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In our modern, plugged-in world, we know almost instantly what is happening all over the world. Reports of world events come to us by radio, TV, Internet, Facebook, Twitter, and by the time you read this, probably several other new media. It was not always so! During the Civil War, reports of action on the battlefield were transmitted by telegraph, train, riders on

horseback and word-of-mouth. Once the word got back home, the newspapers took over and spread the news to the masses. In this issue, we explore newspaper notices from the period between 1864 to 1867. The main focus of these notices is, Galusha Pennypacker. The notices come from newspapers in Chester County, PA. Contributed for use in USGenWeb Archives by Judy Ardine.

May 24, 1864

VILLAGE RECORD

Casualties received at West Chester, Pa. by Telegraph, May 21, 1864, dated Fortress Monroe, May 21. - To Henry S. Evans: Major Pennypacker, Captain Price and Captain Mendenhall, are wounded. Lieutenant Fox, killed.

May 31, 1864

VILLAGE RECORD

We return our thanks to Lieut. Skiles, Acting Adjutant of the 97th Regiment, for a copy of the official list of casualties in that Regiment in the memorable charge on the 26th May, at Foster's Plantation, near Bermuda Landing, Virginia. All accounts concur in the gallant bearing of Major PENNYPACKER, on that trying occasion, as well of Lieut. Skiles.

August 2, 1864

VILLAGE RECORD

COL. PENNYPACKER - This gentleman, who was wounded in the desperate charge before Petersburg, has so far recovered, as to be able to leave for his command - the 97th. Col. P. is far from restored - his arm is still in a sling; but his mind and his heart are on the field and with his Regiment. He left West Chester for the James River on Thursday morning last; he will be welcomed most cordially by his men. He has our earnest wished for a safe and honorable career.

August 9, 1864

VILLAGE RECORD

THE 97TH REGIMENT - Late Col. Guss - was in the bloody fight in front of Petersburg, on Saturday, July 30th. They were among the first to go in and the last to come out. It sustained a loss of about forty in killed, wounded and missing. The Regiment, we learn, is now near Washington Col. Pennypacker in command. At the Petersburg battle Capt. Mendenhall was wounded in the arm, but not seriously; Lieut. March, Company K, lost an arm and was wounded in the leg; Lieut. Williams, of Company E in arm; Lieut. Cosgrove, Company F, sunstroke, slightly; Robert M. Williams, Company F, wounded seriously; Joshua Carey, Company F, killed; Corp. John Taylor, Company A, killed. These are all the names we have been able to gather.

October 29, 1864

VILLAGE RECORD

OUR GALLANT SOLDIERS - Major General BUTLER has issued an order complementing the officers and men of his army for their gallantry in the recent engagements north of James River. The following officers and men in the 97th Regiment P.V. (Col. Pennypacker) are specially mentioned for distinguished gallantry and recommended for promotion: First Lieutenant J. WAINRIGHT, commander 97th Pennsylvania, had honorable mention for the gallant manner in which he conducted the regiment during the engagement. Second Lieutenant WILLIAM H. EVES, Co. G, 97th Pennsylvania, behaved with especial gallantry in both assaults, and is recommended for promotion in his regiment to his excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania. Sergeant WILLIAM H. MARTIN, Co. A,

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97th Pennsylvania, commanded his company in both assaults, and led his men with bravery and admirable order on the assault, September 29th, for which he has most honorable mention, and is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania for promotion to First Lieutenant. Corporal DAVID E. HARRY, Co. B, 97th Pennsylvania is mentioned for special gallantry in both assaults on the 29th of September. He is appointed Second Lieutenant United States colored troops. Private WILLIAM McCARTHY, Co. D, 97th Pennsylvania, is honorably mentioned for special gallantry bearing his colors in absence of the Color Sergeant; he is commended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

