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Walter Busch <webusch@hotmail.com> From:

Sent: Friday, June 29, 2007 12:19 PM

To: robertseater@klmtel.net cc : webusch@hotmail.com

Subject: RE: Fw: INFORMATION ON MT MCGREGOR, POST 252.

Here is some information below on the post. You are showing a lot of interest in this and I hope this encourages you to join the Sons of Union Veterans, as we are dedicating to gathering info on the GAR posts, cemeteries, monuments, preserving their memory and restoring cemeteries, tombstones and monuments.

While it is far away for many of our members, we might be able to get some people interested in helping clean up the area.

If you have more questions, please don't hesitate to write.

Walt Busch

The Mt. MCGregor Post 252 was formed in the town of Metz (Sprague), Mo. and mustered into the GAR between 1885 and In 1901 they had 20 members in good standing. The post met on the 4th Saturday at 2pm. The commander in 1891 was W.E. Rice and its adjutant was J. Sartorius. The commander in 1903 was Alex Cox and in 1904 was W.B.S. Gault.

Some of the death records the post turned in that are listed in the Department Encampment Books are listed below. Much more info on the post can be found at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/metz\_gar\_members.htm

Clark, Jesse / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 72. See rpt. for 1892, pp. 107-111.

Cole, Nath / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 59. See rpt. for 1902, pp. 49-53.

Hudson, J G / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: unk. See rpt. for 1909, pp. 26-32.

Ingram, W. B. / Member post

#252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 49. See rpt. for 1889, pp. 99-102.

Sartorius, Jno A / Member post 1252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 82. See rpt. for 1902, pp. 49-53.

Stout, Elijah / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: unk. See rpt. for 1908, pp. 35-41.

- 1. WHO HAS THE GAR RECORDS? If they still exist, they might be in a local historical society or in someone descended from the last secretary-treasurer in their attic.
- 2. WHO HAS THE GAR REPORTS? See above
- 3. WHEN WAS THE POST OFFICIALLY CLOSED? Unknown. Since it was in a smaller town, I would guess not later than 1920.
- 4. WHEN DID BALLTOWN CEMETERY (THEN CALLED LITTLE OSAGE CEMETERY) DONATE THE LAND TO GAR? Unknown, the GAR MAY have bought the land. Whatever lots in the cemetery were given/bought by the local GAR are now the property of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It would be interesting to find out if more lots that are unused were owned by the GAR, as the Sons have a policy of turning these over to needy veterans' families.
- 5. WHO HAS THE GAR CHARTER? Unknown.
- 6. WOULD THE POST CLOSE WHEN THE LAST MEMBER DIED OR WOULD IT BE CLOSED PRIOR? It would probably close not long after a couple of years of being unable to muster the required number of members to maintain their charter.

ANY INFORMATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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#### Grand Army of the Republic - Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, Metz, Missouri

Mt. McGregor Post, No. 252, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized at Sprague, November 28, 1885, with thirty-one members. The Post was moved to Metz in October, 1895. Meetings are held occasionally at the homes of the members. The present members of the Post are James Bradburn, John Stack, G. W. Charles, A. Cox, R. C. Elder, Thomas Foreman, M. E. Frazier, Thomas Irvin, T. Bogan, J. W. Carlisle, W. F. Gault, and Leroy Taylor. M. E. Frazier is commander and John Stack, quartermaster and adjutant.

From the 1911 History of Vernon County.

The significance of the name 'Mt. McGregor."

Please help us identify each of these distinguished gentlemen of the Metz / Sprague community.



Several of the men have a ribbon pinned to their jacket or vest, signifying the Grand Army of the Republic. Photo courtesy of Georgia Charles. Can you please help us identify them?

Click on this thumbnail for a large photo of the left half of the group. It may take a couple of minutes to open.



This is the right half of the group — note the ribbons which they are wearing.

Please email any information about this group to **TriCountyGenealogy**.

Mt. McGregor Membership and burials in G.A.R. section at Balltown Cemetery.

#### **MEMORIAL ADDRESS**

Rev. W. B. Warner Spoke to a Large Congregation Last Sunday.

The G. A. R. memorial services at the M. E. church last Sunday was largely attended. The address was delivered by Rev. W. B. Warner of Brookfield and it was pronounced the most able sermon on such an occasion ever listened to in Metz.

The members of the Grand Army, fourteen in number, attended in a body and occupied seats near the front. They were: J. W. Carmichael, Col. J. G. Hudson, J. W. Carlisle, E. B. Weyand, A. Cox, James Bradburn, J. T. Armstrong, T. Bogan, H. Harrison, M. Shea, S. B. England, Thos. Irwin, Elijah Stout and Henry Cox.

Rev. Warner's appearance did not indicate that he was possessed with ability for the occasion, but his listeners soon learned that his looks was deceiving and all gave careful attention to every word of his address.

Among other things he said: "Man must be measured by his place and condition. From Genesis to Revelation the words asks nothing of a man but to be a man and fill a man's place. It is a glorious thing to meet the responsibility of the hour. We are told that Moses's grave was unmarked and no man knows of his sepulchre to this day. It is not a question of where men die as how they lived and what they lived for. No shaft or granite marks the spot where the great law giver of Israel was buried. But he is not without his monument. His own life's history was his great monument. As the number of the braves of the sixties grow smaller their achievements grow brighter. A man's life of self sacrifice is a man's greatest monument. The measurement of every man's life is his deeds. The battles of the war of the sixties is history. The fields were bravely and hotly contested. There is on this day a battle of life. Do you trust in the God of nations—He who is the arbiter of nations? If you do you will be mustered out and go home. You can look back on your war record and say I have done my duty, but in those forty years since have you done your duty to God?"

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, June 1, 1906, page 1.

#### IN MEMORY OF DEAD

A Large Crowd Visited Balltown Cemetery Wednesday.

Between five and eight hundred people attended the Decoration day exercises at Balltown cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

The exercises were conducted by the G. A. R. post and the graves of the soldiers of the sixties were decorated with flowers and the national colors.

The program rendered is as follows:

Song-The Beautiful Story, by the Horton Sunday school.

Prayer, by Dr. G. W. Petty of Nevada.

Song-Rock of Ages, by Metz Christian Sunday school.

http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/metz\_gar.htm

Address of Welcome, by Rev. A. Cox of Metz.

