

Timeline of William A. Peasner father of Katherine R. Peasner wife of Hugh G. Grasz

Date	Location	Comments
23 August 1831	Bryne Germany	Born
bef. 15 August 1848	Washington D. C.	Enlisted in 11 th infantry
1848-1849	Washington D. C.	Laborer
16 March 1849	Leavenworth County, Kansas, just north of the city of Leavenworth	Enlisted in the Regiment of Mounted Rifles, Assigned to Company H Encamped 5 miles west of Ft. Leavenworth
10 May 1849	Began the march from Ft. Leavenworth	Began cross-country march to Oregon Territory.
1 March 1850	Oregon Territory	Appointed as bugler with Company F
Spring of 1851	Oregon Territory	Went by boat to Panama, crossed the Isthmus on foot, then to New Orleans and up the Mississippi to Jefferson Barracks via steamboat.
1851	Jefferson Barracks, Missouri	Got arrested, missed the departure for Texas
until 13 December 1853	Fort Gibson is a town in Cherokee & Muskogee Counties in the U.S. state of Oklahoma.	Served with the unit out on the plains, Ft. Gibson. Released from jail, transferred to Company A
1 April 1854		Re-enlisted in Company K Failed to report then reported as a deserter
	St. Louis Went west to Salt Lake City and camped for winter	Under the name of William Pearson joined a civilian quartermaster detail At SLC released and promised to be rehired in the spring
24 December 1854	Salt Lake City	Turned himself in as a deserter, put in irons
28 March 1855	Salt Lake City	From Army Headquarters in New York orders were issued to release him.
14 July 1855		Ordered by the Department of the Pacific to serve with Company A of the 1 st Dragoons

June 1855	Utah	Assigned to a detachment of dragoons bound for Ft. Tejon in California.
after June 1855	Ft. Tejon, California	Released from arrest and placed on A company roll
25 July 1855	Ft. Tejon, California	Appointed to be one of the company's 2 buglers
May 1856	Visalia, California	The Yokuts near Visalia were attacked by the townsfolk and an Indian war erupted. Known as the Tule River War
March	Ft. Tejon, California	Worked as a carpenter and saddler
22 December 1856	from Ft. Tejon to Benecia Barracks, California	Moved up the Sacramento Valley, California
June 1857 – March	Fall River, California	Built Ft. Crook, on the Fall River in California
10 June 1858	Honey Lake, Lassen County, California	To keep peace between intruding whites and the Maidu natives
2 July 1858	Ft. Crook, California	Sounded daily calls
13 January 1859	Ft. Crook, California	Discharged, drifted around the state for the next 18 months
February 1860	Ft. Tejon, California	Hired for \$40/month to be a herder and cook at the post.
7 April 1860	Utah Territory	With company that investigated the Mountain Meadows Massacre near Cedar City.
30 June 1860*	Ft. Tejon, California	Discharged, wandered around California looking for jobs
29 May 1860*	Ft. Crook, California	Re-enlisted in Company A, appointed bugler
ca. 1860	Pyramid Lake, Utah Territory– Piate War	Sent to fight in the Piate War. By the time they got there the war over and they were set to work building Ft. Churchill
1860	Nevada census, Ft, Churchill	Listed as a solder

May 1860*	Ft. Churchill, Nevada	Appointed Chief Bugler in the regimental band. Moved to Ft. Vancouver in Washington Territory.
1860	San Francisco, California	Went back to San Francisco and shipped through Panama for New York
1860	Camp Sprague near Washington D.C.	Participated in General George McClellan's Peninsula Campaign and sustained large losses. Went to Carlisle Barracks
September 1860	Camp Burford near Washington D. C.	
October 1860***	Catlett's Station, Culpeper**, Stephensburg and Mine River	To fight the Rebels
1864	City Point, Virginia	Re-enlisted
12 July 1864	District of Columbia	While on furlough married Jane Fay (recorded July 30)
21 September 1864		Wounded
September 1864 - February 1865	Carlisle Barracks	sent for rehabilitation
27 February 1865	Winchester	Remained here till war ended
1865	District of Columbia, Maryland	son John T. born
31 May 1865	Reached New Orleans having traveled by boat and rail	Released from duty boarded a steam boat for Panama on the Pacific Mail steamer bound for Sacramento.
22 January 1866	Arrived in San Pedro on steamer Orizaba and went to Drum Barracks, California	
5 June 1866	To Ft. Vancouver, Washington	
17 July 1867	To Ft. Vancouver, Washington	Re-enlisted
1868	Washington Territory	son William A. born
1869	Washington Territory	son Joseph F. born
1870	Back to Benicia Barracks, California	Remained through the Modoc War

1871	California	son Jacob born
17 July 1872	California	Re-enlisted for 5 more years
December 1872	Sent to Ft. Walla Walla, Washington	
February 1873	California	son Andrew born
April 1875	California	daughter Mary E. born
1876	California	son George W. born (not on the 1900 census)
December 1877	Ft. Walla Walla	Went to Ft. Walla Walla, Washington
July 1878	Ft. Walla Walla	Re-enlisted for the 7 th time, rank of Saddler Sergeant. He was the last remaining enlisted Dragoon. He had malaria and chronic rheumatism.
December 1878	Washington	daughter Jane H. born
1879	Walla Walla	Ended his 24 years of service with the Dragoons and became an Ordnance Sergeant assigned to Ft. Lapwai, Idaho.
November 1880	Idaho	son Franklin P. born
17 July 1882	Ft. Lapwai, Idaho	Re-enlisted for the final time
October 1882	Idaho	daughter Ida May born
June 1884	Idaho	daughter Katherine R. born
7 May 1885	Moved to Walla Walla, Washington	Retired
1 July 1899	Walla Walla, Washington	Died of jaw cancer. He was buried in the Ft. Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington, cemetery.
15 January 1908	Walla Walla, Washington	Daughter Kate married Hugh Grasz.
26 February 1910	Walla Walla, Washington	Hugh Grasz died and is buried at Ft. Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington, cemetery.
10 May 1910	Walla Walla, Washington	Jane "Jennie" Fay Peasner died. She was buried in the Ft. Walla Walla, Walla Walla, Washington, cemetery.

*Refer to the full article for the dates. The time line seems to get a bit out order at these dates.

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**Interesting possible connection: In 1998 we were in Culpeper, Virginia, and completely by a series of fortunate events found the Old Field Burying Ground. We were fortunate enough to locate a woman who was a Field descendant who provided us with a list of people she thought were buried there. In the letter she commented that, "I don't have any information on the church only that the records on the Field Family were destroyed when the Yankees burned the church. It could very well have been St. Mark's Parish." Very possible those Yankees were Peasner and his men when they were in Culpeper.

***A passage from "*Boots and Saddles*": a history of the first volunteer cavalry of war, by James H. Stevenson, Harrisburg PA, Patriot Publishing Company 1879, written from his diary, pg. 95

"On the 28th [1862], I was agreeably surprised at receiving a visit from the band of my old regiment, the First Dragoons, mounted upon black horses, with the chief bugler, William Peasner, at their head. I gave them a "set out" and they all got pretty "boozy;" but gave us some good music before riding away."