November 2, 1864

DELAWARE COUNTY AMERICAN

OUR GALLANT SOLDIERS. - Major General Butler has issued an order complimenting the officers and men of his army for their gallantry in the recent engagements north of James River. The following officers and men in the 97th Regiment P.V. (Col. Pennypacker) are specially mentioned for distinguished gallantry and recommended for promotion: First Lieutenant J. Wainwright, commanding 97th Pennsylvania, has honorable mention for the gallant manner in which he conducted the regiment during the engagement. Second Lieutenant William H. Eves, Co. G, 97th Pennsylvania, behaved with especial gallantry in both assaults, and is recommended for promotion in his regiment to his excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania. Sergeant William H. Martin, Co. A, 97th Pennsylvania, commanded his company in both assaults, and led his men with bravery and admirable order on the assault, September 29th, for which he has most honorable mention, and is recommended to his Excellency the Governor of Pennsylvania for promotion to First Lieutenant. Corporal David E. Harry, Co. B, 97th Pennsylvania is mentioned for special gallantry in both assaults on the 29th of September. He is appointed Second Lieutenant United States colored troops. Private William McCarthy, Co. D, 97th Pennsylvania, is honorably mentioned for special gallantry bearing his colors in advance of his regiment in the absence of the Color Sergeant; he is commended to the Secretary of War for a medal.

January 31, 1865

VILLAGE RECORD

Casualties CHESTER COUNTY WOUNDED - Col. HENRY R. GUSS returned from Fortress Monroe, on Sunday last, where he had gone a week previous to give his assistance to Col. PENNYPACKER, who was wounded in the attack on Fort Fisher. We give an account of Col. Pennypacker elsewhere. In the hospital at Fortress Monroe, Col. Guss saw the following persons from Chester County, who were wounded in the daring and brave attack on that fort: Lieut. ISAAC B. TAYLOR, son of Ephraim Taylor, West Whiteland, a member of the 97th; wounded in the back. The ball struck the shoulder blade. A very painful wound, but not dangerous. Lieut. SMEDLEY, Co. H, 97th - received a gunshot wound through the arm. A flesh wound quite sore, but not dangerous. Lieut. WM. BOGGS, son of Stephen Boggs, of near Cochranville, a member of the 203d Penn Regiment, wounded in the calf of the leg - not dangerous.

March 11, 1865

VILLAGE RECORD

Biography BRIG. GEN. G. PENNYPACKER - Our townsman, Colonel G. Pennypacker, of the 97th Reg., Pa. Vols., has lately been nominated to the Senate, by the President, as Brigadier General, which nomination was confirmed at once. Previous to this Gen. Pennypacker had been appointed Brevet Brigadier by the President, which appointment was also confirmed by the Senate for meritorious services, in leading his Brigade at Fort Fisher. It is well known to our citizens, that he is now lying quite low, but with a prospect of recovery, at Fort Monroe Hospital, suffering from a severe and dangerous wound through the right hip, (the fifth he has had to endure since last Spring Campaign opened,) received at Fort Fisher. Gen. Pennypacker raised a Company for the 97th Penna., when it was organized by Colonel Guss. When the regiment was ordered to the field, the former officer went out as its Major; he was subsequently its Lieut. Colonel and Colonel. As Colonel, he a long time commanded a Veteran Brigade, one of the largest and most efficient in the Corps, to which it belonged, the old 10th, afterwards the 24th. - Gen. Pennypacker is probably the youngest officer of his rank in the service being but twenty-three years of age. But it would seem, from the confidence placed by his superior officers, in his military judgment, and in his capability to command that what he lacks in years, he makes up in knowledge and experience.

May 16, 1865

VILLAGE RECORD

GENERAL PENNYPACKER - Col. H.R. Guss returned to West Chester on Monday last, from a visit to General Pennypacker, at Fortress Monroe. He left the General very feeble, but yet improving slowly. He has gained some little in flesh, but is suffering much - and requires the attention of three nurses. He has not been off his bed since

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first taking it - but he is so far improved as to bear being propped up with pillows. One of his legs he is unable to use at all. It will be some time before he can be removed to his home - not wishing to change surgeons, he will not come until he can entirely dispense with medical attendance. The General had just received his commission as Brigadier General. We hope he will soon be able to visit his friends in Chester county.

