

THE WOMACK FAMILY LEGACY

James Tignal Womack

July 14, 1835 – April 14, 1912



FIRST LIEUTENANT • COMPANY E • 14TH KENTUCKY INFANTRY

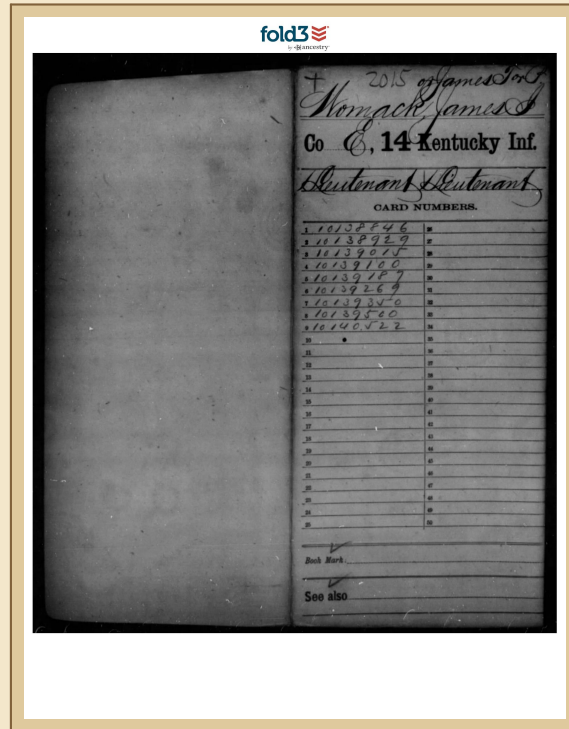
A Kentucky-born Union officer whose own letter explains why his service ended and preserves his account in the contemporary military record.

EVIDENCE STANDARD

This chapter distinguishes documented facts, strongly supported relationships, and questions that remain open. It is based on the supplied military, pension-index, cemetery, and headstone records.

THE IDENTITY CHAIN

One James, Three Records



Compiled military service record jacket. NARA RG 94, James T. Womack, Company E, 14th Kentucky Infantry; digital images accessed through Fold3.

The military jacket, pension index, and veteran headstone repeat the same unusual combination: James T. Womack, Company E, 14th Kentucky Infantry. The service and pension records also agree that he was a first lieutenant.

MILITARY UNIT	Company E, 14th Kentucky Infantry
RANK	First lieutenant
SERVICE	October 15, 1861 – November 7, 1862
BURIAL	Minneapolis, Minnesota

IDENTITY STATUS: DOCUMENTED

Name, rank, company, regiment, pension notation, and burial evidence converge on the same man.

Civil War Cousin

James Tignal Womack 1770-1827	
James Allen Womack father of James	William Womack father of Archer and Egbert
James Tignal Womack Union officer	Archer & Egbert Womack first cousins

Published family compilations support James as a son of James Allen Womack and Susan Ann Lampton and therefore a first cousin of William's sons Archer and Egbert.

RELATIONSHIP STATUS: STRONGLY SUPPORTED, NOT CLOSED

A primary household, probate, or family-Bible image directly securing the two brothers to their father is still wanted. Until that is attached, the cousin relationship remains carefully labeled rather than treated as final.

The military identity is secure. The family relationship rests on a different evidence question, so the two conclusions are not allowed to borrow certainty from one another.

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 1861

An Officer at Twenty-Six

Ky. | 14 |

James S. Womack
1st Lt.
Capt. Means' Co., 14 Reg't Ky. (Foot) Vols.†

Age 26 years.

Appears on
Company Muster-in Roll
of the organization named above. Roll dated
Camp Wallace, Lawrence Co., Ky. Dec 10, 1861.

Muster-in to date Dec 10, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:
When Oct 15, 1861.
Where Ashland, Boyd Co., Ky.
Period 3 years.*

Remarks:

†This organization subsequently became Co. E. 14 Reg't Ky. Inf.
*Muster-in roll shows enrollment of all men of this company
as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.

Book mark: Bixler
(3566) Copy.

Muster-in card. Enrolled October 15, 1861, at Ashland, Kentucky; mustered December 10 at Camp Wallace for three years.

ENROLLED	October 15, 1861, Ashland, Kentucky
MUSTERED	December 10, 1861, Camp Wallace, Lawrence County
TERM	Three years
AGE	26
RANK	First lieutenant

James entered Captain Archibald Means's company, later designated Company E. He did not begin as a private: the first surviving card names him first lieutenant.

