

Daniel Webster McCoy, Lieutenant Colonel, 175 OH Infantry US

- 1841 August 6: Born to John and Phoebe Roberts McCoy in Highland County, OH.
- October 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Highland County, OH showed ten year old Daniel lived with his father, John, and his siblings, Lucy and William. Daniel's mother Phoebe died sometime during the same year before the census was taken.
- June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Highland County, OH showed twenty year old Daniel lived with James and Priscilla Rowe. James was listed as a landlord. Daniel, however, has no occupation listed on the census.
- June 14: Enlisted in the U.S army in Ohio and mustered in as a Sergeant to Co. I, 24 OH.
- 1862 July 13: Promoted to 2 Lieutenant
- 1863 Letter from Lt. Dan McCoy appeared in an Ohio newspaper.

 Camp 24th Reg't, O.V.I.,

 Cripple Creek, Tennessee

 June 21st, 1863

 Editor News:--I desire, through the columns of your excellent paper, to

respond to several letters received by members of my company from their retended friends at home. I mean such men as Peter F. Jonte, Thos. Williams and others I might mention. Imagination can better conceive, than I am able to describe, the disgust the soldiers feel after receiving such cowardly, contemptible and treasonable letters from men claiming to be citizens of our glorious Republic--men who have been raised and educated, who are now or have been supported, who have earned, or at least gotte, their daily broad from the Government--men who have become so degenerated in the scale of being and love of country, as to be subjects of contempt rather than sympathy. I blush to think, too, that some of my former associates, who but a short time ago boasted of their love of country and its free institutions, are to-day, from motives of dastardly cowardice, cringing in the attitude of supplication at the shrine of the "Southern Confederacy." What has recently come over them, that they should thus repudiate the best interest of our country, and become so demoralized as to acknowledge themselves traitors, and a disgrace to the country that gave them birth? May God in his infinite justice prosper the glorious cause for which the army are nobly contending, while rebels in arms against us, and their more cowardly and traitorous allies in the North are paying the penalty of their crimes.

If such men as Vallandigham (shall I include Pike, jo. Spargur and others of the "lesser lights?") expect to receive wild treatment at the hands of the soldiers in this department, they are laboring under an awful delusion. Scorching flames would be a welcome relief to them if they should fall into the hands of our justly indignant army. The "Copperheads," too, greatly mistake the loyalty of the men who have so nobly fought in the different battles, if they suppose that disloyal sentiments will be tolerated in written correspondence, even from those who were friends, but have now sacrificed all principles of honor at the shrine of cowardice.

Now a few words to Mr. Josephus Hammon, of Brushcreek township. Don't be afraid of "McCoy and his company hanging you"--not at all; but take my advice. Quit your blowing. Don't be the offender, and you won't get punished, I am a resident of Brushcreek township myself, and so are a good many of the members of the company. So we will probably know each other when we return home. I will say to these men whom I have mentioned; and others I might mention, that as soon as the soldiers, who are now defending and enforcing the laws of our country, are permitted to return home--just so sure will this house-burning and other depredations cease. You need not ask me why.

The only thing we have to regret is to know we are defending the lives and property of men who will utter such sentiments, and do such deeds as some of them do. But enough--"a word to the wise is sufficient."

In regard to Vallandigham's election I will say, give the soldiers a chance to vote, and we will easily defeat him. He has many very bitter enemies down here. But why should he not have?-- He has constantly denounced the Government and its measures for suppressing the rebellion, and the whole tendency of his course has been to distract and divide the loyal men of the North, and inaugurate civil war with all its horrors in their midst.

Does the Gazette deny this? Dare it deny that policy of Vallandigham would have long since disbanded our armies and placed the loyal men of the nation at the feet of the Slave Oligarchy? "Self-preservation is the first law of nature," and now when this nation is struggling for its very existence, she is not bound to stop to weigh the exact force necessary to its preservation.--Better that every Tory, Traitor or Sympathizer should be banished, and every rebel annihilated, than this Republic should fail.

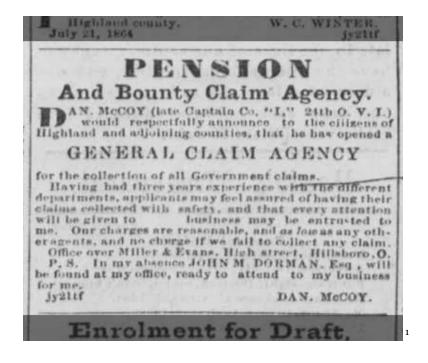
No news--all quiet. Co. I all well. We receive "your paper" very regularly. More anon.

