



Patrick H. Dowling, Captain, Co. C 111 OH Infantry, U.S.

- 1837 Born to Daniel and Betsey Bridgett Bracken Dowling in Trumbull County, OH.
- 1840 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lucas County, OH showed two free white males under five lived in the household of Daniel Dowling, his father, was listed as head of household.
- 1850 August 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Fulton County, OH showed fourteen year-old Patrick living with his parents and siblings. His father, Daniel, was a farmer.
- 1859 September 1: Married Ida L. Smith in Lucas County, OH.
- 1860 July 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Lucas County, OH showed Patrick, a teacher, lived with his wife Ida.
- 1862 August 12: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. H, 111th OH Infantry.

He was later transferred to Co. C of the same regiment.

Mr. Dowling's military career is one of which his descendants may well be proud. In 1862 he enlisted as a volunteer in the One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Toledo. He was soon commissioned a lieutenant, and in July, 1863, was promoted to a captaincy in the regiment. Early in 1864 he was detailed as assistant inspector general of the Second Brigade, Second Division, of the Twenty-third Army Corps, and served until the end of the war on the staff of commanding officers of that noted body of the Army of the Cumberland.

Captain Dowling was frequently commended for bravery on the field of battle in general orders. The most signal honor ac-

1863 June 15: Promoted to Captain.

July: Listed on the Lucas County U.S. Civil War Draft Registration as "serving in the 111th OH Infantry."

1864 November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin, TN.

corded him was the recognition of his services in the great battle of Franklin, Tennessee, November 30, 1864. Following is an extract from the official report of our subject's brigade commander:

"After another charge the troops on the immediate left of my line gave way, and the enemy rushed in, flanking the One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio, which was at the left of the brigade. At this juncture, Captain P. H. Dowling, acting assistant inspector general on my staff, rode forward, placed some troops in position and endeavored to rally those which had been driven back from the works, and his heroic bravery and unsurpassed gallantry, succeeded in driving the enemy back from the works and saved the command from a defeat which otherwise would have been inevitable. It was an important movement which Captain Dowling fully appreciated, and under a most terrific fire from the enemy he nobly and gallantly cheered forward the officers and men to victory, receiving a severe wound. Too much cannot be said in praise of Captain Dowling for his important and gallant service."

At the close of the war Captain Dowling returned to Toledo.

1865 June 27: Mustered out of the U.S. Army in Salisbury, NC.

1870 June 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated Toledo, Lucas County, OH showed

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Patrick, the county sheriff, and Ida lived at the county jail with their young son Harry. Their living situation must have been in the same building as where the prisoners were housed, as they were all listed individually.

1879 July 4: Wife Ida died in Toledo, OH. She is buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Lucas County, OH.

1880 June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Toledo, Lucas County, OH showed Patrick, an Internal Revenue Collector, living with his brother-in-law.

1883 July 31: Married second wife Myra L. Dorr in Lucas County, OH.

1890 June: Dowling was listed on the Veteran's schedule for Lucas County. He had no disability.

*"Captain Dowling.....permitted his actions to follow his convictions and from the early nineties he had been known as a staunch Democrat of the Grover Cleveland school. He was the Democratic candidate for mayor of Toledo in 1899."*³

1900 June 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Toledo, Lucas County, OH showed Patrick lived with wife Myra. Also living in the household was Julia Marx, a twenty-five year old female servant.

1902 July: Myra died and was buried in Lucas County, OH

1905 March 7: Married Olive Jane Leighton in Lucas County, OH.

1910 April 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Toledo, Lucas County, OH showed Patrick lived with wife Oliva, servant, Elenor Larrow, and two boarders, Cora Leighton and Henry Schwartz.

1912 January 5: Died in Toledo, OH. He was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Lucas County, OH.

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⁴ Photo taken by Dr. Cynthia Mahaffey, 6 Aug, 2015 (accessed on fingrave.com)