Song, by the Otterbern (Otterbein?) Sunday school.

Song, by the Metz Christian Sunday school.

Address, by Rev. U. S. G. Prowell of Rich Hill.

While Rev. Prowell was speaking a team of the W. of W. lodge of Rich Hill arrived and proceeded to unveil a monument at the grave of a member of that order. The crowd was attracted to the scene and Rev. Prowell cut his address short.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, June 1, 1906, page 1.

#### IN MEMORY OF DEAD

#### Rev. M. A. Wolfe Delivered the Memorial Address Last Sunday.

Rev. M. A. Wolfe delivered the G. A. R. memorial sermon at the M. E. church last Sunday at 11 a.m. The church was filled to overflowing and the crowd listened to an excellent sermon by the well known Baptist minister. Rev. Wolfe said this was his first sermon on an occasion of this kind. He took for his text the words of Paul: "I have fought a good fight," and for almost an hour held the close attention of the congregation.

Mt. McGregor Post, G. A. R., attended in a body and occupied seats near the front. Special music was rendered by the M. E. choir.

#### **Decoration Day.**

The rain yesterday interfered with the program for the Decoration Day ceremonies at Balltown cemetery. The attendance was small and the addresses and songs had to be dispensed with. The weather did not hinder the decoration part, however, for flowers were placed on the graves of twenty-six departed heroes.

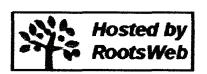
The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, May 31, 1907, page 1.

Excerpt from the Metz Times, September 28, 1917 obituary of <u>Inomas Foreman</u>: ... He was a charter member of Winslow Post No. 107, G. A. R., at Agency, Ia., and on coming to Metz joined Mt. McGregor Post No. 252 and was one of its ranks until it was disbanded. ...

Excerpt from the Metz Times, March 20, 1927 obituary of <u>James M. Bradburn</u>: ...He was a member of Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, G. A. R., his death leaving but two members of that organization...

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# Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, Grand Army of the Republic Metz, Vernon County, Missouri (originally organized at Sprague, Bates County)

Name	Unit	Cemetery
ARMSTRONG, James Thomas	Sgt. Co A 83 III. Inf.	Balltown
BOGAN, Thompson	Cpl. Co K 14 Ohio Inf.	Lawrence
BRADBURN, James M.	Pvt. Co A 85 III. Inf.	Balltown
CARLISLE, John Wesley	Pvt. Co A 62 Ohio Inf.	Balltown
CHARLES, George Washington	Pvt. Co B 14 Kan. Cav.	Newton
COX, Alexander	Pvt. Co F 2 Mo. Cav.	Lawrence
COX, Henry	Pvt. Co B 14 Kan. Inf.	
ELDER, Robert C.	Pvt. Co H 6 Mo. Inf.	Green Mound
ENGLAND, S. B.		
FOREMAN, Thomas	Co C 57 Ohio Vol. Inf.	Balltown
FRAZIER, Milton Evans	Cpl. Co B 73rd Ind. Inf.	Balltown
GAULT, W. F.		
HARRISON, Henry William	Cpl. Co G 49 Ind. Inf.	Balltown

HUDSON, John Gifford	Colonel; Brevet General. 60 U.S. Col'd Inf.	Pryor Creek	
IRVIN/ERVIN, Thomas			
KLEEN, Ernest	NY	Balltown	
SHEA, M.		·	
STACK, John		Balltown	
STACK, John STOUT, Elijah	Cpl. Co A 45th En. Mo. Mil.	Balltown Balltown	
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# Burials in the G.A.R. Lot at Balltown Cemetery

Name	Unit	Cemetery
BRADBURN, James M.	Pvt. Co A 85 III. Inf.	Feb. 18, 1844 - Mar 14, 1925 Balltown <u>9</u> /
BRADBURN, Samuel A.	Cpl. Co D 47 III. Inf.	Balltown 1/
BRAMBLE, John N.	Pvt. Co H 53 III. Inf.	Balltown 2/
DAVIS, Hiram C. (served under name of JOHNSON, John H.)	Pvt. Co A 3 Wis. Cav.	Sep. 13, 1843 - Aug. 31, 1863 Balltown <u>3</u> /
DAVIS, Josiah	Co A 3 Wis. Cav.	Aug. 31, 1863 Balltown <u>3</u> /
GRIGGS, Richard	Co G, 5 MO S. M. Cav.	Balltown 4/
GRUMMONS, John	Pvt. Co A 3 Wis. Cav.	Balltown 4/
KELLY, George R.	Pvt. Co F 3 Wis. Cav.	Oct. 10, 1863 Balltown <u>5</u> /

JOHNSON, John H. (true name was DAVIS, H. C.)	Pvt. Co F 3 Wis. Cav.	Nov. 10, 1863 Balltown <u>6</u> /
STACK, John J.		Feb 14, 1840 - Mar 27, 1922 Balltown <u>7</u> / <u>8</u> /
STOUT, Elijah	Cpl. Co A 45 Enl. Mo. Mil.	Balltown 7/
WICKHAM, William T.		Mar. 18, 1883 Aged 38y2m20d Balltown <u>7</u> /
WILSON, James G.		Apr. 4, 1838 - Feb. 3, 1911 Balltown 7/8/

- 1/ Gravestone.
- 2/ Gravestone.
- 3/ Gravestone, In the Devil's Dominions by Charles W. Porter p. 103.
- 4/ Gravestone.
- 5/ Gravestone, In the Devil's Dominions by Charles W. Porter p. 97, editor comments.
- 6/ Gravestone, In the Devil's Dominions by Charles W. Porter p. 111.
- 7/ Gravestone.
- 8/ Death Certificate.
- 9/ Death Certificate and obituary; no gravestone.

Photos of gravestones are to be added.

Please note that this page was created November 4, 2006 and will be updated as additional information becomes available.

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Please contact us if you have photos or information to share on any of these Civil War Veterans.

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# JAMES THOMAS ARMSTRONG

#### THE DEATH ROLL

#### J. T. ARMSTRONG DIED SATURDAY NIGHT

J. T. Armstrong died at his home near Arthur at 7:40 o'clock Saturday evening, after a few days illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Arthur Baptist church, conducted by Rev. W. B. Bull, and the remains were buried at Balltown cemetery.

