



## Lieutenant William J. Henderson

William J. Henderson was born in 1833 in Jefferson County, New York, the son of James and Emily (Porter) Henderson, later of Niles, Berrien Co., Michigan. He married Maria A. Cummings in Niles on 2 Mar 1857. They had two daughters- Addie, born on 23 Dec 1857 and Emily, born about 1862.

On 21 Aug 1862 he enlisted in Company K of the 25<sup>th</sup> Michigan Infantry at Buchanan, Berrien Co., MI for three years. He was mustered in on 22 Sep 1862. (The following is from an interview with Nellie Robinson, his granddaughter, in 1978.) “He spent the

entire summer of that year in a hospital in Louisville, Kentucky with ‘lung fever’ or pneumonia. When Grandma learned of her husband’s illness, she left her girls with relatives and went to care for him. He died on September 11, 1863 at the age of thirty. His rank was lieutenant. The army assigned a soldier to accompany the casket and Grandma back to Niles.” He is buried in Silverbrook Cemetery, Niles, Berrien Co., MI.

