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Dear Steve + Georgia,

Today is Nan's 37th birthday. Paul + Grandpa Paul Wagner have birthdays this week, so we had a celebration dinner at Mike's Cuali's. (Phil even got there!) He missed more parties than he attends.

The Snyder Family German Bible yielded nothing. The Civil War discharge was issued ~~May 1st~~ June 17, 1866 at Richmond, Virginia by reason of G. H. No 94 CS War Dept. (No objection to his reenlistment is known to exist)

Said John Schrieder was born in the state of France is 29 years of age, Five feet seven inches high, Fair complexion, Grey eyes, Dark hair, and by occupation, when enrolled, a ———

starts with this information

John Schneider a Private of Captain
E. M. Warner's Company, (A) 80th
Regiment of New York State.

Volunteers, who was enrolled on the
First day of September ~~this~~ one thousand
eight hundred and 64 to serve One
year or during the war, is hereby
discharged from the service of the
United States.

By enlisting from N. Y. on his arrival from
France he earned his citizenship. There are
several signatures at the bottom but the
penmanship leaves a bit to the imagination.

E. M. Warner } very fancy
Capt 20th Me S M
Comdg Co "A"

Fred Martin } more
Bvt. Maj 1st Stth Co M } legible
Dept. of Virginia } but,

my eye sight leaves much to be desired.

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In a copy of Early Methodism in Kankakee County and Aroma Township by Dean T. Austin (An Aroma Park Meth Minister) the following items were found:

Iola E. Beebe was married to Francis Baldwin by J. H. Barnard, the Presbyterian pastor in Kankakee, Aug 8, 1872

Orville D. Beebe m. Laura E. Legg 9/24/1874
Lots of Legg marriages but although Grandma Snyder claims to be related, I couldn't find the connection.

Francis + Iola Baldwin on Aug 1, 1886 were received by J. E. Mercer ^{at moment} as members of Waldron Sunday School. The list gave 28 names as official member and then and additional 50 names as members.

Interesting reading since most preachers had several charges.

Same like ages since Pawley's S.C. visit. Hope you and the family had a fine time. We, really have a good time (loud + noisy) when we're

together.

Ken's on crutches. She did something to her leg when she tried to skip with Katie in a mall parking lot.

Mike & Nan tried out and are singing with the Joliet Chamber Choir.

Beth is one of four freshmen in the Bradley-Laurhonais school play.

Ben had a quick trip from Hong Kong to Washington DC, for an old school friend's wedding.

Ted is loving Brazil. Sounds to me like it's all parties and maid service. He's gained 5th of the weight he lost to the rib surgery.

Jenny may quit her job and go to an 8 mo. computer course. Meaning she'll be leaving Springfield, so she may opt to hang in there with Patrick. Sort of low versus school. Wonder which will win.

Sue says the house is quieter with only one child at home. Her spec. ed teaching job ended with a big budget cut. Charlie doesn't hit the bank as often with Ted in Brazil.

Guess that's all the family news. Sorry I wasn't more help with the genealogy.

Love,

Aunt Ruth

Hello to all your beautiful children.