

**Zoroaster B. Wickwire**  
**Military and Pension File Extracts**

**Military Service Details:**

- "I went into camp at Brattleboro Vt when I was examined by a board of doctors. I think there were three of them. We were stripped naked and I called it a pretty thorough examination." (Wickwire deposition 23 Sep 90)
- "About May 18, 1864 I incurred injuries to my eyes and ears by the explosion of a shell at the battle of Spottsylvania...."
- Army records list date of injury as 10 May 1864 (Dept of Interior, Bur of Pensions info request, Nov 14 99)
- "on or about May 10 1864 a shell burst just in front of him and his eyes were blown full of stuff from the explosion and he was deaf after that..." (Zadock Lapell undated letter)
- "I had no treatment by any surgeon for the injuries to eyes and ears. They were kept wet with cold water until the pain was gone or mostly gone." (Wickwire deposition, 23 Aug 90)
- "For perhaps a week I had a bandage tied over the left eye which was affected the worst and kept it bathed with cold water." (Wickwire deposition, 23 Sep 90)
- "I can recall that while he was in the army he wrote to me that he had been in a battle and that a shell had exploded near his head and that it took off the top of a man's head near him so that the blood was splattered upon him. He also wrote that the shell filled his face and eyes with particles of dust or gravel..." (Jennie Wickwire, 24 Sep 90 deposition)
- Q: how near was the shell when it exploded? A: "It was just in front of him [within] a few feet of him." (Warren D. Clark deposition, 25 Nov 90)
- "I was in thirty feet from him and saw it at the time it exploded. It was in about ten feet of him when it exploded. The concussion seemed to daze him." (Walter W. Martin deposition, 22 Nov 90)
- Contracted rheumatism during the fall of '64, in shoulders and arms. "in front of Petersburg I was quite lame. I can recall that once I was so bad that I had to get someone else to carry my gun." (Wickwire 23 Sep 90 deposition)
- Promoted from Corp to Sergt and then reduced to Private per R.O. 87 dated Nov 24 1864
- From Dec 31 1863 to Nov 24 1864 he held the rank of Sgt, then reduced to private
- Mustar out roll notes charge (apparently) for one S.R. Musket (\$6.00) and reference to S.O. 101
- Regimental Locations and detached duties:*
- Zadock Lapell, Oct 31 64, absent on detached service at City Point since Jul 10 64
- Regt on Nov 30 64 located at *Camp Russell, VA*
- People and Personalities:**
- Capt Edward P. Lee, Captain, Co B, 11th Vt Vols (Deposition 16 Jul 90)b
- George E. Norton, Co B, 11th Regt Vt Vols, "I was on detail taking care of the Colonel's horses the larger part of my service." (deposition, 29 Nov 90)

**Miscellaneous:**

- "For a time before enlistment I drove horses on the track." (Deposition 23 Sept 1890)
- Lots of references to riding and apparently training horses.