James Thomas Armstrong was born in Sangamon county, Illinois, February 10, 1842. Growing to manhood he was married in that state. Seven children were born to them. In 1884 he came with his family to this county and located on the farm near Arthur where he died. His wife passed away in 1899. He was married the second time and seven children was the result of the union. Twelve of the fourteen children survive him.

During the conflict of the sixties he served three and one-half years on the Federal side and was in some of the great engagements of the war.

He was a member of Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, G. A. R., an organization which the grim reaper is rapidly diminishing in number. Deceased had been a member of the Metz M. E. church, South, for a number of years and was a faithful believer in the doctrine of christianity.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, December 13, 1912.

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### THOMPSON BOGAN

Uncle Thomp Bogan Laid to Rest Sunday

Uncle Thomp Bogan passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Oscar E. Worthington, in the Center View neighborhood, at 10 o'clock last Friday night. He had been a sufferer from brights disease for some time and for a month had been bedfast. Funeral services were held at Center View church Sunday at 11 o'clock a.m., conducted by Rev. E. W. Fickinger of Nevada, assisted by Rev. J. S. Durfee, pastor of Center View church. Burial was in Lawrence cemetery.

The pall bearers were two of Uncle Thomp's close friends, A. Sartorius and C. R. Leneve, and four of his grandsons, Thaddaeus and Roy Worthington and George and Arthur Bogan.

Thompson Bogan was born in Clinton, Ind., January 14, 1842, and at his death was aged 82 years, 7 months and 29 days. At the age of 20 years he left home and friends to follow the flag, serving his country faithfully for four years in Co. K, 14th Ohio Inf. He was married to Sarah Elner Gillespey February 18, 1866. To this union four children were born—James Andrew, William David, Samuel Cevigna and Carrie Jane. Of these two survive him—James A. Bogan and Carrie J. Worthington, both of the Center View neighborhood. He is also survived by two brothers and two sisters, Charley Bogan of McLean, Tex.; A. M. Bogan of Hume; Mrs. Liza Warner of Willow, Okla., and Mrs. Samantha Kerns of Hume; also eight grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. His wife, beloved and missed by all, preceded him to the grave two years, one month and twelve days.

In the year 1872 in a little log school house Thompson Bogan and wife became members of the United Brethren church. Faithfully they lived and faithfully they served their Lord and master. The Golden Ruse was the beautiful motto of their lives. They ever lived the Christ compassion toward their fellow man. This good old couple will long be remembered by all those who have felt the touch of their pure and upright lives.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, September 19, 1924.

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# JAMES M. BRADBURN

Uncle Jim Bradburn Died Friday Morning

James M. Bradburn passed away at 12:15 o'clock Friday morning, aged 81 years and 23 days. Funeral services were held at the M. E. church Sunday at 1:30 o'clock p.m., conducted by Rev. B. W. Hughes of Stotesbury. Burial was in the G. A. R. lot in Balltown cemetery.

Deceased was born near Perryville, Ind., February 18, 1844. He was married to Catherine Conley February 18, 1856. The wife died March 4, 1901. He was married the second time to Armetha Dixon in May, 1902. She died a few years later.

On August 27, 1862, he enlisted in Co. H, 85th III. Inf., and served until June 6, 1865. Over fifty years ago he came to this locality and continued to reside here until his death. For the past eight years he made his home with Frank Howell and wife where he received the best of care and attention. He was a member of Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, G. A. R., his death leaving but two members of that organization. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Mary Vanaman, of Nevada.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, March 20, 1925.

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# JOHN W. CARLILE

From the 1887 History of Vernon County, Missouri. Brown & Co., p. 888:

#### JOHN W. CARLILE

(Farmer and Stock-raiser, Section 23, Post-office Little Osage).

Among other enterprising agriculturists of the northern portion of the county is John W. Carlile, who was born in Hampshire county, Va., October 20, 1832. His father, Archibald Carlile, a native of the same county, was of Scotch ancestry, and by occupation a farmer. John's mother before her marriage was Miss Sarah Zull, a Virginian by birth, but of German origin. John W. was the oldest of 10 children, and as such was kept busily occupied in attending to duties about the home farm, a calling with which he became familiar in a very early day. He was reared in Ohio, his parents having removed to Champaign county, that State, when he was six years old, and there his home continued to be until during the war, when he enlisted in the 62d Ohio volunteer infantry, serving for a year, when he was honorably discharged. Re-enlisting in the 156th Ohio, he continued in service until the close of the war, participating in a number of hard-fought battles, among which were Chatman Farm fight, Mill Spring, etc., going through as a member of the Army of the James until the surrender of Lee at Appomattox. After the war closed Mr. Carlile returned to Ohio, remaining occupied at his old calling until 1879, when he came to this county, and here he has since occupied an enviable place among the progressive, go-ahead citizens of the community. He is the owner of 164 acres of land and is cultivating it in a manner above reproach. January 29, 1863, Mr. C. married Miss Electa E. Faulkner, of Madison county, O., and daughter of Hiram F. Falkner and wife, who were marred (sic) April 20, 1837. Five sons and three daughters have blessed this union, and five of the number still survive: Sarah Elizabeth, William H., Alandon, Amy and George Irwin. Three are deceased: Oscar, Daisey and Joseph W. Mr. C. is a member of the G.A.R. He belongs to the United Brethern Church, in the affairs of which he takes active interest.

#### J. W. CARLILE DEAD

J. W. Carlile died at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home, three and one-half miles southeast of Metz, after an illness of about a week with pneumonia.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by Rev. U. S.

G. Prowell of Nevada, and the remains were buried at Balltown cemetery.

John W. Carlile was one of the old settlers of Vernon county. He was born in Hampshire county, Virginia, October 20, 1832, being the eldest of a family of ten children. When six years of age his

parents removed to Champaign county, Ohio. Here he continued to live until the war of the Rebellion was declared when he enlisted in the 62nd Ohio infantry. He also served in the 156th Ohio and participated in a number of hard fought battles.

He was married to Miss Electa E. Faulkner in Madison county, Ohio, January 29, 1863. Five sons and three daughters were born to them, five of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Sarah E. Pero, Wm. H., Alandon, Mrs. Amy Aerhart and Irvin.

Mr. Carlile was a member of Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, G. A. R. He was a member of Otterbein U. B. church and was regarded as a faithful christian. Mr. Carlile was a splendid citizen and numbered everyone as his friend.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, March 22, 1912.