June 17, 1865

## VILLAGE RECORD

GENERAL PENNYPACKER - We understand that this gallant son of Pennsylvania still remains at the Officers' Hospital at Fortress Monroe, slowly recovering from the serious wound he received at the storming of Fort Fisher. It will, perhaps, be remembered that three brigades were selected for that dangerous duty. General Curtis, of New York, commanded the first, Colonel Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, the second, and Colonel Bell, of New Hampshire, the third. Colonel Bell was killed; Colonel Pennypacker severely wounded, and General Curtis slightly wounded. The President immediately made Col. Pennypacker a brigadier general for his gallant conduct. The General was in a printing office when the war broke out, and has reached his honorable grade by sheer merit, having fought his way up to it from the ranks. On the occasion when he fell he carried the colors of the 97<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteers - his old regiment. General Ames speaks of his fall as a serious loss to the fight, and General Terry report gives him the highest praise. He was shot just as he was reaching out to place the national colors on the parapet of the fortress. This is another of those many honorable records that should and will be saved, for the reputation of the State as well as deserved honor of those whose conduct has been so noble in the day of trial. We are happy to learn that General Pennypacker is expected to return before long.

August 1, 1865

## VILLAGE RECORD

GEN. PENNYPACKER - The following memorandum is from a relative of Gen. P.: We are enabled to state for the information of friends of this officer, that he remains in the hospital at Fortress Monroe, efficiently treated by its Executive medical Officer, D.R. Brower of Montgomery county, and that he is gradually recovering the use of his wounded hip and limb. The General is now able to walk a short distance on crutches. The surgeon thinks that eventually, he will be able to walk with scarcely a perceptible limp. He has comfortable quarters and is faithfully attended by Corporal E.A. Hunder, a soldier of the 97th Regt. He thinks he will be able to travel home to West Chester in September.

November 14, 1865

## VILLAGE RECORD

ARRIVAL OF GENERAL PENNYPACKER IN WEST CHESTER – General Galusha Pennypacker arrived in West Chester on Saturday last. The young chieftain had a most hearty and honorable reception. He was met by Col. HENRY R. GUSS, at Wilmington, and driven from there to West Chester. A committee of some twenty or thirty gentlemen had been appointed to receive him after his arrival. The General left Fortress Monroe on Friday evening, and arrived at Wilmington on Saturday, at 1 o. As soon as he approached the Borough, the Court House bell rang out in merry peals, and gave the news to the citizens, who met in large numbers in front of the Court House. The Cadets of our Military Schools honored the occasion with their presence, and with the Committee and a large number of citizens, with a Band of Music, marched down High street, to escort the General into the Borough. He was accompanied by Capt. FRANK BARNUM, of Philadelphia. The Captain was an Aid to the General in the service, and was with him from the time of his being wounded up to about two months ago, when he left the service. An open carriage was on the ground, in which the General took his seat, and passed hearty cheers of welcome were given him. After passing around several squares, the General was received in the Court House by a crowd of ladies and gentlemen, and welcomed in an eloquent speech by our townsman, Dr. WILMER WORTHINGTON...

March 3, 1866

## VILLAGE RECORD

COMPLIMENTARY TO MAJOR GENERAL PENNYPACKER.- This officer, not desiring to remain in the army, tendered his resignation some days since, but the War Department did not accept it, the Secretary desiring to retain the General for a time yet in the service. His leave of absence has been further extended sixty days from the 1st of March, on Surgeon Certificate - given in consequence of Disability arising from his severe wounds. The numerous friends of General Pennypacker will feel a just pride in hearing of this action of the War Department, showing as it does, an appreciation of his eminent services. The General's health is improving slowly.