1861-1862

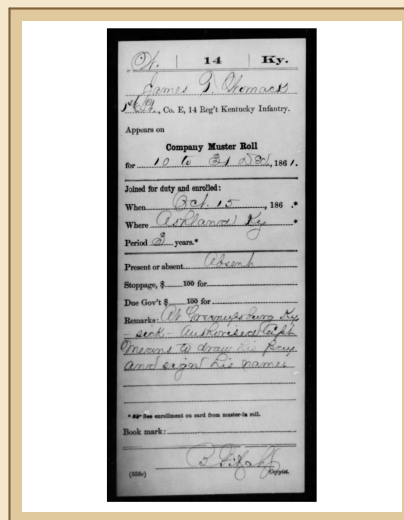
With the Fourteenth Kentucky

WINTER 1861-62	Big Sandy Valley campaign
SPRING-SUMMER 1862	Cumberland Gap campaign and occupation
SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER	Retreat from Cumberland Gap to the Ohio River

Regimental histories place the Fourteenth along this route while James's company rolls mostly mark him present. That establishes his service with the regiment during the campaign period, but it does not automatically prove that he personally fought in every engagement named in the unit history.

CAMPAIGN CAUTION

A regiment's itinerary provides context. It is not a personal battle list unless an individual record places James at a specific engagement.



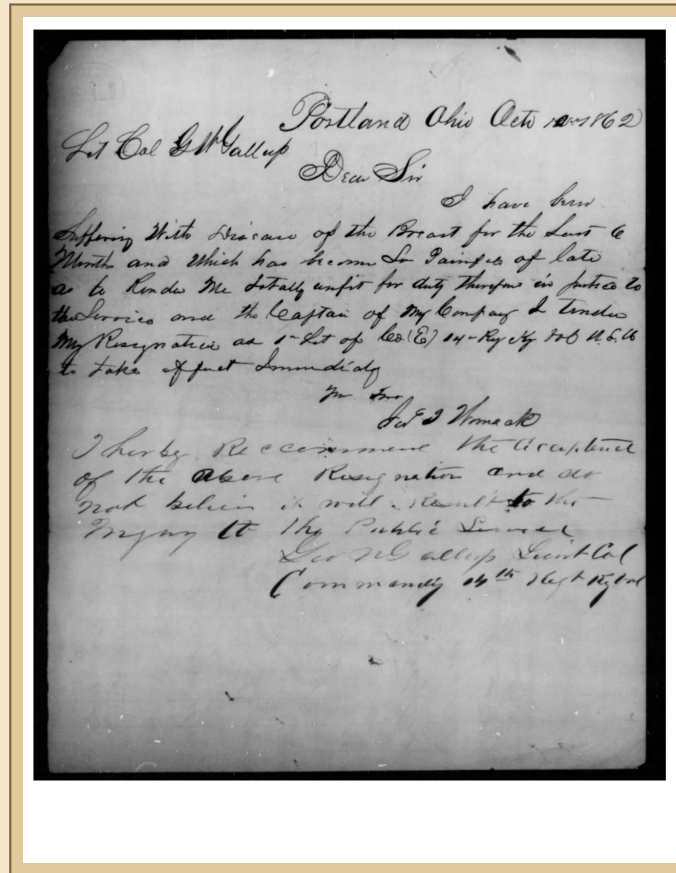
Company roll, December 1861. James was recorded absent sick. The location written after "sick at" remains difficult to read with certainty.

NO MODERN DIAGNOSIS

James later called the condition "disease of the breast." The historical phrase is preserved without translating it into a present-day diagnosis.

OCTOBER 20, 1862

“Totally Unfit for Duty”



James's resignation letter. Written at Portland, Ohio, October 20, 1862. The document appears to preserve his own handwriting and signature.

James wrote that he had been suffering for six months from what he called “disease of the breast.” The condition had recently become severe and, in his words, left him “totally unfit for duty.” He tendered his commission and asked that the resignation take effect immediately. His commanding officer recommended acceptance.

This is James speaking in his own military record—not a later paraphrase.

NOVEMBER 7, 1862

The Official Ending

OFFICERS' CASUALTY SHEET.

Regimental No. _____

Name Jas Womack State of Kentucky.

Rank 1st Lt Regiment 1st

Cause of casualty Resign

Day 7, Month Nov, Year 62.

