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## GRIPENSCHÜTZ

According to Elgenstierna, the family of Gripenschütz became extinct probably Aug. 27, 1852. Actually a member of the family was living in Washington, DC as late as Oct. 23, 1877, when sergeant Charles G. Gripenschutz was honorably discharged from the U.S. Marine Corps after 51 years of service. He is almost certainly identical with Carl Gustaf Gripenschütz, b. in Stralsund, Swedish Pomerania Sept. 6, 1806, s. of captain Carl Adolph Gripenschütz and Brita Lovisa Hård af Segerstad.<sup>1</sup> He resided in Göteborg and in the records of the Garrison Parish (*Garnisonsförsamlingen*) of that city he is listed as "absent" during the years 1820–1846.<sup>2</sup> On July 22, 1820 a youth by that name received a passport to America.<sup>3</sup>

In the Gripenschutz jacket, on file in the National Archives, Washington, DC, are a total of 11 U.S. Marine Corps enlistment papers, each of which shows the date and term of enlistment, the oath of allegiance, Gripenschutz' signature and his physical description.<sup>4</sup>

In the jacket is also a bounty land warrant application and a paper proving that he received a bounty land warrant for 160 acres as a result of his military service from 1844 to 1848. Records in the General Land Office, also in the National Archives, indicate that Gripenschutz assigned this warrant to Amos Wilkins on Dec. 13, 1850.<sup>5</sup>

The Washington city directory for 1872 lists a U.S. Marine Corps sergeant named Charles G. Gripenschultz (sic!) as residing at 533 Fifth St., S.E.<sup>6</sup> A white married female, named Ann Grifenschultz (sic!), 62 years old and for forty years a resident of Washington, died and was buried in the capital (no date given) some time between 1855 and 1874. She may have been his wife.<sup>7</sup>

There is no information in his military file concerning his subsequent death or if he left any descendants.

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<sup>1</sup> Gustaf Elgenstierna, *Den introducerade svenska adelns ättartavlor*, Stockholm, 1927; III, p. 141.

<sup>2</sup> *Göteborgs garnisonsförsamling. Civila avdelningen. Längd över gift personal 1820–1846*, p. 131; Göteborgs landsarkiv.

<sup>3</sup> *Svenska flottans pensionskassas verifikationer 1820*; Krigsarkivet, Stockholm.

<sup>4</sup> National Archives, Washington, DC.

<sup>5</sup> *Bounty Land Warrant No. 65 951-160-47*; National Archives.

<sup>6</sup> *Washington, DC City Directory for 1872*, p. 214.

<sup>7</sup> *Washington, DC Interments 1855–1874*, p. 364; Library of Congress.