

Benjamin F. Young, Private, Co. E, 23 MI Infantry, US

1844 February 17: Born to Jonathan and Hanna Fuller Young.

“Jonathan Young, father of B.F. Young, was a native of Yorkshire, England, born in 1778. He was about sixty years of age when he came to America. First settled in Wayne Co., Mich., and married Mrs. Hannah Green, a native of Massachusetts, From Wayne County they removed in 1841 to Bengal township, where Mrs. Young had entered a piece of government land, upon which they settled. Here their three children were born: B.F. Young, born in 1844, being the youngest and only surviving child, the others dying when infants. Here Jonathan and his wife resided until their deaths, which occurred in 1856,--his January 14th, hers November 1st.”

1850 September 27: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Bengal, Clinton County, MI showed six-year-old Benjamin, living with his parents. His father was a 79-year-old farmer.

1856 Young's parents died when he was only 12 years old, leaving him an orphan.

1860 June 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Bengal, Clinton County, MI showed 16-year-old Benjamin living with a Jaquish family.

1864 March 23: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. A, 23rd MI Infantry.

“Mr. Young at the age of twenty enlisted in the army for the suppression of the Rebellion. He was a member of Company A, Twenty-third Michigan Infantry, and his term of service was from March 23, 1864, to June 10, 1866. He participated in the battles of Kennesaw Mountain, Atlanta, Nashville, Franklin, and Fort Anderson.”

November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1865 June 15: Transferred to Co. E, 23rd MI Infantry.

1866 June 5: Mustered out of the U.S. Army.

1867 October 2: Married Juliana D. Grant in Bengal, MI.

1870 August 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Bengal, Clinton County, MI showed Benjamin, a farmer, living with his wife Julia.

1880 June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Bath, Clinton County, MI showed Benjamin. F., a farmer, and Juliana living with their four children.

“Mr. Young's farm now consists of two hundred acres, one hundred and twenty of which he inherited from his mother, which were purchased with her earnings, eighty

having been added by Mr. Young. In politics he is Republican; in religion, both himself and wife are members of North Bengal Methodist Episcopal Church.”¹



- 1900 June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Bengal, Clinton County, MI showed Benjamin F., a farmer, and Julia living on their farm in Bengal. Living with them was their daughter Ida and her husband and children. Also they are prosperous enough to have a servant.
- 1909 December 23: Benjamin F. Young died in Bengal, Clinton County, MI. He was buried at Mount Rest Cemetery.

¹ Ellis, Franklin, History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan: With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches, 1880, pg. 402

² Ellis, Franklin, History of Shiawassee and Clinton Counties, Michigan: With Illustrations and Biographical Sketches, pg. 403