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# GEORGE WASHINGTON CHARLES

G. W. Charles Died Thursday Morning

G. W. Charles, one of north Vernon's best known citizens and a pioneer settler, died at his home in Nevada at 9:30 o'clock last Thursday morning, after an illness of several weeks. "Aunt Sallie," his helpmeet and companion for more than fifty four years and their three sons and five daughters, with one exception, were at his bedside during his last hours. Funeral services were held at the home Saturday at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by Eld. Arthur Stout. Burial was in Newton Burial Park.

George Washington Charles was born December 14, 1841, near Harrisburg, Penn., and when a boy came with his father, Benjamin Charles, to Missouri, arriving at Balltown by ox team July 10, 1850. His father settled on the south part of Metz township on a farm a mile north of the farm deceased owned and lived on for so many years. There the son grew to manhood, experiencing all the trials and tribulations common to the people of the days before the war. When the Civil war cam on Mr. Charles went to Fort Scott and enlisted in Co. B., 14th Kansas cavalry.

On November 14, 1872, he was married to Miss Sarah A. Foraker, who survives, and at once settled on the farm where they resided until 1921 when they moved to Nevada.

Besides the devoted wife, eight children, four brothers and two sisters survive; also fifteen grand children. The children are Elmer Charles of Kansas City, Lincoln of Metz, Grant of Nevada, Mrs. Alice Sperry of Pueblo, Colo.; Mrs. W. O. Cox of Hotchkiss, Colo.; Mrs. Byrd Heathman of Rinehart; Mrs. George Clinton and Mrs. H. E. Young of Nevada. The brothers and sisters are Joseph W. Charles of Mounds, Okla.; Alex H. Charles of Santa Rosa, Calif.; D. W. and Henry Charles of Metz township, Mrs. Mary Wright of Grand Junction, Colo., and Mrs. Emma Wilhoit of Charlston, Kans.

"Uncle Wash," as his friends knew him, was a splended citizen and was respected by every one. He was among the pioneers of Vernon county and the only other families in this part of the county where he lived for 70 years, who have been here anywhere near as long are the Wrays and the Summerses. He was a true and loyal friend, a model citizen and loving husband and father.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, February 12, 1926.

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# **ALEXANDER COX**

#### **UNCLE ALEX. COX**

#### Passed Away at 2:30 Saturday Morning.

Uncle Alex Cox passed away at his home in Metz at 2:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

For a number of years he had been in feeble health, and finally complicated diseases got a firm hold and they, coupled with his age, were too much for medical skill to combat and only temporary relief could be given. His wife and family, who had long rendered every available assistance, were at his bedside during his last hours.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. church, South, Sunday at 1 o'clock. Rev. G. W. McClanahan preached the sermon and he was assisted during the service by Rev. W. S. Bayne and Rev. J. W. Owen. A large crowd was in attendance.

The honorary pall bearers were members of Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, G. A. R., of which deceased had long been a member.

The body was laid away in the Lawrence cemetery, north of Stotesbury.

Relatives from a distance who attended the funeral were: Joseph H. Cox and Eugene Cox and wife of Mena, Ark.; Charley Cox and two daughters, Nevada; Marion Cox, wife and four children, Foster; Clarence Cox and wife, George Cox, wife and two daughters and Charley McNamer, wife and daughter, Hume.

Alexander Cox was born at Marion, Williamson county, Illinois, June 11, 1839, and at his death was aged 76 years, 5 months and 1 day. He was the youngest and last surviving member of a family of eleven children. He often spoke of being so lonesome after all of them were gone.

In 1855 he removed to Mound City, Kans. Returning to Marion, III., the following year he was married February 7 to Elizabeth Sanders. To this union five children were born—Joseph H., Braxton, Marion F., Ollie and Wiley R. Braxton died at the age of 21 and Mrs. Ollie Dye at the age of 50. In 1859 he came with his family to Vernon county. In 1861 they returned to Mound City. His wife dying in 1871, he was later married to Amelia Ragains. Nine children were born to them—Johnnie, George, Alice, Jessie, Laura, Emma, Walter, Florence and Lizzie. Six of these children died in early childhood, the surviving being George, Jesse and Mrs. Charles McNamer. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

In 1874 he moved with his family to Bates county, Missouri, where they resided until 1880 and removed to Allen county, Kansas. In 1882 they returned to Vernon and located on a farm northwest of Metz where they resided until 1903 when they came to Metz. Here he continued to reside until

his death.

He served with credit in the Union army, in which he re-enlisted at the expiration of his term, serving till the close of the war.

He was converted at the age of about 18 years and became an active worker in his church, serving as Sunday school teacher a number of years. His church recognized in him ministerial gifts and he was ordained to preach in 1884 by the Missionary Baptist church. He was the successful pastor of several churches, but for a number of years had not been active in the ministry on account of his health.

He was a successful business man, being industrious, economical and straightforward in his dealings. He was a great fancier of cattle and horses, which he engaged in raising successfully while on the farm.

In his death the Metz Baptist church loses a faithful member and the town and community a good citizen.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, June 18, 1915.

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# HIRAM C. DAVIS



Hiram C. Davis
Private
Company F, 3rd Wisconsin Cavalry

Sep. 13, 1843 - Nov. 10, 1863

(Served under the name John H. Johnson)

Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, Grand Army of the Republic Burial Lot Balltown Cemetery, Horton, Vernon County, Missouri



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# ROBERT C. ELDER

#### **DEATH COMES TO R. C. ELDER**

#### 102-Year Old Veteran Of Civil War Is Dead

R. C. Elder, Civil War veteran and former resident of Harwood, who in June celebrated his 102nd birthday anniversary, died at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Herman Elder, near Walker, where he had lived the past several years.

Mr. Elder was born June 4, 1844, in Ohio. When 20 years old he enlisted for service in the Civil War at Little Rock, Ark, and until his death Mr. Elder held the reputation of being the only Civil War veteran in the county. A private in Company H, Sixth regiment, of the Missouri Infantry, he received his discharge Aug. 17, 1865.

On June 20, 1871, he was married to Augusta Hill at California, Mo., and nine children were born to the couple before Mrs. Elder died on March 10, 1887. His only surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs. Minnie Sheldon of Riverside, Calif., and Mrs. Mary Zimmerman of California, Mo., and several grandchildren.

