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Civil War 1861-1865

These 22 Civil War Veterans are buried in Prairiedale Cemetery. After the war, Union veterans received special homestead rights in 1870, when an amendment to the 1862 Homestead Act gave them the right to claim 160 acres within railroad grant areas. Other homesteaders who came here were given only 80 acres, those acres lying in every other section along the railroad right of way, which was not owned by the railroads. Another amendment in 1872 gave the Union veterans the right to deduct the length of their war service from the five-year residency needed to prove a homestead.

From 1880 to 1940 the Grand Army of the Republic established 500 local Posts across the United States. Muster rolls were taken quarterly at these posts, a kind of census taken to keep track of veterans, their pensions and the land they homesteaded. The following is a brief description of their service.

Benjamin W. Blue.

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b. 1 Nov 1836, Indianapolis, Dearborn Co., Ind.

d. 1 Jul 1921. *Served with Co F, 26 Ill. Inf.*

m. 28 Aug 1864 to Maria Louisa Truman, 5 children. Settled near Homer, Champaign Co, Ill. Moved to Kansas in 1873, settled 10 miles No of Solomon; later moved to No. DKCO. Surv by wife, sons: Garrett L, Franklin B, and daughters: Effie E. Thompson of Lisle, Wyo, and Winona A. Van Campen of Colby, KS.

Watson Asbury Cleveland.

327

b. 4 Jan 1837, Masonville, NY. . *Served In Civil War, Co B, Mich 6th Inf. Jul 1861. Mustered out 23 Aug 1864, Kalamazoo, Mich*

m. 1 Dec 1867 to Jennie Atkinson of Sycamore, Ill.(d.1894), 6 children, Anna May Hornecker of Hillsboro, Ore; Arthur J. of Salina; Ira B of Minneapolis; Mary L. Gasswint & Ruth A. Cleveland of Quinlan, Ks; Esther J, who d age 5 mo.

m.2 on 28 Oct 1897 to Sarah E. Lawrence of Chapman.

d. 19 Mar 1915



Arthur B. Crary.

180

b. 21 Aug 1818 in NY

d. 9 Feb 1901 at Soldier's Home at Leavenworth.

m.1 ca 1854 to Mrs. Mary Jane (Sargent) DeCamp of Cincinnati, Ohio, a widow with three children, divorced Dec 1868 in Cincinnati. Arthur was a merchant in Cincinnati. *He served in the Civil War with Co E, 138 Ohio.*

m.2 to Catherine Lishwa, moved to DKCO in early 1870's. Catherine later returned to Cincinnati and Arthur obtained a divorce in Oct 1880 in DKCO.

m.3 to Mrs. Susan C. (Harper) Barter; she was m1 on 22 Nov 1857 at Glaconda, Ill, to George Barter; and divorced Apr 1877 in Posey Co, Ind. Arthur and Susan had 1 son, Arthur Crary Jr in 1884, was disabled as a child due to spinal meningitis. Susan and Arthur Jr mov to Okarche, Canadian Co, Okla, 1900, where Arthur Jr. died 3 Mar 1933; Susan later returned to Abilene, where she died in 1940, age 100, bur Abilene cemetery.

Moses Curtis.

113

b. abt, 1819.

d. 17 Apr 1889 Lived in Richland Co, Ohio prior to the Civil War. *Served in Co E, 26 Ohio Inf.* At the 1870 census of Troy, Richland Co, Ohio, Moses was living with this wife Catherine, children, George, Layton, Adaline, Rachel, Alice and Daniel. Came to DKCO in the 1870's, Flora Twp and in the 1880 census was living with his daughter and son-in-law William & Alice Munson.

William Edwards.

136

b. 6 Nov 1832 om Soham, Cambridgeshire, Eng; one of 12 children.

d. 14 July 1914 Married 8 Aug 1853 to Susan Snelling of Outwell, Eng, then came to the US, settling at Troy Grove, Ill. *Served in Civil War with 104 Ill. Inf.* They moved to Manchester area Dec 1886. Susan d. 14 July 1910. William was surv by 3 children, Elizabeth Stotler, William R. & Frank; sister Mary Saylard of Carthage, Mo and Martha Hickok of Troy Grove, Ill.



