



Mustered out of the army at Albany, New York. Soon after he went to New Haven, Connecticut made some money, traveled to Kansas and bought a ranch. Sold out and went to Dickens County, Texas, located near Lubbock. Built a store and was appointed postmaster. He was elected and served as Crosby County Judge 1889-1890. After his wife's passing he moved to Southern Colorado.

Photo courtesy of Crosby County, Texas Museum.



The Medal of Honor is the United States Armed Forces highest military decoration that may be awarded for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty and is presented by the president of the United States in the name of the United States Congress.

Sponsored by:
PUEBLO CITY & COUNTY FOUNDATION
ESTABLISHED BY EDNA PROVOST

WARREN C. DOCKUM

Civil War Veteran and a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Warren C. Dockum was born on New Year's Day 1844 in Clintonville, New York.

At the age of 17 he and three friends ran away from school to join the 16th New York Volunteers Infantry Regiment. Dockum saw action at Antietam and Chancellorsville, Virginia where he was wounded in the leg, captured, held prisoner for three months and released in a prisoner exchange. He rejoined the ranks and fought at Petersburg where he saw President Abraham Lincoln ride by on a horse holding his stove pipe hat in his hand.

They took possession of Petersburg and pulled out for Richmond. They had marched about five miles when they learned that Richmond was evacuated and Lee was on the retreat to Farmville, N.C. They pulled out after him and overtook his army at Sailor Creek. At Sailor Creek Lee made a stand in the timber on elevated ground. General Grant and General Sheridan were there to direct the fight and they charged the hill twice and were repulsed with considerable loss. At the third charge they broke the line in the center and on April 9, 1865 Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox Court House and six days later on April 15, 1865, President Lincoln was assassinated.

Dockum returned to his home in New York, was called to Washington and presented the Medal of Honor by President Andrew Johnson who assumed the presidency, as he was vice president at the time of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln. Dockum's Medal of Honor Citation issued on May 10, 1865, states that *"On 6 April 1865 at Sailor's Creek, Virginia, Warren C. Dockum captured the battle flag of the CSA Savannah Guards after two men had been killed in the effort."*

Eventually Dockum moved to Dickens County, Texas and served as a postmaster. In 1893 his wife, Sara, died. He moved to Colorado and lived in the Turkey Creek area east of Colorado Springs. One year before Dockum's passing he had his wife disinterred from the Texas cemetery and had her remains placed next to their son, Herbert, at Roselawn. Having a loved one disinterred in that era was something almost unheard of and exemplifies the love and devotion Dockum had for his family.

Warren C. Dockum died on October 2, 1921 at the age of 77.

Story published in The Hearts & Souls of Roselawn Vol. I