

Wayne County

Lindsay, Joseph Fremont

(9 Jan 1851- 25 Jun 1938)

Pvt. Co F 50th Missouri Infantry. Mustered in
Nov 26, 1864.

Joseph about the age of 10, witnessed a courier on horseback delivering to Col Ulysses Grant his promotion to Brigadier General. About 3 years later, Joseph and some other boys went fishing east of town probably on Stout's creek near the shut-ins and encountered men with southern accents on horseback. These men wanted to know the number of Yankee soldiers and cannons at Ironton. The boys answered they did not know. These men told Joseph and his friends to tell no one about their encounter. Joseph told his father at the supper table about this episode.



When it became obvious that General Price and the confederates would be invading the Arcadia Valley, 13 year old Joseph claiming to be 18 enlisted in the Union Army. Since Joseph was quite tall for his age the



family thought he would be taken prisoner or killed if he was left at home. His mother altered a uniform for Joseph and he became the drummer boy for Co F, 50th Mo Inf the unit captained by his older brother Robert. On September 26, 1864, Joseph and his fellow soldiers went to Ft Davidson to prepare for the coming battle with Gen Price. During the two days of fighting he hauled ammunition for the cannon, distributed food and water to his fellow soldiers, helped tend to the wounded, dragged deceased soldiers away from the fort, took care of the horses, and did many other things he was too tired to remember. After dark he helped gather blankets, spare coats, trousers, feed sacks, and other items that they used to wrap the wagon wheels and the hoofs of the horses to muffle the sound as they escaped to the north. Joseph continued with his unit until arriving at Rolla and was assigned to a calvary unit headed back to Arcadia Valley.

Died in St. Louis, so must determine residential status. Buried Masonic Cemetery, Hwy B, Piedmont, MO. Difficult to say if he should be listed for Wayne Co or in St. Louis. Lived in Piedmont for 40 years after war, but then in St.

Louis for 25 years. He maintained his membership in the Piedmont GAR post throughout his life.

Stratton, Hampton House (24 Jun 1843 Obion Co, TN - 18 Sep 1937 Carter Co, MO)



Enl: Confederate
1862 Captured and kept prisoner; released 11 Mar 1863

Enl: Union 13 July 1864
Capt. Cochran's Co C,
6th Missouri Enrolled Militia

Occupation was Farmer;
Died 1937 Buried

Chapel Hill Cemetery,

Carter Co MO; near Williamsville. Pictured with his wife Nancy Ann Hedrick (1845 - 1905)