Moniteau County

Dale, George Frederick

(24 Jul 1844- 13 May 1940) General Order No 3 Militia for Moniteau and Cooper Counties from March 27- July 11, 1865 (Capt. J.B. Calhoun's Co., Enrolled Missouri Militia)



Was born July 24, 1844 in Jasper County and grew up near Joplin. He was one of the six children of Robert Jessie and Oliver Cox Dale. The family moved to a farm northeast of

California, MO during the Civil war after conditions had become such in Jasper County that they could no longer live there.

He enrolled March 29, 1865 at Tipton, MO as a Private in Captain J. B. Calhoun's Company organized under provisions of General Order No. 3. He was discharged July 11, 1865 by General Beveridge.

Mr. Dale was self-educated through home study and became a teacher soon after coming here. He taught for 17 years in Cooper and Moniteau Counties.

Following the Civil War, he helped build the first telegraph line connecting Kansas City, Jefferson City, St. Louis and St. Joseph, MO.

On March 12, 1874, he married Susan M. Harris and they farmed 3 miles northeast of California, MO. They had four daughters and one son.

His wife died March 31, 1933.

When Mr. Dale was 93 years old, accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Maggie Strother, he attended the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

He died at the age of 95 on May 13, 1940 and was the last surviving Civil War Veteran in Moniteau County. He was buried in the Burke Addition/Crown Hill Cemetery, California, MO (bio by: Bev)