

# Arkansas Grand Army of the Republic Commander 1901

## William G Akers, Sr

Birth: Aug. 21, 1841

Death: Sep. 5, 1925

Burial: Roselawn Memorial Park, Little Rock, Pulaski County, AR

From the History of Arkansas page 1497, excerpts of a long article. Wm G. Akers attended the academy of River Fall, Wisconsin and St. Louis University. He was attending the University when the civil war began at age 20 and he enlisted at Fort Snelling, Minn on Sept 1861 as a private in co E third Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. He proceeded with his outfit to the front and served in active operations in Kentucky and Tennessee. He took part in battles of Shiloh, Fort Donelson and Murfreesboro plus many other minor engagements. He was captured at battle of Murfreesboro on July 13 1862 and received his parole sent to Nashville, Tenn and to Benton Barracks, Missouri to be exchanged.. He was permitted to return to Minnesota to help subdue Sioux Indians and the 3rd Minnesota did this duty as part of their parole. Wm was now made an officer and passed through those grades to the rank of Captain of his regiment and served through the Siege of Vicksburg and accompanied his regiment to Arkansas under General Steele. Captain Akers was acting adjutant and in charge of the guardianship of the Supreme Court library of the capital at Little Rock.. He continued active service in Arkansas until the end of the war and he was honorably discharged at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota on 10 Oct 1865, Captain Akers married Ann Eliza Morris McClure on 28 Aug 1865 in Jacksonport, Ark. He determined to establish a permanent home in Arkansas and located himself in Jacksonport and then in 1868 he was elected county clerk of Jackson County and he moved to Clayton Co in 1872 and was sheriff in 1873, He then in 1881 moved permanently to Little Rock. He was appointed in 1896 to the internal revenue service and in 1902 he was chief deputy

U.S. Marshal for the eastern district of the State of Arkansas. He was affiliated with the GAR ;and commander of Arkansas Dept in 1891-2. Member of the Missouri commandery of the Military Order of the Loyal legion of the U.S. Captain and Mrs Akers had one son after 20 years of marriage, William G. Akers Jr who practiced law in Little Rock. The son died 4 Jan 1940.

Spouse: Anna E Morris Akers (1846 - 1924)

Children: William G Akers (1886 - 1949)

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