

Scott County

Briggs, Joseph Jackson

(25 Dec 1848 – 21 Jun 1945)

Co E, 51st IL Inf



Sikeston, MO.
He lived at the
time of death
in St. Louis
City on 2817
Watson Rd for
just one year.
He was listed
as a Sikeston
resident in the
1943 GAR
National
Encampment
records and as
being present
there. Buried
Charleston,
MO.

[Photo: Joseph L Briggs of Sikeston, MO from St Louis Post in 2012]

The Sikeston Herald, 28 June 1945

Last Civil War Veteran Called

Funeral services for Joseph (Bidly) Briggs, Sikeston's last Civil War Veteran and one of the very few in Missouri, were held Sunday afternoon at the Church of the Nazarene, with the pastor, Rev. J.W. Hoffert, officiating. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery near Charleston with Albritton service.

Mr. Briggs, who for many years was a familiar figure on Sikeston streets, died Thursday night, June 21, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Virginia Geiger, in St. Louis. He had made his home with her for the past year and a half.

The 96-year-old veteran of the Grand Army of the Republic was born in Illinois on Christmas Day, 1848, and at the age of 17 enlisted in the Union Army. The battles of the Civil War and the election of Abraham Lincoln to the presidency were the highlights of Mr. Briggs' life, and he would recount his experiences for any who listened. His memory was remarkable, as was his physical vigor.

Military funeral services were held in St. Louis Friday, after which the body was brought here. Besides his daughter in St. Louis, Mr. Briggs is survived by two sons, Charles Briggs of Sikeston and Fran Briggs of Long Beach, Calif., and two daughters, Mrs. Eva Nash of St. Louis and Mrs. Mary Climpit of Louisiana.

Sanders, John Mack (8 Feb 1849 – 16 Nov 1932)
Born in Missouri. Private in the Scott (County) Home Guards.(He was just a teenager). He retells the story of how he was shot at (with a flint-lock rifle - he could tell, because he heard it, although couldn't see who was firing it) while crossing the farm fields on the family farm. Not buried in the Sanders Family Cemetery