

Chapter 00729 **1863**

CYRUS C. WILLIAMS

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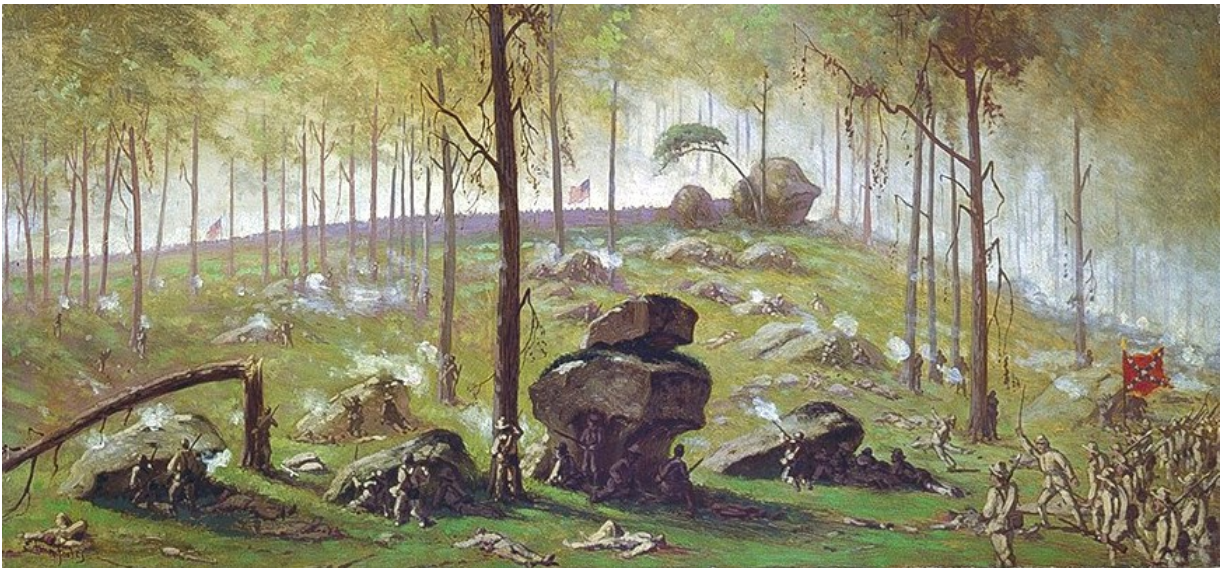
Mary Jane Van Ness

Fairfield, NJ

Edward Pearce branch #3, generation #4.

Cyrus is a step grandson of
grand daughter of of Henry Pearce #1

Cyrus is the same generation as cousin Joseph Pierce.



7/2/1863 **Culp's Hill**, Gettysburg, PA. **Corporal Cyrus C. Williams**, age 31, Union Army of the Potomac, 3rd Brigade, 1st Division, 12th Corps, NJ 13th regiment, Company G. Wounded.

2/12/2025


Relationship: Henry PEARCE to Cyrus C. WILLIAMS

Cyrus C. WILLIAMS is the stepson of granddaughter of Henry PEARCE


Self

 1	Henry PEARCE b: 7/25/1725 England d: 7/8/1788 Fairfield, NJ	 2	Elizabeth Lucinda SPEAR b: 5/6/1737 England d: 10/16/1814 Fairfield, NJ
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Son


 2	Edward PEARCE b: 12/2/1773 England d: 7/26/1834
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Granddaughter

 3	Elizabeth 'Betsey' PEARCE b: 3/31/1798 Fairfield, NJ d: 6/12/1868
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Betsey was a step
mother to Cyrus.

Husband of granddaughter

 3	Jeptha W. WILLIAMS b: 2/24/1800 NJ d: 8/30/1881
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Jeptha was
Cyrus' father

Stepson of granddaughter

 4	Cyrus C. WILLIAMS b: 7/21/1831 NJ d: 11/1/1907 NJ
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Generation #4

Cyrus C. Williams: 4th generation, He was born 7/21/1831 in Fairfield, New Jersey. The parents Jephtha W. Williams and Elizabeth 'Betsey' BUSH home was at 293 Horseneck Road.