On Oct. 30, 1892, at Rinehart, Mr. Elder was married to Susan Owen, who died on July 21, 1933. Three years later he married Mary Price.

Moving to Vernon county in 1906 Mr. Elder farmed and operated a sawmill. He moved to the Harwood community in 1932.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist church in Harwood and burial will be at the Harwood cemetery. The Waggoner Funeral home in Harwood will be in charge of services.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO. December 9, 1946.

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### **THOMAS FOREMAN**

#### THOMAS FOREMAN

#### Died at 12:15 o'clock Thursday Morning

Thomas Foreman passed away at his home one mile east of Metz at 12:15 o'clock Thursday morning.

His children have been summoned and all are on their way home.

At the Times press hour the time for the funeral could not be stated. Funeral services will probably be conducted at the home. Burial will be in Balltown cemetery.

Thomas Foreman was one of Metz township's very best citizens and was a friend of everyone who knew him.

Further particulars will be given in next week's Times.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, September 21, 1917.

#### THOMAS FOREMAN

# Laid to Rest Saturday at Balltown Cemetery

Funeral services over the remains of Thomas Foreman, who died at 12:15 o'clock Thursday morning, September 20, were held at the family home at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. J. W. Owen of Wellington, Mo., a former pastor of the M. E. church here, preached the sermon. The pall bearers were members of the Grand Army Post. A large crowd was in attendance. Burial was in Balltown cemetery.

Thomas Foreman was born at St. Johns, Anglaze county, Ohio, January 1, 1845, and at his death was aged 72 years, 8 months and 17 days. He was one of a family of twelve children, and of these one sister and three brothers are still living.

He removed from Ohio to Iowa, settling in Waputlo county in 1869, and from Iowa to Missouri, locating near Metz in 1902.

He was married to Miss Gertrude Cremer January 1, 1880, at Agency, Iowa. To this union were born twelve children, all of whom are living. They are: Mrs. Dulcie Vaughn of Sheldon, Mo.; John of Fort Dodge, Iowa; George of Sheldon, Mo.; Clyde of near Sheldon, Mo.; Stanley of Rhame

[Rahme?], North Dakota; Thomas Benjamin of Forsythe, Mont.; Mrs. Minnie Pettit of Metz; Don of Iola, Kas.; Everett of Metz; Howard of Glendive, Mont.; and Vernice and Eunice at home.

Mr. Foreman enlisted in Company C, 57th Ohio Regiment, Dec. 2, 1861, and was discharged at Little Rock, Ark., August 14, 1865. He came from true American stock, his father serving in the war of 1812 and his grandfather was a colonel in the Revolutionary war.

He was reared in the Presbyterian church, but after coming to Metz united with the M. E. church, South. He was a charter member of Winslow Post No. 107, G. A. R., at Agency, Ia., and on coming to Metz joined Mt. McGregor Post No. 252 and was one of its ranks until it was disbanded.

Mr. Foreman was a clean, pure man in his language and life and he gave his children an example in these regards worthy of imitation. He was always kind in his family and sought to live by the Golden Rule in his dealings with his fellow man. He was in declining health for several years and as he drew near the end he expressed himself as ready and anxious to go, saying he was not afraid to pass out into the great beyond.

In his going away the community has lost a good citizen, the church a true member, the wife a faithful husband and the children a kind and good father.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, September 28, 1917.

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# MILTON EVANS FRAZIER

#### **FATALLY INJURED**

#### M. E. Frazier Suffers From a Fall While Picking Cherries.

M. E. Frazier is lying at the point of death at his home in Metz and is expected to pass away any moment. However, he was resting easy Wednesday afternoon.

While engaged in picking cherries Thursday afternoon of last week Mr. Frazier fell and sustained injuries that will doubtless prove fatal. Whether he was on a step ladder or up in the tree is not known for no one witnessed the accident. This much is known: His right side struck against something, breaking three ribs and he was seriously injured internally. His strong constitution has been in his favor, but with his advanced years, those at his bedside say, his recovery would be miraculous.

Since the death of his wife a few months ago, Mr. Frazier has been losing both in physical and mental powers.

His son and daughter were summoned and are here with sad hearts waiting for the end.

Meanwhile the aged citizen is receiving the best medical attention and most careful nursing.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, June 18, 1920.

#### M. E. FRAZIER DEAD

#### Fall Proves Fatal to Well Known Citizen.

M. E. Frazier passed away at his home in Metz at 5:25 o'clock Sunday evening.

As stated in these columns last week, Mr. Frazier was injured by a fall on June 9 while engaged in picking cherries. For eleven days he suffered and then death finally came as a relief.

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday at 10 o'clock a.m., conducted by Rev. G. L. R. Crook. Burial was in Balltown cemetery.

Milton Evans Frazier was born in Niles, Trumbell county, Ohio, August 5, 1838. During childhood he moved with his parents to La Porte, Ind. Growing to manhood he enlisted in Co. B, 73rd Ind. Inf. and served as corporal. At the close of the Civil war he came to Missouri and lived a number of years in the north part of the state. Later he moved to DeWitt, then to Carrollton, then to Adrian,

coming to Metz about eighteen years ago. He was first married to Roxie Ann Fitch. To this union three children were born, two sons and a daughter, only one of whom survives—Loyd A. Frazier of DeWitt, Mo. The wife died. A few years later—in 1888—he was married the second time to Amelia Schlapp Claxton. One daughter was born to them—Mrs. Gail Cox of Metz. The wife died November 20, 1919. The son and daughter were present at the funeral, as were also a step-daughter, Mrs. H. B. McCray, and her husband and two sons of Kansas City.

Mr. Frazier was a man of strong convictions. His ideas on certain lines were in conflict with a great majority of people of this community and he was ever ready to give expression to his belief. But about six months ago he began to see differently, and, as he stated to a friend, a vision caused him to become a convert to the belief in an all-wise Creator. For twenty seven years Mr. Frazier tenderly cared for an invalid wife, and such devotion proved a beautiful trait of character. He was a splendid citizen and could claim everyone as a friend.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, June 25, 1920.