No. and source of the order accepting resignation, &c. 99 Ohio

Remarks _____

[Signature]

Officer casualty sheet. The resignation was accepted under Special Orders No. 99, Department of the Ohio.

The official record makes James's resignation effective November 7, 1862. Company and regimental returns repeat that action. One later card appears to give November 8, a one-day variance; the contemporaneous order and returns support November 7.

CAREFUL WORDING

Resigned his commission because of illness; resignation accepted effective November 7, 1862.

RANK	First lieutenant
ACTION	Resignation of commission
AUTHORITY	Special Orders No. 99, Department of the Ohio
EFFECTIVE	November 7, 1862

MAY 1906

A Pension in Minnesota

DEAD				
NAME OF SOLDIER:		Womack, James T.		
SERVICE:		Late rank, 1 Lt. Co. E, 14 Regt Ky. Inf.		
TERM OF SERVICE:		Enlisted, 1 Discharged, 1		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1906, Mar 23	Invalid,	1346.931	57	1122.293
	Widow,			
	Minor,			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:				
REMARKS:				
Died April 14, 1912, at				

General Index to Pension Files. The index identifies the same first lieutenant, Company E, 14th Kentucky Infantry, and notes his death on April 14, 1912.

More than forty years after the war, James applied in Minnesota for an invalid pension. The index carries the same rank, company, and regiment. Its certificate entry indicates that the claim was granted.

BEST NEXT RECORD

The full pension file may include sworn statements about health, residence, marriage, children, and identity. The index is a doorway to that file; it is not the claim itself.

The pension file is the strongest next target for extending James's postwar story with primary evidence.

APRIL 1912

The Burial Register

Name	Womack, James T.	Sex	M
Lot	31	Block	0
Grave	8. and - S.S. 1		
Place of Death	3046 - 12th Ave.	Date of Death	4-14-1912
Cause of Death	Bronchitis	Age	76 yrs. 9 mo.
Place of Birth	Kentucky	Date of Birth	7-14-1835
Undertaker	Gleason	Date of Burial	4-17-1912
Veteran	Soldier	Pioneer	Organization
Removed to			
Undertaker		Date of Removal	
Burial Permit No.	225	Removal Permit No.	(none)



Cemetery burial-register card

Veteran headstone

BORN	July 14, 1835, Kentucky
DIED	April 14, 1912
CAUSE ENTERED	Bronchitis
BURIED	April 17, 1912, Minneapolis, Minnesota

RECORD-TYPE CORRECTION

The supplied image is a cemetery burial-register card, not James's civil death certificate. The original Minnesota death certificate remains a separate record to locate.

What Is Locked Down?

DOCUMENTED

Officer, unit, enrollment, resignation letter and effective date, Minnesota pension identity, death, and burial.

STRONGLY SUPPORTED

Son of James Allen Womack and Susan Ann Lampton; first cousin of Archer and Egbert.

STILL OPEN

Exact Louisa birthplace, complete household, marriage and children, civil death certificate, and full pension file.

RECORD DISTINCTIONS

Commission resigned; Portland letter versus Minneapolis burial; cemetery card versus civil death certificate.

The flags remain visible so later evidence can strengthen—or revise—the story without silently rewriting it.

NEXT TARGET 1	Full federal pension file
NEXT TARGET 2	Original Minnesota civil death certificate
NEXT TARGET 3	Primary household, probate, or Bible evidence securing the cousin relationship

SOURCES

Read the Record

1. National Archives and Records Administration, Record Group 94, compiled military service record of James T. Womack, Company E, 14th Kentucky Infantry; microfilm M397; digital images accessed through Fold3.
2. General Index to Pension Files, entry for James T. Womack, First Lieutenant, Company E, 14th Kentucky Infantry; Minnesota filing.
3. Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery, burial-register card and veteran marker for James T. Womack.
4. National Park Service, "[14th Regiment, Kentucky Infantry](#)", regimental history.
5. Thomas Speed, [The Union Regiments of Kentucky](#) (1897), Company E roster and unit history.

DIRECT DOCUMENT ACCESS

Open the complete 17-page CMSR	Original PDF supplied for James's compiled military service record
Open the additional service cards	Original three-page PDF supplied with descriptive-book and return cards
Open the headstone photograph	Original supplied image of James's veteran marker
Open the burial-register card	Original supplied cemetery record image
Open the pension-index card	Original supplied General Index to Pension Files image

[Open James Tignal Womack's interactive chapter](#)

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