

BRIEF HISTORY
Of
PETER CLARK
And Service in the
SEVENTH PENNSYLVANIA CAVALRY
During the
WAR OF THE REBELLION
1861 – 1865

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Peter Clark, the oldest son of Patrick and Mary Ward Clark, lived a hard and lonely life away from his family. He could neither read nor write, and because of these circumstances, not much is known about him. What is known is that he served in the 7th Pennsylvania Cavalry during the United States Civil War. This was a well-known regiment, often called "The Saber Regiment", which fought in the western theatre states of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Alabama. From various published documents, along with his military and pension files, the following history has been assembled. Primary focus is on the activities and persons which were part of Companies A and F – about 200 of the "local boys" who were recruited from the Pottsville area. These two companies were almost always deployed together during the war, and the men would have all been well known to each other. Additional details are included for incidents involving "ambulances" – as Peter was assigned as a driver during the final year of the war. Other notable events, experiences, and persons involving the regiment are also mentioned, as he would have been well aware of them as well. Hopefully, the following story will give insight into his life during this memorable period of our history.