

December 24, 1962

City Clerk
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:

I am preparing a paper dealing with the Civil War which concerns principally the Mass. 26th Regiment of Infantry. In that connection I would like to obtain the record of the birth and death of Alfred A. Parmenter of Lowell who was the son of Horace Parmenter and who was born sometime between 1835 and 1845.

I would also like any other information on the life of Alfred Parmenter and would be grateful to you if you could refer my request to some person who might be able to help.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours truly,

Alvin E. Brizzard

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8511 Canterbury Avenue
Sun Valley, California

Dear Sir:

We are unable to find anything on the birth or death of Alfred A. Parmenter. We suggest that you write to the Adjutant-General Office in the State House, Boston, Mass.

William F. Busby

December 24, 1962

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SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Registrar of Vital Statistics
272 State House
Boston 33, Mass.

Dear Sir:

The information that I have is quite sketchy, but I would very much appreciate a short-form record of the death of Alfred A. Parmenter who died sometime after 1862 and who was born sometime between 1835 and 1840.

Of course, I will be happy to pay any fee involved.

Thanking you in advance, I remain

Yours truly,

Alvin E. Brizzard

Alvin E. Brizzard

8511 Canterbury Avenue
Sun Valley, California

*Please submit names of parents so
that proper record may be identified
if found.*

Ref

January 21, 1963

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office Of The Adjutant-General
State House
Boston 33, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I am editing a series of letters written during the Civil War by Alfred A. Parmenter of the Massachusetts 26th Regiment of Infantry.

I would be most grateful to you for any information which you might be able to furnish me regarding Alfred A. Parmenter as to both his service record and any other personal information which you might be free to disclose such as date of birth, home address, names of parents, date of death, etc.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,

Yours truly,

Alvin E. Brizzard

8511 Canterbury Avenue
Sun Valley, California

January 21, 1963

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of The Secretary
Division of Vital Statistics
State House
Boston 33, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate a search being made of your records for the purpose of furnishing to me a certified copy of the Birth and Death Certificates of Alfred A. Parmenter, son of Horace and Betsy Parmenter.

Mr. Parmenter was born some time between the years 1835 and 1850 and you are requested to search those years for birth information.

Since the date of death is now known you are requested to search the years beginning with the year 1862 through the year 1916.

To cover the cost of the certified copies of the Birth and Death Certificates and the charge for searching, enclosed is my personal check which is limited to \$10.00.

Very truly yours,

Alvin E. Brizzard

8511 Canterbury Avenue
Sun Valley, California



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Office of the Secretary

State House, Boston 33

Kevin H. White

Secretary of the Commonwealth

FROM: Division of Vital Statistics
SUBJECT: Fees for extended searches

Extended searches such as you request in the enclosed letter are made for a fee of 50¢ for each five year period searched, for example: 1901-1905; 1906-1910; 1911-1915, etc. In addition a charge of \$1.00 is made for each certified copy requested.

If you desire to have the search made, please return your letter with a blank check in the following form:

Pay to the order of: <u>Commonwealth of Massachusetts</u> \$ _____
_____ Dollars
(not more than <u>ten</u> (\$10.00) dollars)
_____ Your signature

This would be the maximum charge for the search and for a certified copy of the record, if found.

Upon return of your letter and check, the search will be made at our earliest opportunity. A certified copy, or a negative report of the search together with a statement of the number of five year periods covered and the amount for which your check was filled in will be mailed to you.

Kevin H. White

KEVIN H. WHITE

Secretary of The Commonwealth

You may determine the amount for which you would like the check limited by the number of five year periods you desire searched.

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Lynn Public Library
Lynn, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I am editing a series of about twenty letters written during the Civil War by a Massachusetts Volunteer named Alfred A. Parmenter. It is hoped that when the work is completed one of the historical societies will see fit to publish these ^{letters} in their journal. In that connection, I am writing in hope that you can assist me in developing some biographical data on ^{Alfred Parmenter} ~~him~~ (wife, date of marriage, names of children, if any, etc.).

Alfred A. Parmenter died at Lynn, Massachusetts on June 22, 1880, his residence at the time of death being at 1 Sochem Street.