James Foster. 038

Served in the Civil War, Co D, 137th Regiment, Ind Inf. He was assigned to guard the railroad in Tenn and Ala, Dept. of the Cumberland, 1864. Enter service as a Private, discharged as a Sergeant.

Harrison Flora. 199

b. 30 Jun 1841, Stark Co, Ohio. *Served in Civil War with Co D, 107 Ohio Inf.*
d. 15 Feb 1903. Died at home, 3 mi So of Manchester. Surv by wife Mary E. (Sinclair), who he married 29 Jan 1867 in Stark Co, Ohio, and 8 children. They moved to Abilene Ks for one year in 1873, then Flora Twp. farm where two more children were born. Mary died 22 Mar 1888.
m.2. 27 Oct 1891 in West Point, Ind. to Miss Clara Jane Howenstine, b. 5 Jan 1855 at Canton, Ohio, returning to DKCO. One daughter was born to Harrison and Clara. She died in Kansas City, Mo, 21 May 1934. Harrison served in the state legislature; Flora Twp is named after him.

Hiram C. Harvey. 121

b. 6 Jan 1840, Amestown, Ohio, at age 6 moved to Deavertown, Ohio where he grew up.
Served in the Civil War, Co A, Ohio 62nd Inf., Enlist 18 Sept 1861, Mustered Aug 14, 1865.
d. 10 Nov 1926.
m. 1869 to Margaret Marshall of Deavertown. Hiram and Margaret moved to DKCO in the fall of 1870. Hiram served in the state legislature in the 1880's. They had five children, two who were living at the time of Margaret's death 13 Nov 1921, Harry C. & May M.

Thomas C. Iliff 188

b. 4 Mar 1842 in Perry Co Ohio, one of ten children. *Served in the Civil War, Co A, 62 Ohio Inf.*
m. 14 Sept 1865 at McLuney Station, Perry Co Ohio to Sarah Ellen Rees. They moved to Marshall Co, Ill in 1868 and on to DKCO Ks in 1870, settling 10 mi NW of Abilene. They had seven children. Thomas moved into Abilene in 1900.
d. 28 Dec 1909.



Edward C. Loper.

272

b. 4 Sept 1818 *Served in the Civil War in Co E, 36th Regiment, Iowa Inf.* Age at enlistment 44, Private. Promotion 8th Corporal, 19 Feb 1863. 7th Corp 20 Sept 1863, 5th Corp 27 Nov 1864, mustered out 24 Aug, 1865 at DeVall's Bluff, Ark.

m. Dorcas M.A. Loper.

d. 29 Aug 1881.

Frederick Luker.

285

b. 2 Aug 1827 in Germany, coming to the US in 1848 living in Cincinnati, Ohio; later moving to Lawrenceburg, Ind. *Served in the Civil War with an Ind. regiment.* .

m. Angeline M. ____ also born in Germany in 1857. They moved to Kansas after the war; having 5 children, 3 preceded him in death.

d. 3 Nov 1906.

H.B. (Hugh Brady) McCune.

283

b. 18 Sept 1844, Cumberland Co, Penn. *Served in the Civil War.*

m. 1871 to Martha Patterson (d. Jul 1892). H.B. and Martha moved to Kansas in 1879 with 3 children, settling at Keystone. In the 1880 census, H.B. and family lived in Chapman Twp Clay Co. KS.

m. 2 1895 to Mrs. Joseph McCune of Cumberland Co, Penn.

d. d. 6 Sept 1917 at home in Manchester, surv By wife and 9 children.

Hugh McVicker.

260

b. 18 Apr 1829 in Ill. *Served in the Civil War, Co A, 2 Ill Light Arty.*

m. 12 Nov 1867 in Marshall Co, Ill to Sarah Anna ____, div. May 1871 in Marshall Co, Ill. Hugh moved to DKCO 1871.

m. 2 6 Sept 1874 in Fayette Co, Ind. to Elizabeth Webb. They had 3 children.

d. 7 Sept 1908.



John Miller.

No marker 338

b. Feb 1834. *Served in the Civil War with Co G, 33 Ohio Inf.*

m. 19 Mar 1870 at Circleville, Pickaway Co, Ohio to Mary Corkwell. They had 4 children.

d. 28 Jan 1910 Living 3 mi. NE of Manchester, in Flora Twp, John was killed by his son, David Todd Miller, who was sentenced to prison a year later, 1911.

William Munson.

