

# Colonel Wells H Blodgett – 37<sup>th</sup> IL Inf

NAME	RANK	UNIT	ACTION	ENLISTMENT LOCATION	BIRTH / LOCATION	DEATH / LOCATION	CEMETERY LOCATION	MOH MARKER PRESENT	CITATION
Blodgett, Wells H.	Colonel	37th Ill. Inf Co. D	1st Newtonia, MO 30 Mar 1862	Chicago, Ill	Downer's Grove 29 Jan 1839	St. Louis, MO 8 May 1929	Bellefontaine #67-2947, St. Louis, MO	No	With a single orderly, captured an armed picket of 8 men and marched them in prisoners



Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. Blodgett entered the service as a first lieutenant, 37th Illinois Infantry. About a year later, he & a lone orderly captured an armed picket of eight men near Newtonia, Missouri & marched them in as prisoners. Soon after that, he was promoted to captain in his regiment & was promoted again 2 months later & assigned as judge advocate of the Army of the Frontier. Finally, Blodgett was promoted to lieutenant colonel & colonel in the 48th Missouri Infantry. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his action at Newtonia.

Spouse: Emma Dickson (1845 - 1932)