Any information which you would be kind enough to furnish from newspaper obituary columns or any other sources would be most helpful and gratefully appreciated. Perhaps some of his descendants may still be living in Lynn. Of course I will be happy to pay any costs involved.

Thanking you in advance, I remain,
Sincerely,

March 15, 1963

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Office of the Secretary
Division of Vital Statistics
State House
Boston 33, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate a search being made of the records between September 1, 1862 through the year ended 1880 for the purpose of furnishing to me a certified copy of the Certificate of Marriage of Alfred A. Parmenter. The name of Mr. Parmenter's wife is not known, however, prior research has revealed that there was no other Alfred A. Parmenter during the period you are requested to search.

Enclosed is my personal check payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in an amount which you may fill in up to \$5.00.

Very truly yours,

Alvin E. Brizzard

8511 Canterbury Avenue
Sun Valley, California

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

KEVIN H. WHITE
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Nº 66964

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COPY OF RECORD OF DEATH

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that as such I have the custody of the records of death required by law to be kept in my office; that among such records is one relating to the death of

Alfred A. Parmenter

and that the following is a true copy of so much of said record as relates to said death, namely:---

Name Alfred A. Parmenter

Date of Death June 22 1880

Place of Death LYNN MASS

Residence at time of Death 1 Sachem St

Sex M

Color W

Single, Mar.,

Wid. or Div. MARRIED

Husband or Wife of _____

If veteran, specify war _____

Age 43 yrs 10 mos

Occupation Stitcher

Birthplace Lowell August 1836

Immediate Cause of Death Apoplexy

Due to _____

Due to _____

FATHER

Full

Name HORACE

Birthplace ANTRIM N.H.

Date of Record 1880

MOTHER

Maiden

Name Betsy

Birthplace SEMPSTER N.H.

Place of Burial _____

And I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from said records.

WITNESS my hand and the GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH at Boston
on this

1 day of

FEBRUARY 1963

Kevin H. White

KEVIN H. WHITE
Secretary of the Commonwealth

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MILITARY DIVISION
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WAR RECORDS SECTION
184 STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33

January 23, 1963

1. This is to certify that according to the records of this office:

ALFRED A. PARMENTER....., Service No. - - -....., whose
residence at time of enlistment....., was Lowell, Mass......,
....., was enlisted in..... the service of the United States
September 26, 1861....., at - - -....., and began active duty as
Musician....., in the..... United States ARMY.....
on October 18, 1861.....

2. Active service terminated as Musician, Band, 26th Regiment, Mass. Volunteer Infantry
on September 15, 1862, at - - -.....,
by reason of "Having been honorably mustered out of service".....

REMARKS: Occupation: teacher - Age at enlistment: 25.

No other information is available in our Civil War files.

The Adjutant General

THE LYNN PUBLIC LIBRARY

LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS



DOROTHY C. HAYWOOD
CHIEF LIBRARIAN

February 12, 1963

Mr. Alvin Brizzard
8511 Canterbury Avenue
Sun Valley, California.

Dear Mr. Brizzard:

There were no obituary notices upon the death of Alfred A. Parmenter. The local paper at that time did not publish material of this sort. However from the City Clerk's Office we have learned the following:

Alfred A. Parmenter was born in Lowell, Massachusetts and died in Lynn, June 22, 1880 age 43 years and 10 months. He is buried in Lowell. His parents were Horace Parmenter of Antrim, New Hampshire and Betsey---- of "Sempster" N.H. We have never heard of such a place as Sempster, N.H. and can only guess that the person making out the death certificate made an error. Possibly the town may have been Hampsted. We do not know.

In the city directories there is no mention of grown children living with Mr. and Mrs. Parmenter. Mr. Parmenter had varied occupations all of which were connected with the shoe industry. 1871 index lists him as a machinist; 1880, a button hole maker--in business for himself; 1880, a stitcher in a shoe factory.

"Massachusetts Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the Civil War" issued by the Mass. Adjutant's General's Office gives the following information:

Member of the band of the 26th Regiment, Mass. Volunteer Infantry. Residence, Lowell; Age 25, teacher. Enlisted Sept. 26, 1861, mustered Oct. 18, 1861 and mustered out Sept. 15, 1862.

