

William H. Pickering, Corporal, Co. C, 16 KY Infantry, US

- 1840 June: Pickering was born in Brown County, OH to Thomas and Eliza Pickering.
- 1860 June 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Mason County, KY showed 20-year-old William, a carpenter, living with his parents. His father, Thomas, who was a master carpenter.
- 1861 September 5: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. C 16 KY Infantry at Camp Lee.
- 1862 January to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
October 9: Promoted to Corporal.
- 1863 January 17: Left without leave and returned to duty February 7.
February to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
- 1864 February 11: On furlough till March 11.
March to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
November 30: Wounded by an exploding shell at the Battle of Franklin, suffered epilepsy for the rest of his life as a result.
- 1865 January to July: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
July 15: Mustered out of the U.S. Army.
- 1867 February 5: Married Francis A. Bell in Mason County, KY.
- 1870 June 24: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN showed William, a carpenter, and Fanny living with their two young children.
- 1880 June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wyandotte, Wyandotte County, KS showed William, a carpenter, and Fannie living with their two son and daughter.
- 1881 January 26: Applied for and was granted a military pension for his service during the Civil War.
- 1883 June 16: Admitted to the U.S. National Soldiers home in Dayton, OH. His disability was listed as "Epilepsy" received at the Battle of Franklin.
- 1886 November 22: Transferred to the Western Branch.

1892 October 16:

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A Missing Veteran.

A member of the Soldiers' Home William H. Pickering, late of company C, Sixteenth infantry, while suffering from mental aberration, wandered from the Home last Thursday evening, and all efforts to trace him proved futile. He was badly wounded in the head by the bursting of a shell at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., and is at times irresponsible. His age is 51 years, height 5 feet, 9 inches, brown hair, brown moustache and small chin whiskers. Any information as to his whereabouts will be appreciated if communicated to the Adjutant, National Military Home.

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- 1900 June 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Delaware, Leavenworth, KS showed William as a patient at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.
- 1910 May 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Delaware, Leavenworth County, KS showed a divorced William as an inmate in the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers. His occupation was listed as Carpenter.
- 1920 January 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated at the National Military Home in Leavenworth, KS showed William as an inmate.
- 1922 May 22: Transferred from the National Military Home in Leavenworth, KS to the National Military in Hampton, VA.
- 1923 January 10: Pickering died from "cerebral hemorrhage." He was buried in the National Cemetery in Hampton, Virginia.

¹ The Leavenworth Times, Leavenworth, KS, Sunday 16 Oct 1892, pg. 4



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