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HUSTON CLINTON LEGAL DOCUMENT, 1864

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: Marion County Court Records, 1822-1928. The records include Common Pleas, Commissioners Minutes, Circuit Court Records, Will and Probate Records, and Guardian Dockets. (IHS Microfilm #F1362-1493)

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Huston Clinton was born in Gibson County, Indiana, ca. 1835. Mustering in at Indianapolis in January, 1864, he fought with Company D, 28th United States Colored Troops (USCT) during the Civil War. According to the original muster roll for the unit, Clinton was 5' 6."

In April 1864, six companies were organized under the auspices of the 28th USCT. They were turned over to the United States as a battalion of the United States Colored Infantry. Charles S. Russell, a captain with the Eleventh United States Infantry was appointed Lieutenant Colonel over the group. The battalion left Indianapolis, stopped in Washington, D.C., and proceeded to Alexandria, Virginia for training. It was involved in numerous skirmishes before many of its members lost their lives at Petersburg. After the bloody battle at the "Crater," the battalion was replenished with four more companies raised in Indiana bringing it to a full regiment. The group fought at Hatcher's Run, and under Russell (who had become a general), it was one of the first units to reach Richmond. Pvt. Clinton and the rest of his regiment were mustered out of service on November 8, 1865 in Corpus Christie, TX. They arrived back in Indianapolis on January 6, 1866.

There is no index entry found for Clinton in the 1870 federal census. By the 1880 census, he appears in Vincennes, Knox County, Indiana. He is listed as a 49-year-old barber living on Bayou Street. His family unit includes a wife, Alice A. and five children ranging in age from one to nineteen years. The nativity of everyone in his household, including Elizabeth DuBois, his 63-year-old mother-in-law, is Indiana.

According to the "Card Records of Headstones provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879–ca. 1903" (National Archives Microfilm Publication, M1845), Huston Clinton died January 28, 1882, and is buried "at or near Vincennes." Alice A. Clinton was granted a widow's pension on November 13, 1886. The pension certificate (file) number is 268,314.

Sources: (All National Archives sources provided by Martin Tuohy, Archives Technician, NARA, Great Lakes Region, Chicago, Illinois)

Card Records of Headstones provided for Deceased Union Civil War Veterans, ca. 1879–ca. 1903 (National Archives Microfilm Publication M1845)

General Index to Pension Files, 1861–1934 (National Archives Microfilm Publication T288)

Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers who served with United States Colored Troops

(National Archives Microfilm Publication M589)

Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana. Indianapolis: A.H. Connor [etc.], State Printer, 1865-69 [v.1, 8 A.H. Connor; v.2 W. R. Holloway; v.3-7 S. M. Douglass]

Tenth Population Census of the United States (1880), Enumeration District 130, Knox County, Indiana, page 54 (National Archives Microfilm Publication T9)

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The collection contains one legal document. Plaintiff Huston Clinton claims that defendants, John M. Shawhan, William Miller, Daniel B. Culley, and Jacob Beckner fraudulently acquired a \$200 bounty that belonged to him. Clinton alleges that he was entitled to the money after he enlisted in the 28th United States Colored Infantry, and was credited to the Rush County, Indiana, Muster-in-Roll. The suit was filed in the Marion County Court of Common Pleas (Number 1014). Three writs were issued, and a complaint was stamped on May 25, 1864 by William Wallace, Clerk.

According to the Marion County Court of Common Pleas Record Book dated June term, 1864, Isaac Bibb, Thomas B. Roundtree, and William Silers also sued the same four defendants. Attorneys Dye & Harris represented Huston Clinton and the other three plaintiffs in four separate cases. All four plaintiffs with slight name variations appear on the roster for Company D, 28th USCT in William H. H. Terrell's *Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana*.

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