

Wallace Hampton. <sup>2nd</sup> He was from Louisville Ky and all his friends and family live there. He was a young man and had just been married to a Louisville girl. He was a very large man bring over 6 feet and came 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 called 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 C it should be company H.

I give you this from Bates History Penna, Vol.:

"William Henry Hampton, Company H, 136<sup>th</sup> Regiment Penna, Vol.

"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 cordon 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 a

cavalry charge of the Confederates and a piece of  
a shell hit my father's musket binding 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, ~~First~~ <sup>Field</sup> Artillery, N. G. P. He was  
21 last Monday, March 13, and the whole battery  
is on the anxious seat expecting to go to Mexico.

I think the plate I am sending you with the  
coat 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 in  
Conn. I think. Hoping to hear further from  
you I remain, respect yours, Ben W. Hampton

(Sheet 1)

7204 Kedron Ave.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa, 2-271916

Dr. Joseph S. Miller  
Thomas, W. Va

Dear Sir-

Yours of the 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.  
Annie Gartley 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 Gartley (my niece) has not  
given it to you I will look it up  
again and send you the same. I un-  
derstood at that time that Miss Gart-  
ley was writing <sup>the</sup> history. As to old  
records of the Hamphreys 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 Dawsonport losing everything and barely escaping with their lives; that was about 1860, and again I was burned out in the Pittsburgh Railroad riots 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 procuring 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 Elizabethtown, Pa. a few miles above Pittsburgh. 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 Pittsburgh where he kept a hotel for a number of years and where my mother met my father in after years got acquainted.

They were married in a Methodist Episcopal church that still stand at the corner of Smithfield St and Seventh ave and is know by the name of "Brimstone Corner" 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 1876 at Dallas Station (now part of city of Pittsburgh)

Annie Barbara Hampton now Mrs. Gortley (I suppose my niece Elizabeth Gortley sent you the births of her mother and two aunts)

Benjamin Weaver Hampton  
Born Jan. 27, 1857 at Battlettsburg

N.Y.  
Mary Hampton

Susan Lovz Hampton now Mrs. Cault

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 McLareery 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 Respect Yours  
Ben W. Hampton

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

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

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

B.W.H.



Harry Augustus Hampton (Sheet 2)  
Born Oct. 19 1867.

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 chil-  
dren 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, 1888.

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, Jr.  
and Agnes White Hampton, the other

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three are still single and living at home

Ethel Carol Hampton

Born Jan. 17, 1891

Daniel 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