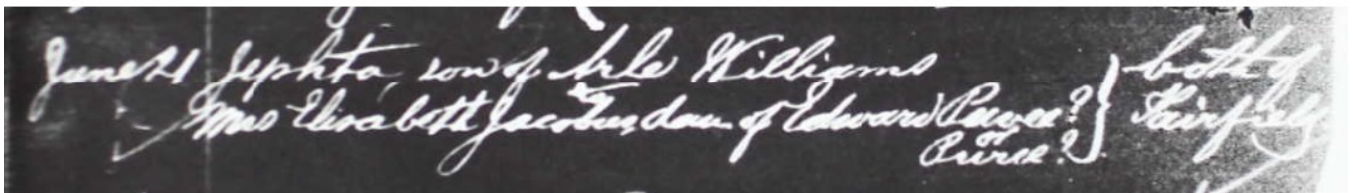
Cyrus' mother Mrs. Betsey BUSH Williams born 10/28/1804 was the daughter of Henry I. Bush and Jane W. "Jenny" LOW of Fairfield. Her sister Maria Bush married our Henry Harrison PEARCE. Her brother Bill BUSH married Charlotte PEARCE. Both are 3rd generation. Seems that you married the gal next door on Horseneck Road.

After Mrs. Betsey BUSH Williams died on 9/15/1854, his father Jephtha married another Betsey.

It was another Pearce, Mrs. Elizabeth 'Betsey' PEARCE Jacobus, a widow of Abraham Jacobus. They married 6/21/1855 in Fairfield. The step mom Betsey #2 was a daughter of Edward Pearce and Hannah Stagg of Fairfield NJ. Betsey #2 was a sister to the aforementioned Charlotte.

So Cyrus' father Jephtha married two Betsey's.

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June 21 Jephtha son of J. W. Williams
Mrs Elizabeth Jacobus dau. of Edward Pearce? } both of Fairfield
Pearce?

Cyrus Williams age 24 was married 9/15/1855 to **Mary Jane VAN NESS** age 18. Two Fairfield NJ sweethearts.

They would raise 2 daughters. **Emma and Carrie Williams.**

On 8/8/1862, **Cyrus** age **31**, with daughters ages 5 and 1.5 and a wife age 25, enlisted for his country. He joined the Union Army NJ 13th regiment.

Cyrus' younger brother **Corporal Nick Williams** had joined a year earlier in the Union Army, NJ 7th regiment company C.

During the Williamsburg Battle on 5/5/1862, Nick age 19 was listed dead in the NJ newspapers. But wounded Nick played dead for two days in the Virginia woods until rescued.

Cyrus Williams age 31 enlisted 3 months later in the NJ 13th regiment company G. That left their father Jephtha short two people to run the small Horseneck Road farm. Jephtha's second wife Mrs. Elizabeth 'Betsey' **PEARCE** Jacobus was their step-mom since 1855.



July 1863—Battle of Gettysburg PA

The regiment was commanded by Colonel Ezra A. Carman. It brought 360 men to the field, losing 1 killed and 20 wounded.

From the Spangler's Spring monument :

“The NJ 13th Regiment reached this battle-field 5 p.m. July 1st 1863, and with the brigade went into position on the north side of Wolf Hill.

During the night occupied a position in support of Battery M, First N.Y. Artillery. July 2, in morning held position near Culp's Hill.

In afternoon marched to relief of Third Corps near Round Top. At night returned to right of the army. July 3, occupied position marked by this monument, supporting 2nd Massachusetts and 27th Indiana in their charge on Confederate flank.

In the evening moved to extreme right to support of Gregg's Cavalry.”



Our wounded Union soldier Cy Williams was on Culp's Hill that day.

