

# Edwin R. Durham      1888

Pretty sure we got the right person here. Listed as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt in the Bethany Guards in the 1890 Adjutant General's Report for Missouri. Teacher in the 1880s and later in life Clerk of United States Eighth Circuit Court, Western District.

## EDWIN R. DURHAM.

Edwin R. Durham, who is serving for the third term as United States marshal for the western district of Missouri, was born at Canton, Illinois, August 1, 1853. His grandfather, Adam Durham, was a farmer, living in New Jersey. He was descended from a family of English lineage. Jonathan M. Durham, the father, came to Illinois in 1850 and located in Fulton county. He was also a farmer by occupation. He enlisted for service in the Civil war in August, 1862, as a member of the Eighty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and died in the hospital at Bowling Green, Kentucky, January 18, 1863. His wife, Mary N. (Brown) Durham, a native of Virginia, is now living in Harrison county, Missouri.

Edwin R. Durham, having spent the first twelve years of his life in the state of his nativity, accompanied his mother to Harrison county in 1886 and there attended the country schools until 1871. When he returned to Illinois, continuing his education in the graded schools and the academy at Prairie City, that state. He finished his course there in 1874 and returned to Harrison county, Missouri, in 1875. He afterward engaged in teaching in the country schools for several years prior to the time when he entered upon official service as a deputy in the office of the county collector. For two years he filled that position and for thirteen years was deputy county clerk. He also held other township and city offices at Bethany, Harrison county, Missouri, and in 1895 was appointed chief clerk of the department of education at Jefferson City, which office he held until July 1, 1898, when he received the appointment from President McKinley to the position of United States marshal for the western district of Missouri. He was again appointed by President Roosevelt in 1902 and once more in 1906, so that his present term will cover a service of twelve years in that office—years marked by the utmost fidelity in the discharge of his duties.

On the 14th of February, 1877, Mr. Durham was married to Miss Lottie McClure, a daughter of Joseph McClure, of Bethany, Missouri. They have two children: Grace, the wife of Charles E. Scovorn, bookkeeper for the Long-Bell Lumber Company of Kansas City; and Bertie Virginia, who became the wife of L. B. Hanson, of Glenwood, Iowa, and died October 18, 1890.

Mr. Durham holds membership with the Kansas City Athletic Club and with the Masonic lodge. In politics he is a stalwart republican, and in Harrison county served for several years as chairman of the republican county central committee, and also as a

member of the congressional and judiciary committees. He belongs to the Christian church and is interested in many good works done in the name of charity and religion. He is now president of the Kansas City Hospital Day Association, which he aided largely in organizing. It is a society for aiding Kansas City hospitals in doing charitable work.

His broad humanitarianism is manifest in many ways, while his deep and sincere interest in his fellowmen finds expression in the social disposition and genial nature that render him personally popular.

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Birth: Aug. 5, 1853 Illinois, USA

Death: Nov. 7, 1932 Kansas City, Jackson County, MO

MO Death Certificate 35693

Father: Jonathan Durham of Pennsylvania

Mother: Mary Brown of Virginia

Wife: Charlotte "Lottie" McClure Durham of Missouri

Married 14 Feb 1875 in Harrison County, MO

Daughters: Grace Joe Durham Scovern and Byrd (Berta) Scovern Hanson

Living at 3208 Broadway at the time of death

Informant: Lottie Durham, wife

Family links:

Spouse: Charlotte McClure Durham (1861 - 1946)\*

Children: Grace Joe Durham Scovern (1877 - 1923)\*

Burial: Mount Moriah Cemetery , Kansas City, Jackson County MO