

Camp Defiance near rockville
Sept 9th 1862 Md

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H M Whipple
Ad His
mother



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Near Rockville, Maryland

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Bio of Edwin Martin Whipple

Born in 1842 Edwin was the youngest son of Herman Whipple (1774-1842) and Phoebe Boa Lafferty (1816-1904) of Erie County, Pennsylvania. Edwin served in two different regiments during the Civil War. He first enlisted in Co. A of the 23rd Illinois Infantry—the “Irish Brigade” led by Col. James A. Mulligan of Chicago. He then enlisted in late November 1861 to serve three years in Co. C, 111th Pennsylvania.

As far as we know, Edwin remained with the regiment and was with them at the Battle of Gettysburg where he shot the hat off a rebel Colonel while skirmishing in the twilight of 2 July 1863. Edwin is listed among the wounded at the Battle of Lookout Mountain on 24 November 1863. The company roster indicates he mustered out of the 111th in late November 1864. Edwin passed away In 1904.