

Wright County

Clouse , James Columbus D.

(6 Feb 1846 Hamilton Co, TN - 28 Jun 1946
Wright County, MO)

Co. E, 5th Regt. Tenn. Inf., Lived in Mountain
Grove for 70 years.

Parents were George Washington Clouse (1813 -
1889) and Nancy Ann McInturff (1816 - 1890).

Spouses were Tennessee Kincannon (1847 -
1890) and Margarett Miranda Tillery (1861 -
1940)

Buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Mountain Grove,
Wright County, MO Plot: NE 1st 107-3

“LAST SOLDIER” MARKER DEDICATION FOR JAMES COLUMBUS CLOUSE On Saturday, May 13, members of Phelps Camp dedicated its first “Last Soldier” marker in Hillcrest Cemetery in Mountain Grove, Missouri.

The marker honors James Columbus Close, the last surviving Union Civil War veteran in Wright County. He died in 1946 at the age of 100. Clouse served in the 5th Tennessee Infantry (U.S.), a regiment that saw action in the Western Theater.

Members have discussed placing the next “Last Soldier” marker in Jasper County, Missouri.



James C. Clouse Dies Friday, Was 100 Years Old

James Columbus Clouse, son of George and Nancy Clouse and the 8th of a family of 13 children was born February 6, 1846, in Hamilton County, Tenn., about 25 miles from Chatanooga, and died at his home in Mountain Grove Friday morning at 9:35 June 28, 1946, at the age of 100 years, 4 months and 22 days. A grand soldier who fought a great battle of life and during his 3 months illness was a kind and patient sufferer.

In the summer of 1862, when he was 16, he with his oldest brother William, left home to join the union forces, three older brothers were already in the union army. He served until July 27, 1865, took part in battles Chickamauga, Lookout Mt., Atlanta, Chatanooga, Stone River, Nashville, Resaca, Franklin, Kenasaw Mtn. Peach Tree Creek and Georgia campaign with Sherman.

When he was past 90 years old he wrote detailed reminiscences of his war career—from a memory of more than 70 years ago. He was an active member of the G. A. R. as long as there was a post at Mountain Grove.

After the war he returned to his home in Tennessee. On November 27, 1870, he was married in Tennessee Kincannon. Of this union two children were born.

In 1891 he married Margaret Miranda Tillery. To this union four children were born.

Mr. Clouse moved to the Mountain Grove district in the late 70's and bought a farm there, three miles east of town in 1879.

He moved to the home where he spent the last years of his life, post in 1936.

He was a leader in Masonry in Mountain Grove for some 50 years, Chaplain of several bodies for about 35 years, until failing hearing led him to relinquish the post in 1936.

He was an organizer and original stockholder of the Mountain Grove National Bank; for about 22 years a member of the Walnut Grove district school board, much of that time as chairman, and was an active member of the Free Will Baptist church. For a time he was