Culp's Hill Requiem, Gettysburg PA - July 4, 1863

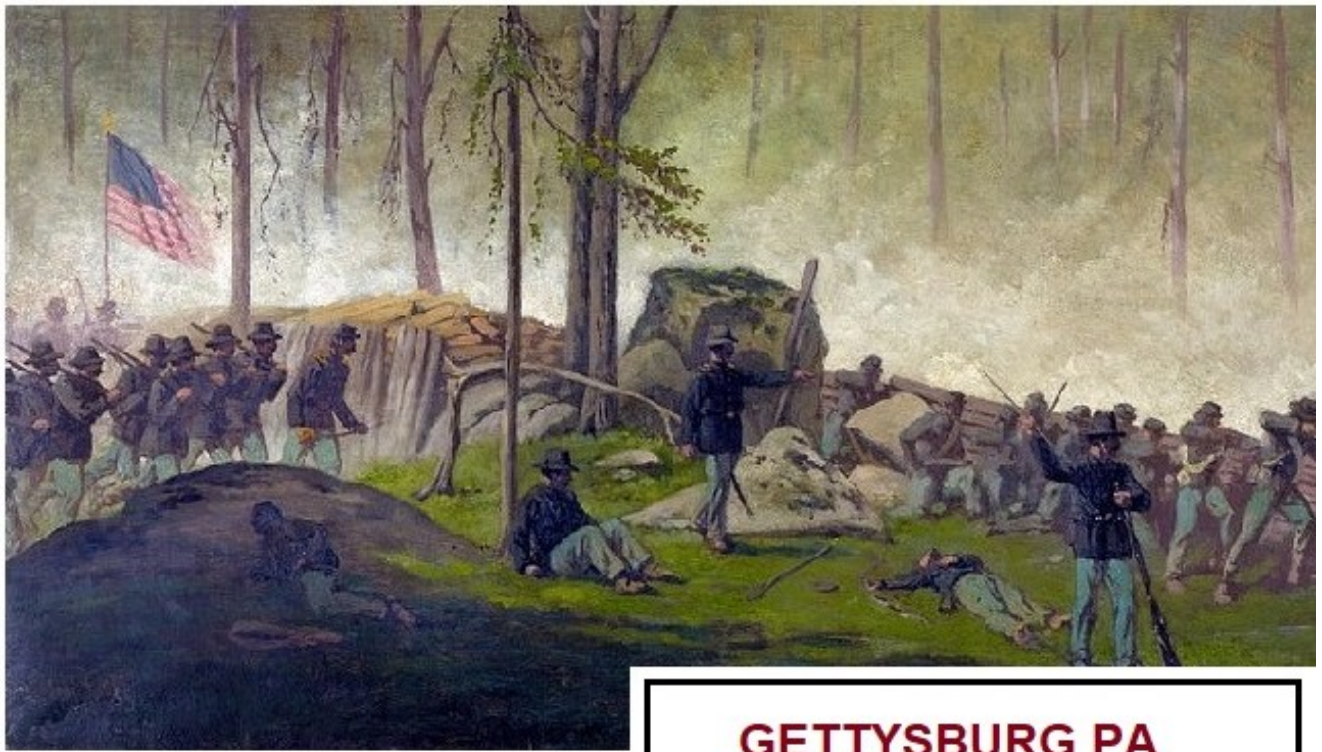
The painting illustrates the vivid description of Corporal Charles Teasdale of the 14th Brooklyn (14th New York State Militia) as he cautiously moves about the devastation on Culp's Hill where his regiment fought. The details of this scene are taken directly from his diary entry of 7/4/1863, the morning after the battle.

"The boys all seemed to know by instinct, not from knowledge received that the Rebels had left our front. First one, then another and soon after by the dozens jumped over the breastworks to the front.

I think I was one of the first for I moved cautiously and half afraid I should be gobbled and saw very few of our boys for some time. When it began to grow lighter I saw more and I had not got far in front of our line of breastworks and just at the bottom of the hill, the evident indications of the Rebel Line showed themselves.

Toward night we had a very heavy thunderstorm.

Cannonading heard by us toward evening. Supposed to be our cavalry in pursuit of the enemy who is reported to have fallen back in full retreat. "