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July 10, 1866

## VILLAGE RECORD

Military THE 97TH REGIMENT, P.V., participated in the Parade and reception of the State Flags in Philadelphia on July 4th. About 50 of the original officers and men of the Regiment turned out to escort the tattered Battle Flags, which they had followed faithfully through the campaigns of the War, now returned to the State that sent them forth with these banners, on which are now inscribed memorable record of service at Fernandina, Fla., Johns Island, S.C., James Island, Secessionville, in 1862; at Morris Island, during the siege of Forts Wagner and Gregg from July 17th to Oct 6th, 1863; at Camp Cooper and Albertis Mills, in Florida, early in 1864; at Swift Creek, Derneys Bluff and Crester Station, in May 1864; at Green Plains, Va., where in the memorable charge made by the regiment led by Major Pennypacker, on the 20th of May, 1864, so many brave men fell killed and wounded with their brave leader on that field of carnage; at Cold Harbor, Petersburg Heights and Cemetery Hill, Va., where on the 30th of June, 1864 out of 100 men that went in action, 30 fell killed or wounded in less than one hour; at the Mine Explosion, July 20, 1866; at Deep Bottom, Weir Bottom Church, where on August 25th, 1864, the brave and lamented Adjutant Capt. Curruthers fell mortally wounded and was borne off the field by his comrades and died soon after; at Fort Gilmore and Charles City Road; at Darbytown Road, Oct. 27, where Capt. Hawkins (Co.I) was killed; at Fort Fisher, N.C., where the gallant Col. Pennypacker reached the crowning Honors of a brave Soldiers name, and more than earned the cluster of stars - Brig. and Maj. Gen, that jewel the unfading laurels of Victory, when leading the Brigade through the jaws of death, planting one of these Flags upon the walls of Fort Fisher amid the storm of Rebel ball that swept many a brave one down and he among them terribly wounded at the post of the flag staff that remained standing in triumph with the old flag waving over a captured Fort, a fleeing foe and the many brave fallen wounded and dead; and last at Wilmington, N.C., where the last Rebel fort was closed, cutting off the source of supplies to a fast winning Rebeldom. The regiment formed at the depot, 31st and Market street, at 9 A.M., Major Isaiah Price commanding, forming battalions of two companies under command of Capt. W.S. Mendenhall and Capt. D.W.C. Lewis, most of the companies of the regiment being represented by one or more of the original members present....

April 6, 1867

## VILLAGE RECORD

GEN. PENNYPACKER.- We are glad to learn that Gen. GALUSHA PENNYPACKER, of this Borough, having been confirmed by the Senate, has just received from the Secretary of War his commission as Colonel of the 34th (Regular) Infantry. General Pennypacker passed a most successful examination before the Examining Board at New York, of which Gen. Augur is chief, and will leave to join his regiment some time during the month of May. This honor has been most worthily bestowed for the General has won a most brilliant reputation as a fighting man, and has now, at 24, the distinction of being the youngest Colonel in the army.

## President's Message

Greetings All,

It is that time again. I haven't read the newsletter of course since it is being written but I am sure Bruce has come up with something interesting. Please be reminded that we need and will accept input for the newsletter, from you, the readers. Without you, we cease to exist.

Not a lot happening in WI recently. It is good to be out of the national news. We did have a strange growing season. Gladiolus are just now forming bud stalks!! Pears are about an inch and a half in diameter and like rocks. Concord grapes are begrudgingly showing a bit of purple. Must be this global .. what was it? And we are a couple days from October!! Weather has been nice for a couple weeks though.

Four months ago yesterday, we had our car totalled by a man attempting a left turn and hit us head on. I only had a little cut on the head, sprained knee and wrist but Carol got banged around a bit suffering some bruising from the air bag, seat belt and seat belt anchor. She has been visiting the chiropractor quite often. Can't seem to get away from the street corner where the incident occurred. My insurance agent is a half block away and Carol's chiropractor is a block away across the street.

Our last bank statement gave our balance as \$7,607.36. This might seem like a nice sum and it is but if we can get a reunion rolling, we will need this and maybe more to make the reservations and all the other things we need to put it on. Isn't there a kind, sweet, loveable volunteer to head up such a project? Please think about it. We surely could use a nice reunion in 2012.

Feel free to contact me anytime. I monitor e-mail several times a day.

Till next time, stay safe and love lots.

Ron

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## *Pannebakker Familie Association*



The Pannebakker Family Association is an outgrowth of the family reunion held at Pennypacker Mills, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on July 2-4, 1999. The reunion celebrated the 300th year wedding anniversary of Hendrick Pannebecker and Eve Umstat, in Germantown, Pennsylvania in the year 1699. In the words of the Steering Committee of the reunion, "We hope that the 1999 Pfannebecker-Umstat Reunion will lead to the growth of a family association, which will provide a forum for conversation, collection and preservation of information, and a sense of lasting community among the heirs of this rich cultural heritage."