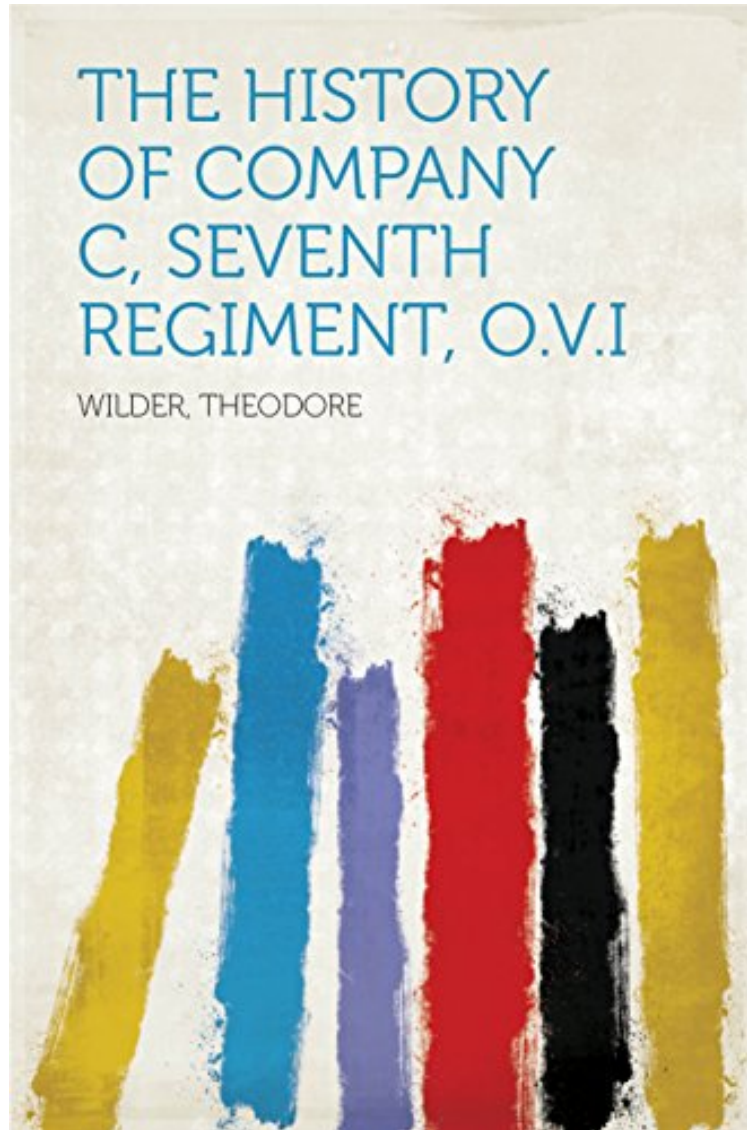


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Little Family History...By Diana WilderMy great-great grandfather wrote this book. No kidding. He served in Company C, Seventh Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the American Civil War. I discovered this while serving as a docent at the Civil War Library and Museum in Philadelphia. I was researching a novel set in Georgia during the American Civil War, and I was looking at the records of the Ohio troops that served in Sherman's armies. I knew he was in this regiment, and I was interested in reading about its history, so I secured permission to photocopy the book (it is in the public domain) and took it home.I read the

book. The narrator's tone was pensive, measured, a touch of humor, but rather like a good college professor. There was a lot of interesting information in there, but not a lot of derring-do, which I had not, frankly, expected. It was fascinating to read about the group of young men from Oberlin College who enlisted because they opposed slavery, and to follow their course through the war. My great-great grandfather left fairly early, being wounded at Cedar Mountain in August of 1862. He was invalided out and died of his wounds ten years later. The company fought through the rest of the war. The strange thing is that I did not know who the writer was. His initials were given as T. W. in the original edition that was at the Museum. I didn't pay attention to that. My father did, though, and he came to me a couple days later and said "I think my great-grandfather wrote this." I took another look. T.W. - Theodore Wilder. The only occurrence of those initials in the company. Well. The narration is factual and interesting with a touch of wry humor. It read a bit like a college professor because that is what he became after the war. It is a light shed on a group of devout young men who really did enlist to fight for the cause of emancipation, and who gave their all. It covers a little-known time and area of the early war, and it is well worth reading. I highly recommend.

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