Dan. McCoy, 2d Lieut. Comd'g Co. "I" 24th O.V.I.

September 20: Wounded at the Battle of Chickamauga

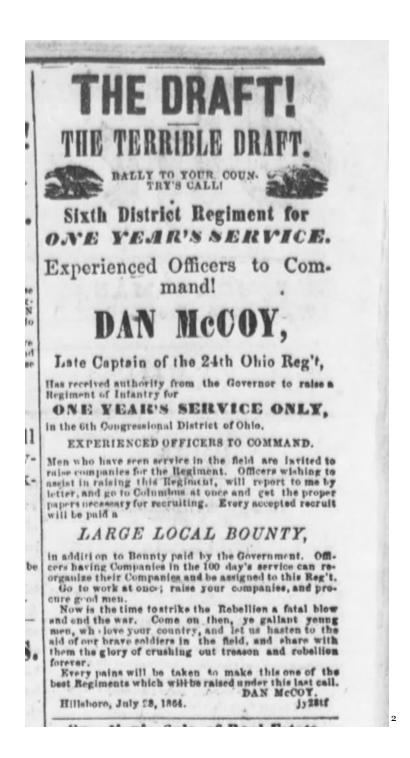
1864 June 23: Mustered out of the 24 OH.

July 21: Opened a General Claims Agency in Hillsboro, OH



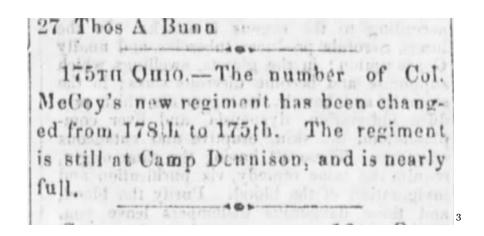
July 28: Recruiting for the 175 OH

¹ The Highland Weekly News, Hillsboro, Ohio. 21 Jul, 1864, Thur. pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)



October: Formed the 175 OH U.S Infantry.

² The Highland Weekly News, Hillsboro, Ohio. 28 Jul 1864, Thur. pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)



November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin, TN.

Franklin it was he who gave the command "Forward," and while nobly heading his Regiment fell pierced in three different places by rebel bullets.

1865 March 22: A letter from Chaplain Shults of the 175th OH Infantry appeared in a Hillsborough, OH newspaper.

³ The Highland Weekly News, Hillsboro, OH, 6 Oct 1864, Thursday, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁴ The Highland Weekly News, Hillsboro, OH, 6 Apr 1865, Thursday, pg. 1 (accessed newspapers.com)

The train on which the Col. was returning to his Reg't from his leave, oc ensioned by wounds received in the Franklin fight, was attacked by a band of some thirty guerrillas, yet he and his company, vis: Sutler Rockhold and lady. private Gco. Murphy and several others. got through safe. The attack was made near Thomson's Station on the Tonn & Ala. R. R. a place I expect to re member for awhile at least-for it was here that I came so near being captured by a brigade of Texan Rangers Although ' the guerrillas greatly outnumbered those aboard the train, yet by the bravery of the guard and officers, these demons in human shape were driven off with the loss of three to them and one on our side, and the train eaved.

June 27: Mustered out of the 175 OH Infantry in Nashville, TN.

November 15: Married Eva Vallette in Dupage, IL.

1870 June 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Carroll County, IL showed Daniel, an attorney, lived with his wife, Eva.

Between 1870 and 1880 Census Daniel an Eva divorced. No official documents were found. Only cited in pension papers.

- June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Clifton County, IA showed Daniel, an editor, lived with his wife, Maggie, and two children.
- 1878 June 21: Married Margaret O'Brien in Scott County, IA.
- 1900 June 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Clifton County, IA showed Daniel, a farmer, lived with his wife and two children.

⁵ The Highland Weekly News, Hillsborough, OH, Thursday, 6 Apr 1865, pg. 2 (accessed genealogybank.com)

1902 May 1: Died in Clinton County, Iowa. Buried in Elwood Cemetery.



⁶ Source: <u>www.findagrave.com</u>, Art Loux