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In case you wish information about this regiment the book gives the following data:

The nucleus of the 26th first assembled at Camp Cameron, North Cambridge. On Sept. 23, 1861, it was transferred to Camp Chase, Lowell, where it completed its organization. Ordered to report to General Butler, the regiment embarked at Boston, Nov. 19, and on Dec. 3 reached Ship Island in the Gulf of Mexico, where General Butler's forces were being assembled for a movement on New Orleans. The regiment remained here until the middle of April, 1862.

During the last of April, the 26th occupied Forts Jackson and St. Philip. Early in July, the regiment moved up to the city of New Orleans, where it remained doing guard and provost duty until the beginning of the following summer.

At this point Mr. Parmenter left the service and we concluded that you would not need the rest of the itinerary of the regiment. If you do, please write again. Hope this will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy C. Haywood

Dorothy C. Haywood, Chief Librarian
(Mrs. Charles F. Haywood)

DCH/jm

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Nº 58249

KEVIN H. WHITE

SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

DIVISION OF VITAL STATISTICS

COPY OF RECORD OF MARRIAGE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; that as such I have custody of the records of marriages required by law to be kept in my office; that among such records is one relating to the marriage of

Alfred A. Parmenter and Letitia M. Fillmore

and that the following is a true copy of so much of said record as relates to said marriage, namely:---

Place of Marriage <u>Lowell, Mass.</u>		Date of Marriage <u>July 2, 1863</u>	
GROOM		BRIDE	
Name <u>Alfred A. Parmenter</u>	Name <u>Letitia M. Fillmore</u>	Name <u>Letitia M. Fillmore</u>	Name <u>Letitia M. Fillmore</u>
Age <u>27 yrs.</u> Color <u> </u>	Age <u>23 yrs.</u> Color <u> </u>	Age <u>23 yrs.</u> Color <u> </u>	Age <u>23 yrs.</u> Color <u> </u>
Residence <u>Yonkers, N.Y.</u>	Residence <u>Lowell</u>	Residence <u>Lowell</u>	Residence <u>Lowell</u>
Number of Marriage <u>First</u> Single, wid., or divorced <u>X</u>	Number of Marriage <u>First</u> Single, wid., or divorced <u>X</u>	Number of Marriage <u>First</u> Single, wid., or divorced <u>X</u>	Number of Marriage <u>First</u> Single, wid., or divorced <u>X</u>
Occupation <u>Machinist</u>	Occupation <u> </u>	Occupation <u> </u>	Occupation <u> </u>
Birthplace <u>Lowell</u>	Birthplace <u>Nova Scotia</u>	Birthplace <u>Nova Scotia</u>	Birthplace <u>Nova Scotia</u>
Name of Father <u>Horace</u>	Name of Father <u>Theo</u>	Name of Father <u>Theo</u>	Name of Father <u>Theo</u>
Maiden Name of Mother <u>Betsey G.</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Lydia A.</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Lydia A.</u>	Maiden Name of Mother <u>Lydia A.</u>
Name and official station of person by whom married: <u>Rev. D. Dorchester</u>		Name and official station of person by whom married: <u>Rev. D. Dorchester</u>	
Date of Record <u>1863</u>		Date of Record <u>1863</u>	

And I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from said records.

WITNESS my hand and the GREAT SEAL OF THE COMMONWEALTH at Boston

on this 26th day of March 19 63

Kevin H. White

KEVIN H. WHITE
Secretary of the Commonwealth



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PARTICIPANTS IN BUTLER'S NEW ORLEANS EXPEDITION:

CONNECTICUT:

9th Regiment of Infantry
12th "
13th " (4-15-1862)

INDIANA:

21st "

MAINE:

1st Battery of Light Artillery

12th Regiment of Infantry
13th "
14th "
15th " (4-15-1862)

MASSACHUSETTS:

Troop A 2nd Battalion of Cavalry
" B "
" C "

2nd Battery of Light Artillery (5-21-1862)
4th "
6th "

26th Regiment of Infantry
30th "
31st "

MICHIGAN:

6th "

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

8th "

VERMONT:

1st Battery of Light Artillery (4-15-1862)
2nd "

7th Regiment of Infantry "
8th " "

WISCONSIN:

4th "

Library

From Dyer's Compendium —

History of 26th Mass. Regiment of Infantry

973.7444

M 4136 (Index)

From Mass. Soldier's, Sailors, etc.