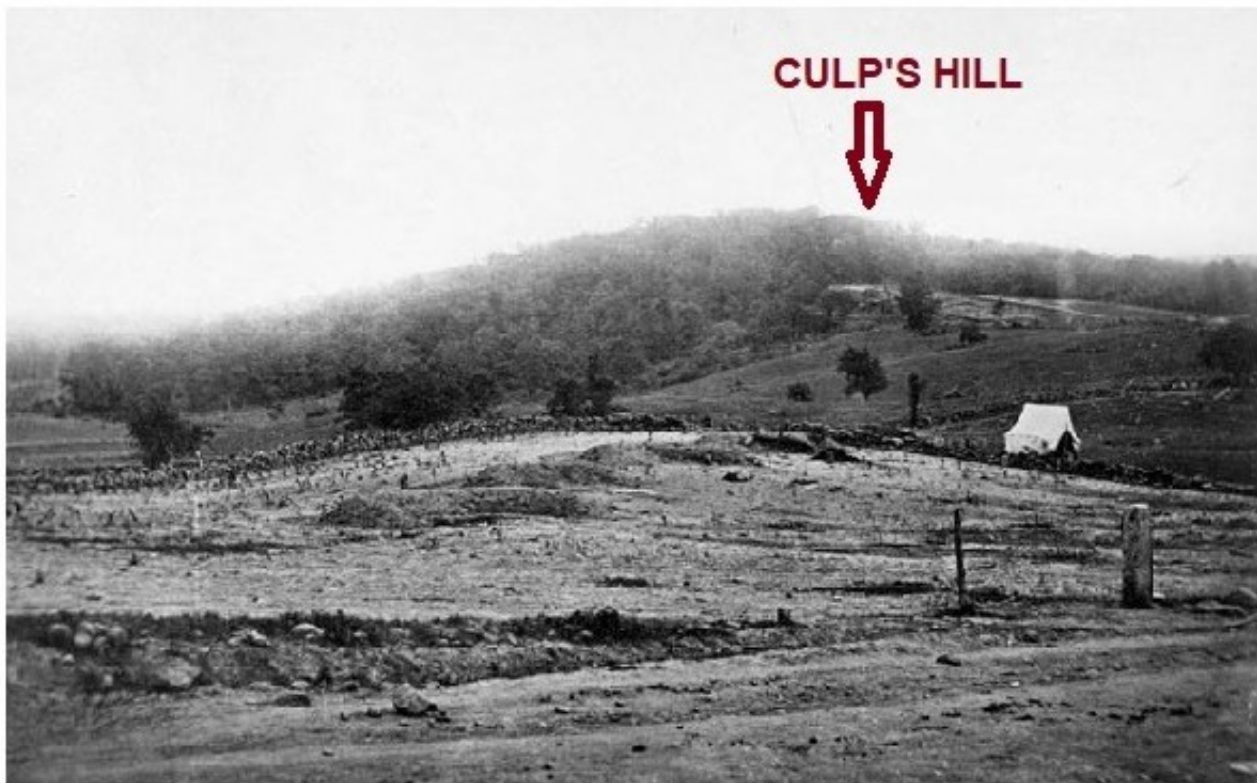
GETTYSBURG PA
CULP'S HILL
7/2-3/1863





Culp's Hill. Gettysburg, 7/3/1863. Steve Noon artist.

Each day, Cyrus thought of his wife and two young daughters.



The failure to take **Culp's Hill** on the morning of 7/3/1863, added to the additional failures of "Pickett's Charge," as well as the cavalry attack to the rear of the Union lines by Jeb Stuart, helped make Gettysburg a complete failure for the Confederates.

A few Union Army regiments held Culp's Hill. **CYRUS WILLIAMS** of the NJ 13th was shot in the right rear leg.



Culp's Hill

Over 3 days at Gettysburg PA, there were combined 7,000 deaths and 33,000 wounded.

Cyrus was wounded closer to Rock Creek than Culp's Hill, just SW of Spangler's Spring.



After the Civil War, wounded vet Nick Williams used the home and older brother Cyrus moved to Newark NJ. Dave Millison's family bought the home in late 1930s.

NAME OF SOLDIER: <u>Williams Cyrus</u> (1-2-4)				
NAME OF SPOUSE:	Wife:			
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	Wife:			
DATE OF FILING: <u>Aug 1880</u>				
NAME OF FILER:	NAME:	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED
	<u>Donald</u>	<u>410,284</u>	<u>289,064</u>	<u>NY</u>
	<u>Wife</u>			
	<u>Wife</u>			
ATTORNEY:				

1880 Pension file.

Union Army, NJ 13th Regiment Company G. He was sent to a Washington DC hospital for gunshot wounds in the right side rear and the lower right leg.

After some recovery, he was assigned to a walking wounded regiment in Wash DC. He was discharged 8/1/1865.

In the future, for years, Cyrus received treatments from **Dr. Love** of Montclair, who happened to be the NJ 13th Regimental Surgeon who treated Cyrus at the battlefield in 1863. Small world.

By the way, Dr. Love is in our tree too thru 2nd generation Betsey Pearce and Job Crane. Love was a founder of Mountain Side Hospital in Glen Ridge, NJ

1880 Pension claim. He received about \$18 per month. Cyrus was age 49 at this time.

Cyrus Williams was a cement mason or brick layer. After the war, he left Fairfield NJ for Newark NJ where his mason skills were needed.

However, the war wound to his right leg allowed him to only work about 2/3 of the time time.

\$18 in 1880 is comparable to **\$557** in 2024.

7/1/1887, 24 years after the Gettysburg battle. I wonder if the 56 year old Cyrus attended the reunion?



Dedication of the 13th New Jersey monument July 1, 1887. Bachelder is seated at the front with his hat on the ground beside him. Standing directly behind Bachelder is General Henry W. Slocum.

Cyrus and Mary Jane Williams lived in 1900 at 28 Myrtle Avenue, Newark, NJ

ANTIETAM HEROES HOLD FORTY-SIXTH CELEBRATION TODAY

**Seventy-five Survivors Meet in
Paterson and Hold Election
of Officers.**

**HISTORY OF "THIRTEENTH"
TO BE PUBLISHED**

9/17/1908

**William H. Van Iderstine, of
Newark, Is Chosen as
Treasurer.**

[Special to the Evening Star.]

PATERSON, Sept. 17.—This, the forty-sixth anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, is being celebrated of what remains of the famous Thirteenth Infantry, New Jersey Volunteers, which

etc etc

The committee in charge of death records reported that the following had died during the year: **Cyrus C. Williams**, of Orange; Washington R. Russell, of Newark; Dr. Edward Lowerie, of Newark; Samuel Shippen and Samuel Milburn, of Millville Thomas Murray, of Los Angeles, was reported to have died three years ago.

1908: Cyrus id remembered a year after he died in 1907.

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HILLSIDE CEMETERY, Fairfield, NJ



