

Perry Martin 1935

A bio on Perry Martin has yet to be found. So there is the best information so far.

Perry Martin's death certificate states that he was born on March 12, 1847 in Milwaukee, WI to Perry & Julia Martin of Scotland. He was married to Helen Mausehund (born btwn 1869-1872, Iowa), who survived him. Our Perry joined Ransom Post 107 in St. Louis and later in 1935 became Department Commander of the Missouri GAR. From at least 1930 (census records) to the date of death, he lived in St. Louis. His last residence was 3529 North 9th St.

Another Perry Martin shows up on census records married to Helen [Lena] and both of these were residents of East St. Louis, IL in 1920 and also in 1900. His wife had a child, Kattie [1900 census], who he helped raise. Since all the information about birth place of parents and wife matches, we can assert that this is the same Perry Martin as our Missouri Commander.

Perry, while he was living in East St. Louis was a member of the Irwin McDowell Post #507, G.A.R. He represented his camp at the 44th Department Encampment [1909].

One researcher has his service listed as being a private in Co. F, 31st Wisconsin Infantry. That



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connects him to a person listed as P. Martin who was a member of the Gen. Chester Harding Post 182 in St. Joseph, MO [1895 Missouri Department Roster]. However, that conflicts with certain information. The only P. Martin on the rolls of the 31st Wisconsin Co. F or any company, was a Patrick Martin. Patrick is not Perry. So that indicates that the man in St. Joseph most likely was named Patrick and is not our commander.

There is a Perry Martin on the rolls of Company E, 30th Wisconsin Infantry and that may present a problem. The Perry Martin on the rolls of the 30th enlisted on 12/1/1863 and is listed as deserting 5/13/1864, which would seem to disqualify him for even being in the GAR. Many soldiers, however, had their records cleaned up from accounting mistakes.

There also appear to be two other mentions of Perry Martins in the Civil War in Wisconsin. One was a member of Hancock's Corps (organized under general orders 287 dated 28 Nov. 1864) and the other is a Perry D. Martin of Sun Prairie, WI who enlisted on 8 Mar 1865 in Co. C, 9th US Regiment and was mustered out on 7 Mar 1866. So some additional research on the commander is needed.

As far as other Perry Martins, Illinois reportedly had some also, so we really need to find a bio of him around the time of his death.

Perry Martin passed away at his home on 11 Oct 1936 due to chronic myocarditis. He was buried in Friedens Cemetery, 8941 N Broadway St Louis, MO 63137. Cemetery records indicate he is in Section G, Lot 47. His wife survived him passing away in 1961.