term of school during the winter of 1860 and 1861 and on August 21 1861 enlisted in Co. H. 102d Pa. Vet Vols. My father bought John Kaltenbach, John H. Randolph, Lewis Kneiss and the writer to Pittsburg in a (spring?) wagon 30 miles, to join the Regiment. After supper at the soldiers (rest?) I bid farewell to friends, and boarded the train for Washington D.C. where we arrived the next night. The next day we moved out to Camp Sprague now Kendall Green.

Sept. 1, 1861 our camp was moved to Meridian Hill where some New York troops had camped. Our next move was to Camp Holt, now in Rock Creek park, and then to Camp at Tennytown on the River Road where I spent the winter of 1861 and 1862. While there they built winter houses of logs with cracks daubed with mud and stick chimneys on the outside, like many houses of the poor classes of Va. of that time.

The roster containing the names of 113 men.

The winter passed without much of a stirring character, other than drilling, guard mount, and camp duties. The death by typhoid fever of Lewis Z. Kneiss at the post Hospital, and the