

# Philipp F. Coghlan 1918

Phil was born to Cornelius Coghlan and Laverna Fouke in Louisville Ky on Jan 10, 1833. He was mustered into the United States service as 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. of Co. G, 40<sup>th</sup> Missouri Inf., Sept. 3, 1864, and served as such until mustered out on August 5, 1865. He may have also had state military service as a sergeant in Co. A, 8<sup>th</sup> Enrolled Missouri Militia.

Comrade Coghlan was mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic as a member of Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, this Department in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 1886. He held the office of Post Commander and was elected Department Commander in May, 1918. He was faithful to every duty and true to every trust. A printer by trade [employed by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch] he was active until the last. At the time of his death he was recognized as the oldest active printer in the United States. He performed a full day's work Saturday, Oct. 29, and on Sunday morning, Oct. 30, he crossed the mystic river and joined the innumerable throng who have gone before. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

At the time of his death, he live lived at 95121 Midland, Overland, MO. Coghlan passed away according to his death certificate on Oct 23, 1927 [Note: Death Certificate Database misspells last name as Boghlan]. He is buried at Calvary Cemetery.

*1918 News article [error as to age] :*

*In 1910, Coghlan is 84 years old and is still actively employed on the Post-Dispatch. It was indeed an honor to be obligated by him.*

*P. F. ("Major") Coghlan, of St. Louis, of the Post-Dispatch, recently was elected commander, department of Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, at St. Joseph. Congratulations are extended on his having received this post of honor. "Major" is one of the oldest of our members, if not the oldest, who is still working every day.*

