Wallace Hampton. He was from Louisville, Kentucky and all his friends and family lived there. He was a young man and had just been married to a Louisville girl. He was a very large man, being over 6 feet and some of a large family. I think he told me that he had an uncle Wade, at least there was a Wade in the family some place I rolled to see him the other day, but he had returned to Louisville to stay. In 1886 I met a printer in Chicago by the name of Wade Hampton from Louisville - now dead.

In giving my father's War record I think that I gave Company E, it should be Company H.

I give you this from Bates's History, Vol. 2:

"Mustered in Aug. 23, 1862"
"Mustered out with company May 29, 1863"
"Company recruited in Pittsburgh"
"On Aug 29, 1862 the company was ordered to Washington and was sent to Ft. Lincoln, forming a link in the corom of defense about the city in the midst of the Bull Run battle. "In the battle of Fredericksburg the regiment formed part of Franklin's Grand division and bore the brunt of the fighting on the left of the line. The loss of this regiment in the engagement was 140 killed, wounded and missing."

In the battle of Chancellorsville where Robert Hampton was killed, Gen. Wade Hampton was leading..."
cavalry charge of the Confederates and a piece of a shell hit my father's musket, bending it double, glancing and killing the man next to him.

In my last letter I think I neglected to give you the date of my mother's death—Oct. 4, 1903.

My boy, Samuel Belfour Hampton, is a member of Battery F, 1st Artillery, N.G. P. He was 21 last Monday, March 13, and the whole battery is on an anxious seat expecting to go to Meyers.

I think the plate I am sending you with the dolph of arms comes from the eastern Hampton. There are quite a few of them in N.Y. as you are probably aware. On Long Island there are three or four towns called East Hampton, West Hampton, South Hampton, and North Hampton, also some on Long. I think. Hoping to hear further from you I remain, respect your, Ben W. Hampton
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Dr. Joseph L. Miller
Thomas, W. Va.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 22nd Feb. at hand, and will be only too glad to furnish you with what information I can. I had a letter from my sister Mrs. Carrie Gastley about a year ago asking me for information regarding my father, his war record, etc. I sent her this information at that time and if Elizabeth Gastley (my niece) has not given it to you I will look it up again and send you the same. I was mistaken at that time that Miss Gastley was writing a history. As old records of the Hamptons family we did have some, but unfortunately
they were all destroyed in three different fires which the family came through. My mother was burned out once in Pittsburgh at the time the city was burned and again in Iowa on a farm about 20 miles west of Davenport losing everything and barely escaping with their lives; that was about 1860, and again I was burned out in the Pittsburgh Railroad riot of 1877 losing everything, so all the records I have is a few of my mother's family.

If you have not already got the records of my father I can furnish you with everything except his birth and death and the latter you can get from the Soldiers Home at Lexington, Ky, or the Pension Office Washington, D.C. as all papers pertaining to my father had to be sent there in producing a pension for my mother. If you will write
and tell me just what information you need I will try and get it together for you.

My father William Henry Hampton and my mother Elizabeth Weaver Hampton were married in Pittsburgh in 1848 (I have not the exact date at hand, but if you require it will look it up for you).

Elizabeth Weaver (my mother's maiden name) was born Nov. 18, 1828, at Eliza, birthport, Pa., a few miles above Pittsburg.

My grandfather on my mother's side was Benjamin Weaver (after whom I was named) was elected Sheriff of Allegheny Co. (Pittsburgh) shortly after my mother's birth having moved to Pittsburg where he kept a hotel for a number of years and where my mother met my father in after years.
They were married in a Methodist Episcopal church that still stand at the corner of Smithfield St and Seventh Ave. and is known by the name of “Brumstone Corners” on account of being built of Sandstone. From this union there were seven children:

David Holmes Hampton - Died in infancy
William Anthony Hampton
  Born in 1853 - Killed on P.R.R.
  Nov. 1st 1876 at Dallas Station (now part of city of Pittsburgh)
Annie Barbara Hampton now Mrs. Gartley (I suppose my niece Elizabeth Gartley sent you the births of her mother and two aunts)
Benjamin Weaver Hampton
  Born Jan. 27, 1857 at Leetstburg

Mary Hampton
Suzan Love Hampton now Mrs. Culb
in the country, also to the library in the Soldiers Memorial Hall which is very complete.

Do you know anything about a coat-of-arms of the Hampton family? I have a set of dishes with a Hampton coat-of-arms on them, but as far as I know they are of a recent date, say 10 or 20 years back. If you wish to have one I will send you one by parcel post. My brother got hold of them somehow while connected with the Mccarrey firm.

I was surprised to hear that my niece only sent you the information I sent her on Feb 1, as I sent it to her about a year ago. Hoping to hear from you further. I am Respectfully Yours

Ben W. Hampton

(ovre)
P.S.- Should it ever come your way to come to Pittsburgh do not fail to look me up.

2nd P.S. - I was born in Ky., reared in Iowa, and reside in Pennsylvania-the only one of seven children born outside of Ky.

In 1869, when I was 12 years old, my Uncle, Joseph Weaver of Durant, Iowa, came to Pittsburgh and took me home with him. Where he had a very large farm and he raised me until my 20th. When I came home and have lived here ever since. With the exception of about 8 years in New York City.

B.W. Ke
Harry Augustus Hampton (shut 2)
Born Oct. 4, 1847.

Of my own immediate family

Benjamin Weaver Hampton born Jan. 27, 1857—married twice—my first wife was Annie Welsh of Pgh. Married Jan. 28, 1877. Of this union two children were born: Kathryn Amanda Hampton now Mrs. Walter Fleming of Springfield, O. and William Walter Hampton of Sharon, Pa. (single). My first wife died June 18, 1898.

I was married the second time to Elizabeth W. Belfour, daughter of Capt. Samuel Belfour of Pgh. on March 20, 1890, by this union there were five children born, two dying in infancy—Benjamin and Ogden White Hampton, the other
there are still single and living at home.

Ethel Carol Hampton
Born Jan. 17, 1891

Samuel Belfour Hampton
Born March 13, 1895

Lois Warden Hampton
Born July 29, 1898

My brother, Harry A. Hampton and I are married to sisters, he having married my wife's sister in 1892, but never had any children. He is a store man and was General Superintendent of one of the largest department stores in Pgh. for a number of years and afterward of the Pacific Coast, but at present is out of employment on account of firm changing hands. He is at present with me in Pgh. but