

CARROLL COUNTY –

AGEE, John W. (9 Nov 1842 – 20 Mar 1939) of Boyard, MO. , Served in Co. C Third Missouri State Militia.



Left: Agee in front of tent at 1938 Gettysburg Reunion.

Obituary:

Oldest Carroll Countian Dies

John W. Agee, Civil War Veteran Passes Away at 96 – Funeral Thursday Afternoon.

John W. Agee, the oldest native born Carroll countian, and the last surviving veteran of the Civil War in the county, died Monday, March

20, 1939 at 9:05 p.m. Death was due to complications prevalent in old age as he had passed his 96th birthday. He had been ill since last August.

Mr. Agee was born in a covered wagon west of Carrollton in Trotter township November 9th, 1842, the son of Jesse and Lura (Addison) Agee. His parents came to this county from Bowling Green, Kentucky. He grew to manhood on farms in the county and for many years had resided in the Mandeville community. Following the death of his wife sixteen years ago he made his home with a son, Gerald S. Agee, one mile east of Mandeville.

During the Civil War Mr. Agee served with Company C, Third Missouri Cavalry [State Militia Cavalry], in what was known as the Southwestern Division. He was in the battles of Lexington and Springfield, Mo. At the conclusion of the war he returned to his native county.

On the 25th day of July, 1865, he was united in marriage with Eliza Jane Hardwick. To this union four children were born: G.S. Agee of near Mandeville; C.W. Agee of Oklahoma, who passed away in January of 1937; Mrs. Lovie Thomas of Carrollton, who died two years ago and Mrs. Stark Whittemore of the Mandeville community.

Early in life he united with the Methodist Church. He was the oldest I.O.O.F. in the state, and continued membership with this organization until his lodge disbanded.

A short time ago Mr. Agee was a visitor at the Democrat office. The following article, in part, appeared in the paper, which will be of interest since it was a direct interview with him:

Born on a farm in what is now Trotter township Mr. Agee spent his entire life within the borders of Carroll county. It was in the ninth day of November 1842 that he first saw the light of day. At that time Carroll county was less than ten years of age.



He recalls Carrollton during the early years of his life as being a place of three or four places of business. The ground on which the Wilcoxson Bank building now stands was a garden and R.G. Martin, sr., Louis Ely and Captain Hill were the only ones he recalled who resided in the city at the time. He recalled also that Indians frequently visited in the section of the country where he resided as a youth. They came as

hunters, and did not disturb anyone, he said.

Yes! Mr. Agee has worked the oxen teams. This was back in the days when some of the fields over which he traveled were broken up for the first time. Prairie grass abounded in every section of the county. As for snakes “I have seen hundreds of them,” Mr. Agee remarked. “Timber rattlers, prairie rattlers – all kinds of them.” He was never bitten by a snake in all of his experience, he said.

Mr. Agee is a Civil War veteran. He spent three years in the northern army and was in the cavalry. In one battle the horse he was riding was shot from under him, but he escaped uninjured. Mr. Agee served in Companys [sic] C and L in the southeastern part of the state. He participated in the battle of Springfield. Recalling the horse he said, “ I was riding him along as usual when a bullet hit him in the head. He toppled over and I hurried to cover.”

After the war Mr. Agee returned to his native county and resumed his farming activities on the farm in the Mandeville community where he located in 1845.

In June of last year Mr. Agee attended the reunion of the Blues and the Greys at Gettysburg. This was a bright spot in the long life and he enjoyed discussing it with his many friends on his return.

He was a respected and time honored citizen. In the closing years of his life he found pleasure in the opportunity to discuss with his friends some of the pioneer conditions of the count. He

discussed fluently these facts and there was no one here who knew more about them than he since he arrived in the county only ten years after the county was organized.

Funeral services for the late John Agee were held from the home of his son one mile east of Mandeville, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Kimbell of Bogard. Interment followed in Smith cemetery one mile south of Mandeville.

Ex-service men in the county conducted the military burial service at the cemetery for this last surviving member of the Civil War in this county.