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### RICHARD GRIGGS



Richard Griggs
Private
Company G, 5th Missouri S. M. Cavalry

Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, Grand Army of the Republic Burial Lot Balltown Cemetery, Horton, Vernon County, Missouri

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# HENRY WILLIAM HARRISON

#### **AGED CITIZEN PASSED AWAY**

Henry W. Harrison Was Born in London and Came to America When Nine Years Old.

Had Lived in Vernon County and Nevada Thirty-Four Years, Coming Here in 1882.

Henry W. Harrison, aged 77 years, passed away at his home in Nevada Tuesday night of asthma and general debility. He had been in poor health for the last two years but his last illness was of but four weeks duration.

Mr. Harrison was born in London, England, and came with his parents to the United States when he was nine years old, and settled in Orange county, Indiana. He came to Vernon county, in 1882 and settled in Lake township, where he lived until a few years ago, when he retired and moved to Nevada.

In 1886 he was married to Mrs. Susan Modie, of Vernon county, who survives him, as does also their three sons: Charles Harrison of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and John M. and Edward Harrison of Lake township, also his step daughter, Mrs. Bertha Lux, of Nevada.

During the Civil War Mr. Harrison served in the Union army, and was a member of the G. A. R. Post at Nevada. He has been a member of the United Brethren church, since he was a young man.

Mr. Harrison was well and favorably known in the northwest part of the county and in Nevada, and leaves many friends to mourn his death.

The funeral arrangements will not be made until the arrival of his son from Colorado.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO. Wednesday, March 10, 1920.

Funeral services over the remains of Henry W. Harrison, who died at his home in Nevada Tuesday night of last week, were held Friday and burial was in Balltown cemetery. Deceased was 77 years of age. He was born in London, England, coming to America when ten years old. For many years he resided in Lake township previous to moving to Nevada. He is survived by a widow, a second wife, and three sons who reside in Lake township. Mr. Harrison was a veteran of the Civil war and was prominently identified with the G. A. R. He was a member of the U. B. church and was well known as a most excellent citizen.

The Nevada Daily Mail, Nevada, MO. Friday, March 19, 1920.

The Missouri Certificate of Death gives his name as William Henry Harrison. Informant was John M. Harrison of Nevada, MO.

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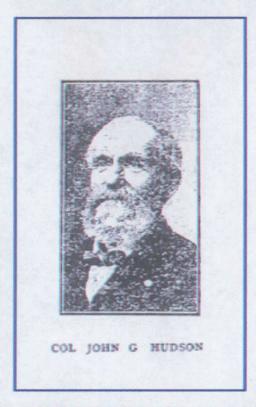


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# COL. JOHN GIFFORD HUDSON



COL. JOHN G. HUDSON CALLED HOME

The Well Known Veteran Answered to His Last Roll Call at 12:20 O'clock Wednesday.

Col. John G. Hudson died at 12:20 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, of uremic poisoning. He was taken sick about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Dr. A. G. Altham was called about 4 o'clock Sunday morning, and finding his condition serious called Dr. A. P. Smith for consultation. An operation was found necessary and Dr. Dulin of Nevada was called to perform this difficult work. The operation proved successful, but the physicians found other complications to combat against,

and these together with the age of the patient soon proved that their efforts were powerless. He continued to lose strength until death relieved his suffering. His son, grandson, granddaughter and nephew were at his bedside during his last hours, as were also a number of his closest friends.

Funeral services will be held at the M. E. church today (Friday) at 10 a.m., conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. B. Rupard, after which Metz Lodge No. 694, I. O. O. F., will escort the remains to Pryor Creek cemetery where the ritual service of the order will be conducted.

John Gifford Hudson, the sixth son of Samuel E. and Sally Hudson, was born at East Palmyra, Wayne county, N.Y., May 22, 1832. He was married to Mary Sprague at Coldwater, Mich., November 8, 1854. Two children--a son and daughter--was the result of this union. The son, W. E. Hudson, survives. His companion passed away about four years ago and the daughter followed about a year and a half ago.

When the war of the Rebellion was declared Capt. John G. Hudson formed Company B, 33d Missouri Infantry, and entered the service August 29, 1862. His company was stationed at Fort Helena, Ark., for many months, guarding the Federal stores and ammunition. On July 3, 1863, the general in command gave orders for the different batteries to fire a salute the next morning at sunrise in honor of the nation's birthday. Capt. Hudson's battery was to be the last to fire. A few minutes before sunrise Hudson's battery fired, and the other batteries fired in quick succession. But why had some one disobeyed orders? Capt. Hudson was called before his superiors to explain. He said he enlisted to fight the enemy and was ready when duty called him. It did not take him long to tell them that his battery had fired on the enemy and caused a retreat. For this act the young officer was given a colonel's commission. He became acquainted with General Grant and was ever one of his admirers. He was discharged from the service as brevet brigadier general November 1, 1865.

Soon after the war Col. Hudson and wife moved to this state and settled at Tipton. In 1868 he moved to Vernon county, locating near Metz. Eight years ago he moved to Metz, and continued to reside here till his death.

Col. Hudson was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of Vernon county. He was a man of sterling character, a true and loyal friend and a faithful Christian gentleman.

He was an ardent member of the M. E. church and was truly one of its strongest pillars, yet he loved Christianity in every denomination.

For over thirty years he has been a member of the Odd Fellows and the order. He was among the organizers of Mt. McGregor Post, G. A. R., and held all the important offices in the organization. At the last town election he was elected a member of the board of trustees, and was appointed town treasurer. He was one of the board of directors of the Metz Banking Company and was legal advisor for the bank.

It would be hard to enumerate the many offices, stations and positions Col. Hudson has held even during his residence in Metz. Truly he will be greatly missed by everyone.

He has gone to that reward that awaits the faithful.

Obituary from The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, August 28, 1908.



JOHN G. HUDSON
BORN MAY 22, 1832
DIED AUG 20, 1908
HIS WIFE
MARY HUDSON
BORN AUG 27, 1833
DIED JULY 20, 1904
Pryor Creek Cemetery, Metz, Vernon County, Missouri

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# JOHN ERNEST DETRICH KLEEN

#### **DEATH OF E. KLEEN**

#### Passed Away Thursday Morning After a Lingering Illness.

Ernest Kleen died at 8:15 o'clock Thursday morning of lung trouble, after an illness of several months. Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. M. A. Wolfe at the home at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Interment will be at Balltown cemetery.