113

b. 1837, in Ohio. *Served in the Civil War, Co D, 82 Vol Inf.*

m. Alice _____. In 1880 census, the family was in Flora Twp, living with his father-in-law, Moses Curtis (Civil War Veteran). In 1902 the family moved to Missouri. In 1917 he moved Junction City.

d. 3 Aug 1922, In Junction City, surv by his wife and 4 children.

John N. Penwell.

209

b. 18 May, 1845 in Michigan. *Served in Civil War, Co K, 47 Iowa Inf.* Lived in Wapello Co, Iowa until moving to Shawnee Co, Ks in Mar 1877, where he lived with his half-sister until moving to Manchester in 1887.

d. 9 Jan 1914.

George R. Richards.

460

b. 8 Apr 1846, Richland, Ohio, born George R. Beevins. In 1861 his parents, George & Lucinda Joice, allowed Alfred Richards (who was probably Lucinda's first husband) to adopt him and he took the name George R. Richards. *Served in Civil War with Co F, 1 Ohio Light Arty.*

m. 7 June 1866 at Mansfield, Ohio to Mary Mellissa Iler. They had five children, 3 dying in infancy. The family moved to DKCO in Oct 1877.

d. 29 Nov 1929. He was the last Civil War veteran living in Manchester.

Adam L. Saylor.

334

b. 4 Aug 1840. Lebanon Co, Penn. *Served in the Civil War with Co F, 93 Penn Inf.*

m. 1 Mar 1867 to Sarah G. Mark. They had 11 children. The family moved to DKCO in April 1867, settling on a farm near Enterprise. They moved to Talmage in 1883.

d. 14 Mar 1922 at home in Talmage.

John Snowden.

137

b. 29 Apr 1829, Armstrong Co, Penn. *Served in the Civil War with Co M, 2 Penn Cav.*

m. 4 May 1852 to Eliza Ellenberger, in Jefferson Co., Penn. After the war, they lived in Armstrong Co, Penn until the spring of 1878, when they moved to Ottawa Co, Ks.

d. 10 Jan 1909 in soldier's home in Leavensorth, Ks.

William W. Stotler.

213

b. 30 Mar. 1843 in Wayne Co, Ohio., moving to LaSalle Co., Ill. as a boy. *Served in Civil War with 66 Ill. Inf. & the 7 Ill. Cav.* After the war he farmed for 7 yrs. in Livingston Co., Ill, then moved to DKCO, settling 2 mi. SE of Manchester.

m. 19 Jan 1876 in LaSalle Co., Ill. To Elizabeth Edwards. They had 6 children.

d. 8 Jun 1929 at home near Manchester.

Alonzo L. Vickers.

110

b. 26 Oct 1837 at Washington, Fayette Co, Ohio. His mother died when he was 6 wks old and he was raised by his grandmother at Rossville, Ohio. *Served in the Civil War with 32 Ohio Inf. He participated in the Battles of Greenbrier River, Winchester, Harper's Ferry, Vicksburg, Resaca, and traveled all the way to Atlanta with General Sherman. He was wounded at Vicksburg, but never missed a call.*

m.1. 7 Oct 1866 at Roseville to Sarah M. Lewellyn. They had 10 children, one dying in infancy. They moved to DKCO in 1877, where he bought the SE ¼ in Section 27 of Flora Twp for \$780.84. Wife, Sarah, died 28 Aug 1885.

m.2. 12 Oct 1887 to Annie Smart in Solomon. They had 1 son and 1 daughter. . He served as a board member of both the Harvey and Flora schools. He sold his farm to Walter Jolitz in 1902 and moved to Abilene.

d. 9 Nov 1917.

Robert C. Wilson.

192

b. Kentucky. *Served in the Civil War with Co F, 69 Ohio Inf.*

m. 10 Jun 1847 to Rebecca Grove. After the war moved to Franklin Co., Ind. in 1866. They moved to DKCO in 1870, settling in Buckeye Twp. They had 4 sons & 5 daughters, 1 son & 1 dau died in infancy. Rebecca and Robert were instrumental in establishing a Methodist Sunday church in their home, with a circuit preacher who rode out from Abilene for services, and establishing the Prairiedale Methodist Church in the current cemetery.

d. 11 Jun 1883. Rebecca continued as a leader in the church and moving it in to Talmage. Pg. 6

