

Sergeant Lora C. Jenks

Lora C. Jenks was born June 28, 1819 in Oswego County, New York, the son of Nathan Jenks. His mother is unknown. He married Almira Nettleton, daughter of James and Victoria Nettleton. In 1840 he was living in Italy, Yates County, NY. In 1850 he was living in Ronald Township, Ionia County, Michigan with his wife and two daughters and two sons. He was a justice of the peace in 1857 and 1860 in Bushnell Township, Montcalm County, Michigan.

On November 26, 1861 Lora C. Jenks enlisted at Pewamo, Ionia County, Michigan in Company F of the 13th Infantry as a musician. He enlisted for three years. He was mustered in on January 17, 1862. Lora played the fife. John McCline described Lora in his diary as “a tall thin man with short wiry whiskers and an inveterate chewer of tobacco, the juice of which oozed from the sides of his mouth as he vigorously blew his fife.” Lora re-enlisted January 18, 1864 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was mustered in on January 28, 1864. He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, on July 25, 1865.

After the war Lora built a general store in Vickeryville, Bushnell Township, Montcalm County, Michigan. He was the supervisor of Bushnell Township in 1866 and 1868-1870. Lora C. Jenks died June 17, 1875 in Bushnell Township, Montcalm County, Michigan. Almira (Nettleton) Jenks died August 7, 1878 in Bushnell Township, Montcalm County. They are buried in Maple Hill Cemetery, Vickeryville, Montcalm County, Michigan.

