

## Dallas County

**Swift, Willis Harlan**, (12 Sep 1844 -21 Dec 1933). lived in Dallas County all his life. Served in Capt. Lemon's Co. C, Dallas County Home Guards, 24 Jun 1861 to 24 Sep 1861. Enlisted in 24th Missouri Infantry, Co. G, at Rolla, MO, on 14 Nov. 1861, mustered into service, 20 Nov, transferred to Co. B, 2 Dec, 1861. Pvt. Willis was never wounded or in the hospital for illness during the war, although briefly relieved from duty several times about 23 Dec, 1863.

Therefore it is assumed that he fought in every skirmish and battle in which his unit was engaged for the duration of his service. He was transferred to Co. H, 2 Oct, 1864 and mustered out 28 Nov 1864 in St. Louis. Willis was Chaplain of the Gen. Frank J. Herron Post, No. 161, of the G.A.R. when it was organized in 1884, and attended G.A.R. reunions in Buffalo in 1904, 1905, and 1906. In occupation he was a farmer, wagonwright, Methodist minister and circuit rider, and Justice of the Peace. He married Eliza Jane Rakestraw in Buffalo on 25 may 1865. They had seven children, four of

whom survived him. Eliza passed away in 1929 and Willis died at age 89 on 21 Dec, 1933; they are buried together at Oak Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, MO

N. B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

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**CERTIFICATE OF DEATH**

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 1. PLACE OF DEATH  
 City Dallas Registration District No. 241 File No. 39800  
 Township Stanton Primary Registration District No. 241.533 Registered No. 886  
 City Buffalo (No.     ) St.      Ward     

2. FULL NAME Willis Swift  
 (a) Residence, No.      St.      Ward       
 Length of residence in city or town where death occurred yrs. mos. ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds. (If nonresident, give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>White</u>	5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (write the word) <u>Widowed</u>			21. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) <u>Dec-21-1933</u>	
6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR) <u>Sept 12-1894</u>				22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Dec 18</u> 19 <u>33</u> to <u>Dec 21</u> 19 <u>33</u>		
7. AGE YEARS <u>39</u> MONTHS <u>2</u> DAYS <u>9</u>				I last saw him alive on <u>Dec 19</u> 19 <u>33</u> Death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>9</u> a. m.		
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc. <u>Old Seaman</u>				The principal cause of death and related causes of importance were as follows: Influenza <u>12-16-33</u>		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, saw mill, bank, etc. <u>    </u>				Other contributory causes of importance: Bronchopneumonia <u>12-18-33</u>		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year) <u>    </u>				11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>    </u>		
12. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Dallas Tex</u>						
13. NAME <u>Hugh Swift</u>						
14. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Unknown</u>						
15. MAIDEN NAME <u>Unknown</u>						
16. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) (STATE OR COUNTRY) <u>Unknown</u>						
17. INFORMANT (ADDRESS) <u>Willis Swift</u>						
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE <u>Oak Lawn</u> DATE <u>12-22-33</u>						
19. UNDERTAKER (ADDRESS) <u>Swift &amp; Sons</u>						
20. FILED <u>1/10</u> 19 <u>34</u> <u>Harshly M. D.</u> Registrar.						
24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u> If so, specify <u>    </u> (Signed) <u>    </u> M. D. (Address) <u>    </u>						