

Courtesy of, Tom Kearney Descendant of Patrick Lynch

"Picture donated in 2014 by Thomas Patrick Kearney, great-grandson of Patrick Lynch."

Victor Scalora, Thanks for this information. I did not know that Company E made up the first line at Cold Harbor. Patrick Lynch (great-grandfather) was fortunate just to be wounded when so many others didn't survive that attack. In my initial post above, I have some of his papers if you would be interested in having photos of those -- enlistment, casualty reports, disability discharge, and some muster rolls at the various hospitals he was in. Let me know and I will send them. He was discharged in May of 1865 and got married in November the same year and started his family of 13 children on his 108 acre dairy farm in Sandy Hook. He must have been one tough character living until 1919. I'm attaching here a printed plan illustrating movements for the Battle of Cold Harbor. I have others as well. They are available at the Library of Congress, but I thought maybe you didn't have them and would like copies of mine. Let me know. Thanks again for all the info you listed above. Also

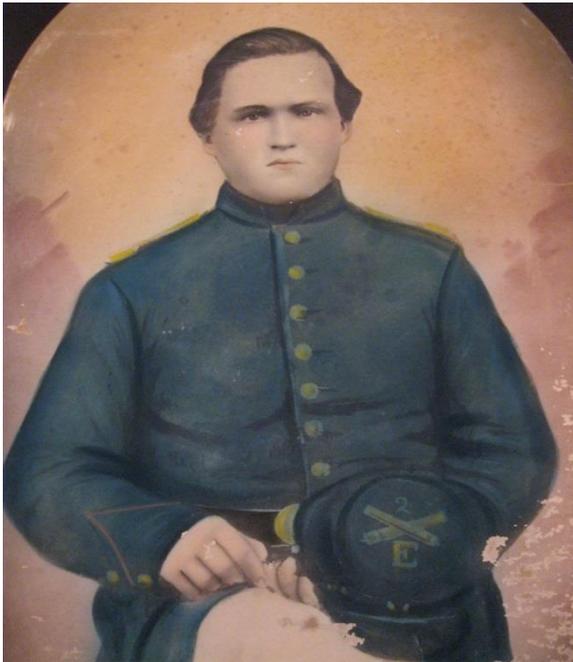


Figure 1
Patrick Lynch
Company E.
Residences: Sandy Hook, Newtown, CT.
Buried: St. Rose Cemetery.
Enlistment: Dec. 31, 1863
Muster in Jan 1, 1864
Wounded June 1, 1864 Cold Harbor, VA.
Discharged / Disability May 23, 1865

I'm reattaching the Field Hospital Report of Patrick's injury. I've tried to decipher the hand writing and have come up with:

"Gunshot Flesh Wound - Ball entering one inch external and anterior ...?... spine ...?... ilium (that's the top of the pelvis). Emerging on a level with 4th lumbar vertebra."

Also at the bottom of the Hospital Report is says the weapon used to inflict the wound was a "mince ball." I have read up on mince balls and they are nasty things, indeed.

It's interesting to note that on his discharge paper in May 1865 it says that the wound has not healed. That's 11 months after he was shot. I know many soldiers died, not on the field, but of infections later on. Patrick was very lucky, all things considered. I wouldn't be writing this if he had succumbed to his injuries. As I've mentioned before, he was married in November that same year and then took care of 13 children and a 108 acre dairy farm (on Chestnut Hill Rd. in Zoar District).

Tom Kearney contacted us on Facebook last Sept. 2013.