NAMES:

Capt. Flanders

Capt. Henry H. ^{Huse} Hese Hese Hese

Col. James (Chm. 7.) — 6th Mass. Inf. (3 mos.)

~~Bradt, James H.~~

Richardson, Geo. (Navy) Pensacola ^{V. 7 & 8} Reg. 534

From Ill. History of Lamell

Fishes (Dr. Ki School - Grade - Prep.) ??

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Parker, J. M. G. (asst. P. M.)

"Lions Herald" (newspaper)

Harce horse

~~Makey~~, Yancey (Yard) aid to Gen. William

De Kay (Parton p. 438)

~~both~~

~~both~~

6th Mass. Battery

Mass. Volunteers

Lowell Boys in 30th Regiment

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31st Mass. Volunteers

x

9th Conn.

12th Maine

21st Indiana

4th Wisconsin

6th Michigan

14th Maine

2nd Mass. (Hem's Battery)

Gen. Phelps 1st Brigade ^{(Battery} (p. 211) went to Cavalltan ^{(Carleton} (p. 298)

Among the regiments which were assigned to Major-General Benjamin F. Butler for his attack on New Orleans was the Twenty-Sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, a three years regiment under the command of Colonel Edward F. Jones of Pepperell, which consisted of a band and eleven companies. A total of 2,101 men saw service under its banners with forty-three reported killed in action.

In response to an order of Governor John A. Andrew, Colonel Jones commenced organization of the regiment at Camp Cameron, Cambridge, Massachusetts during August of 1861. The nucleus was formed from volunteer re-enlistments from the Sixth Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Militia (Infantry), "Minute Men," a three months regiment which had been commanded by Colonel Jones and mustered out of service August 2, 1861. It was a detachment of four companies of the Sixth on their way to defend Washington that was set upon by a mob while passing through Baltimore on April 19, 1861. In the street fighting that followed several members of the detachment were killed and many wounded. These are said to have been the first casualties in the Civil War.

General Butler was allowed to select a place of temporary encampment for the Twenty-Sixth while its organization was being completed. For this purpose he obtained use of the Agricultural Fair Grounds at Lowell, Massachusetts and named the site Camp Chase, which incidentally was, in Butler's words, "within a couple of miles of my house..." On September 23, 1861, the regiment transferred from Camp Cameron to Camp Chase.

Recruitment continued at Lowell during September and October. In November, 1861, the Twenty-Sixth left Camp Chase for Boston and embarked November 19th for Ship Island, arriving there December 3, 1861. The regiment remained at Ship Island until the middle of April, 1862, being assigned to Brigadier-General Thomas Williams' Second Division.

The Twenty-Sixth participated in taking Fort St. Philip and gaining possession of Quarantine Station. From April 28, 1862, until November 28, 1862, the regiment occupied Forts Jackson and St. Philip. They then moved up to New Orleans where they remained doing guard and provost duty until June 20, 1863. In the winter of 1862-63, the Nineteenth Army Corps was formed and the Twenty-Sixth became part of the Second Brigade, Second Division.

Between June, 1863, and March, 1864, the Twenty-Sixth saw combat service in Louisiana at Lafourche Crossing against the forces of General Richard Taylor, in the Teche country, and as a part of the unsuccessful expedition against Sabine Pass. While encamped at Franklin in January, 1864, nearly two-thirds of the regiment re-enlisted as cavalry for an additional three years. They returned to New Orleans the latter part of May, 1864, after a thirty day furlough home, but shortly thereafter left Louisiana. After transfers to various places, the regiment was finally sent to Savannah, Georgia in June, 1865, and were mustered out of service there on August 26, 1865, receiving final payment and discharge at Galloup's Island, Boston Harbor, September 18, 1865.

From: Vital Records of Lowell Massachusetts
to the end of the Year 1849, Volume III -
Marriages
Pub. by the Essex Institute
Salem, Mass. 1930

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both of Lowell, int. of marriage
Sept. 13, 1835.

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