John Ernest Detrich Kleen was born at Hanover, Germany, November 31, 1841, and was therefore aged 64 years, 3 months and 1 day. He came to America when but a boy and located in New York state. In 1861 he enlisted in a New York regiment and served three years in the war between the states. He also served three years in the regular army. He came to Missouri in 1870. On August 24, 1874, he was married to Miss Mattie Charles. Six children were born to them, all of whom were at his bedside with their mother during the last hours of his illness. They are: Mrs. Della Bingle of Wyandotte, I.T.; Mrs. Rosa Bowers of May, this state, and Mrs. Birdie Darr, and John, Loyd and Arthur Kleen of Metz.

Deceased was a member of the G. A. R. and comrades of Mt. McGregor post will act as pall bearers.

Mr. Kleen was a good citizen, a kind and considerate husband and father and made friends with all whom he came in contact.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, March 3, 1905.

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JOHN STACK
Born: Sweden February 14, 1840
Died: Metz, Vernon County, Missouri, March 27, 1922
Burial in G.A.R. Lot, Balltown Cemetery



**Uncle John Stack Passed Away** 

John Stack died at his home in Metz at twelve o'clock Monday, after an illness of several days. He was aged eighty-two years last month. Burial was announced for Thursday in the G. A. R. lot in Balltown cemetery. Uncle John was a native of Switzerland, but came to this country with his parents when quite young. So far as known all of his relatives are dead. For many years Uncle John had been a familiar character of this locality, walking down from Kansas City before the railroad was built. He moved his small house to East Metz over a dozen years ago and spent the remainder of his days here. He was a veteran of the Civil war and for many years was an active member of Mt. McGregor Post, G. A. R., an organization that will soon become extinct as the old veterans are rapidly responding to the sound of taps.

The Metz Times, Metz, Missouri. Friday, March 31, 1922, page 1.



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# **ELIJAH STOUT**



Elijah Stout
Corporal
Company A, 45th Enrolled Missouri Militia

Mt. McGregor Post No. 252, Grand Army of the Republic Burial Lot Balltown Cemetery, Horton, Vernon County, Missouri

DEATH OF E. STOUT

Aged Gentleman Passed Away at Nevada Saturday

Elijah Stout died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Susan Savage, in Nevada, at 9:25 o'clock Sunday night. He had been sick about ten days with the flux, and his advanced age made it impossible for nursing and medical skill to battle against the disease.

Funeral services were held at the home of his daughter at 10 a.m. Sunday, after which the remains were escorted to Balltown cemetery by members of Nevada Lodge No. 490 and Vernon Lodge No. 190, I. O. O. F. At the cemetery Metz Off Fellows Lodge was in waiting and the ritual services were conducted. The remains were interred in the G. A. R. lot.

On Saturday before his death he called his children about his bed and divided his property equally among them.

Elijah Stout was born near Lexington in Lafayette county, Kentucky, in the year 1820. At the age of twenty he removed to Moniteau county, Missouri. Here he was married to Miss Nellie McPherson. Eight children were born to them, five of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Bettie Kinnje of Bates county, Missouri; Mrs. Susan Savage of Nevada; Mrs. Sallie Parker of Greenwood, Mo.; Benjaman Stout of Kansas City, and Wm. R. Stout of Stroud, Ok. Deceased came to Metz township in 1870 and settled about two miles northwest of where Metz is now located. Several years later he bought the place just west of Metz. Here he resided until about nine months ago when he sold out and went to Nevada to reside with his daughter. His wife died in August 1886. In 1892 he was married to Mrs. Jackson. She died about a year later.

During the war of the rebellion he enlisted in Co. A, 45th Mo. E. M. M., and later became a volunteer.

He united with the Christian church many years ago, and as soon as the church was organized at Metz he became a member. In spite of his weight of years he attended services whenever the weather would permit.

He became a member of the Odd Fellows at Tipton, Mo., forty-three years ago. Later his membership was transferred to Sprague. When Metz Lodge No. 694 was organized he was among the first to become a member. He joined Mt. McGregor Post, G. A. R., soon after it was organized.

Coming to this locality thirty-seven years ago he was one of the early settlers and endured the privations that all were subject to in those days. For years he worked at the carpenter trade and built some of the first houses erected in this locality.

Grandpa Stout was a good man. He was ever kind to his children, and, as one of them stated, "he was too good to us." He was ready and willing to assist them whenever they were in need of it. He was prepared for the journey to the better world.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, July 19, 1907.

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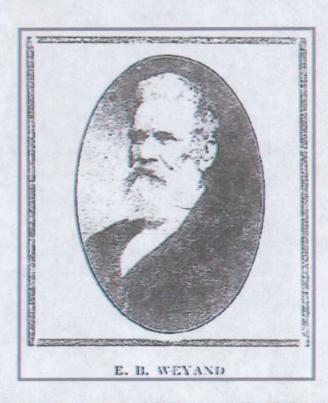
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# ENOCH B. WEYAND



### E. B. WEYAND PASSED AWAY SATURDAY

# The Good Old Citizen Was Laid to Rest Monday At Balltown Cemetery

E. B. Weyand passed away at 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. A stoke of paralysis Friday afternoon left him in an unconscious state, and though he seemed to rally that evening, his condition grew worse toward morning until those at his bedside were aware that the death hour was approaching.

Funeral services were held at the Christian church Monday at 2:30 p.m., conducted by the pastor, Eld. R. A. Blalock, assisted by Eld. W. B. Miller, both of whom had been personal friends of deceased for many years. A large crowd was in attendance. The services were very impressive

and there was evidence of much sorrow throughout the audience. Burial was at Balltown cemetery.

Enoch B. Weyand was born in Marion county, Ohio, September 11, 1834, and at his death was aged 79 years, 7 months and 28 days. When two years of age his parents moved to Cass county, Indiana, making the journey by ox team. Here deceased grew to manhood, and on May 12, 1855, was united in marriage with Miss Phoebe J. Grant. Eight children were born to them, six of whom survive, as follows: Mrs. Hattie Tremain of luka, Kas.; Mrs. Eliza Quinn of Beaver, Okla.; Leonard R. Weyand of Kansas City; Mrs. Alice McFeely of Kansas City, Mrs. Emma Kimrey of Horton, and Mrs. Nettie Cox of Richards. Two daughters, Mrs. Lottie Brewer and Mrs. Ella Coates, passed away several years ago. All but one of the surviving children attended the funeral, Mrs. Quinn being compelled to remain at home on account of illness. George W. Weyand of Royal Centre, Ind., the only surviving brother of a family of seven sons, was unable to come on account of ill health. Deceased is also survived by twenty-seven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren. The wife and mother died January 25, 1879.

On March 14, 1886, he was married to Mrs. Martha Humble. She passed away April 16, 1908. On February 28, 1911, Mr. Weyand married Mrs. Josephine Ramsey, who survives him.

In February, 1865, Mr. Weyand enlisted in Company F, 151st regiment, Indiana volunteers, and served in the Union army until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge.

In February, 1877, he moved to Vernon county, and in 1882 purchased a farm in the southwest part of Metz township. Here he continued to live until February, 1892, when he retired from active work and moved to Metz where he resided the remainder of his days.

Last August Mr. Weyand was stricken with paralysis which left him a helpless invalid. For almost nine months his dutiful wife remained at his bedside and gave him careful nursing.

About the year 1850 Mr. Weyand became a christian. He was a charter member of Rinehart Christian church and for many years he was one of the most active workers in the congregation. On coming to Metz he united with the Christian church and at once became a tireless worker for the cause of Christianity, and was ever at his post of duty until taken to his bed. For fifty-seven years he was an elder in the church and for sixty-three years served as choir leader. During the funeral service his chair at the head of the choir was appropriately draped in black.

"Daddy" Weyand was one of the best of men, and to know him was to love him. To do good for others was his mission, and many can attest to his kindly assistance in hours of sorrow and of need. The respect with which he was held was loudly attested by the halting of so many as they passed in viewing the remains at the conclusion of the funeral service. The assistance he rendered to his fellow man was never published by him, but it came with the spirit "let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doth." The good deeds of this faithful life will live on and on.

Truly a reward awaited him in that better land.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, May 15, 1914.

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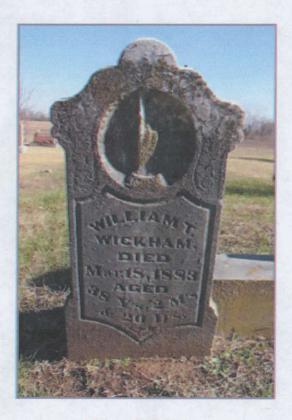
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# WILLIAM T. WICKHAM



William T. Wickham Died Mar. 18, 1883 Aged 38y2m20d

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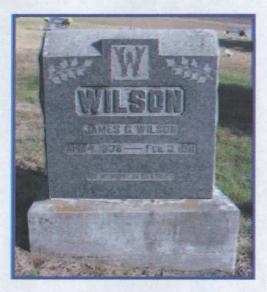
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#### **James Greenville Wilson**

James Greenville Wilson died suddenly Friday night at the home of his nephew, Carl Wilson, about seven miles southeast of Metz, of cerebral hemorrhage. Funeral services were held from Horton M. E. church Sunday at 2 o'clock p.m., conducted by Rev. W. B. Bull, and the remains were buried at Balltown cemetery. Deceased was a native of Illinois, and was aged seventy-two years and ten months. He had resided in the locality where he died for many years, but for the past few years had lived in Illinois and was back here on a visit. He was a veteran of the Civil war and his remains were buried in the G. A. R. lot. Undertaker Henry Pond had charge of the burial and reports a large crown in attendance at the funeral.

The Metz Times, Metz, MO. Friday, February 10, 1911.



# WILSON

JAMES G. WILSON APR. 4, 1838 – FEB. 3, 1911 HIS MEMORY IS BLESSED

Mt. McGregor Post 252, Grand Army of the Republic

### Balltown Cemetery, Vernon County, Missouri

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Subject: RE: Fw: INFORMATION ON MT MCGREGOR, POST 252.

Here is some information below on the post. You are showing a lot of interest in this and I hope this encourages you to join the Sons of Union Veterans, as we are dedicating to gathering info on the GAR posts, cemeteries, monuments, preserving their memory and restoring cemeteries, tombstones and monuments.

While it is far away for many of our members, we might be able to get some people interested in helping clean up the

If you have more questions, please don't hesitate to write.

The Mt. McGregor Post 252 was formed in the town of Metz (Sprague), Mo. and mustered into the GAR between 1885 and In 1901 they had 20 members in good standing. The post met on the 4th Saturday at 2pm. The commander in 1891 was W.E. Rice and its adjutant was J. Sartorius. The commander in 1903 was Alex Cox and in 1904 was W.B.S. Gault.

Some of the death records the post turned in that are listed in the Department Encampment Books are listed below. Much more info on the post can be found at: http://www.rootsweb.com/~motcogs/metz gar members.htm

Clark, Jesse / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 72. See rpt. for 1892, pp. 107-111.

Cole, Nath / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 59. See rpt. for 1902, pp. 49-53.

Hudson, J G / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: unk. See rpt. for 1909, pp. 26-32.

Ingram, W. B. / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 49. See rpt. for 1889, pp. 99-102.

Sartorius, Jno A / Member post 1252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: 82. See rpt. for 1902, pp. 49-53.

Stout, Elijah / Member post #252 in Sprague, Bates Co. Age at death: unk. See rpt. for 1908, pp. 35-41.

- 1. WHO HAS THE GAR RECORDS? If they still exist, they might be in a local historical society or in someone descended from the last secretary-treasurer in their attic.
- 2. WHO HAS THE GAR REPORTS? See above
- 3. WHEN WAS THE POST OFFICIALLY CLOSED? Unknown. Since it was in a smaller town, I would guess not later than 1920.
- 4. WHEN DID BALLTOWN CEMETERY (THEN CALLED LITTLE OSAGE CEMETERY) DONATE THE LAND TO GAR? Unknown, the GAR MAY have bought the land. Whatever lots in the cemetery were given/bought by the local GAR are now the property of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. It would be interesting to find out if more lots that are unused were owned by the GAR, as the Sons have a policy of turning these over to needy veterans' families.
- 5. WHO HAS THE GAR CHARTER? Unknown.
- 6. WOULD THE POST CLOSE WHEN THE LAST MEMBER DIED OR WOULD IT BE CLOSED PRIOR? It would probably close not long after a couple of years of being unable to muster the required number of members to maintain their charter.

ANY INFORMATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



