

Ray County

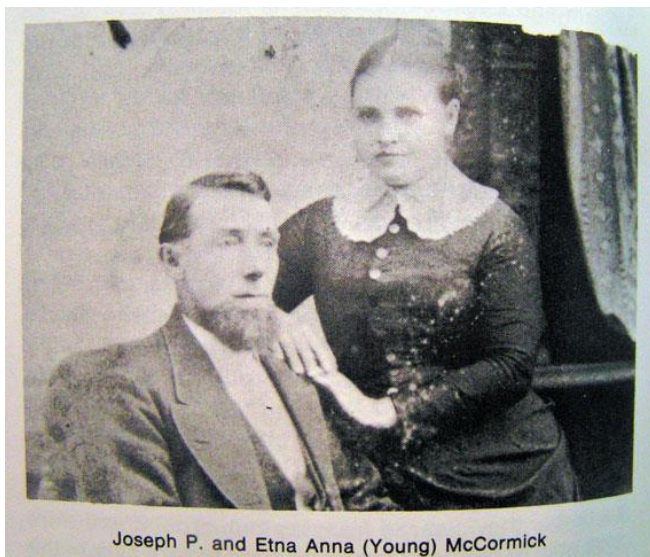
McCormick, Joseph P

(31 Aug 1848 - 29 Aug 1942).

Lived at time of death in Crooked River Township, Ray Co, MO. No Identified Unit; the 1890 Ray Co Veteran's Census lists his residence as District 328, his rank as private and

years of service
1865-1866.

Cremated Kansas City and sent to Old City Cemetery, Richmond, MO



Joseph P. and Etna Anna (Young) McCormick

His bio states he was in Co I, 196th Pennsylvania Infantry

**and the 1890 census states he was in the service in 1865-1866. The records of the 196th show however that they mustered the unit out in Nov 1864. A search of ancestry.com and digital PA Civil War soldiers records failed to yield a positive result as to this soldier's service record. Also I cannot find a pension record with this name. Therefore, he may not be the last soldier of this county. - Walt Busch 2024
If records located e-mail wbusch@suvcwmo.org**



JOSEPH P. Mc CORMICK, our subject, is descended from worthy stock, and the heritage of a good name is beyond price. His father, grandfather and other ancestors passed through life with credit to themselves, obeying the golden rule of doing as they would be done by. Our subject was born in Lancaster County, Pa., in 1818, a son of Samuel McCormick, who was a son of Thomas, who, in turn, was a son of Hughey McCormick, who emigrated from the North of Ireland to Pennsylvania about the time of the Revolution.

Thomas McCormick, grandfather of our subject, was reared to manhood in Pennsylvania, where he learned the trade of a tailor, and followed that all his days. His son, the father of our subject, was reared in the country, and, like many other boys, did not appreciate the school advantages offered

him, and so would not embrace them. Quite early in life he began to work on farms by the month. At the age of nineteen he married Barbara Stayley, a native of Pennsylvania, daughter of Samuel Stayley, a native of Switzerland, who served seven years in the Revolutionary War. To this union two sons were born, namely: George and our subject. The mother died when the latter was only eighteen months old. Later the father married again, his second wife being Elizabeth Ayrs, who bore him three children, namely: Frank, of Pennsylvania; William, of Michigan; and Mary C., wife of Samuel Hughley.

Our subject remained with his parents until he entered the Union army, which event occurred when he was only sixteen. He enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Ninety-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry, February 11, 1864, and remained in the service until eleven months after the war closed. During this entire time he was never in a battle. After the war he returned home and remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty. When he reached his majority he started West and made his first location on a farm in Illinois, working for a Union Baptist preacher, who paid him \$20 per month with washing. Until 1874 he remained with strangers and taught school for four winters near Edwardsville, Ill. He was well fitted for his work, as his education was received in Westfield College. His next removal was to Bond County, Ill., where he farmed a few years, living by himself, during which time he worked very hard, oftentimes eating his cold meals while going to his work.

Tiring of bachelor life, in January, 1869, Mr. McCormick married Etua, daughter of Henry and Jane (Swallow) Young, by whom he has had five children: Hale Y., Maud, Daisy, Nadie and Etua. Our subject bought eighty acres of land in Illinois, but lost \$100 by his purchase. He then invested in land in Missouri, but lost \$200 by that purchase. After that he proceeded to Kansas and settled near Roseville, where he purchased eighty acres of land, on which he remained until 1884, when he came to Ray County, where he purchased his present farm of five hundred acres, to which he has since added one hundred and forty-seven acres. On

this farm our subject raises grain and stock, and also engages in stock-feeding to a large extent. In politics he is a Republican, although he was reared a Democrat, and is extremely strong in his party fealty.

J. P. McCORMICK, 93, LAST UNION VETERAN, DEAD

Joseph P. McCormick, for nearly sixty years a resident of Ray county, died, Saturday afternoon, August 29, lacking only two days of being 94 years of age. His death followed an illness of two months. At his advanced age medical aid was of no avail.

Mr. McCormick was a native of Pennsylvania. He was a son of the late Samuel McCormick, and was born in Lancaster county, that state, on August 31, 1848. He came to Ray county in 1884, locating between Hardin and Henrietta, and here he remained until his death. He added to his farm holdings from time to time and at the time of his death was one of the largest land owners in the county. He was a man of energy and business ability. He was a successful farmer and citizen. During his long residence here his integrity was never questioned and his word was good as his bond.

He married Miss Etna Young of the state of Illinois, who preceded him in death some ten years. He is survived by two sons and three daughters, viz: Hale McCormick of the home, Staley McCormick of Hardin, Mrs. W. T. Chapman of Macon, Colorado and Miss Maude McCormick, also of the state of Colorado; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. McCormick was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Union Army, and was probably the last surviving veteran of that great struggle in Ray county. He took an interest in affairs to the very last and his patriotism never dimmed to the very last day of his life.

Funeral services were held at the Hardin Methodist church on Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. A. Mitchell. Interment was in the family lot in Sunny Slope cemetery, in Richmond.

JOSEPH P. McCORMICK DIED LAST SATURDAY

Joseph P. McCormick one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at his home between Hardin and Henrietta last Saturday afternoon, August 29th following an illness of some weeks duration. Had Mr. McCormick lived until his birthday, August 31st he would have been 94 years old.

He was born in Lancaster county Pennsylvania in 1848, a son of Samuel McCormick of that state, and Barbara (Staley) McCormick, of Virginia.

At the outbreak of the war between the states, he enlisted, and served with the Union army. Following the war he returned to his native state, Pennsylvania, and then moved to Illinois where he met, and married Etna Anna Young, of New Douglas, Ill. Deciding to move further west, he started to Kansas City and when passing through this section of the state, the land between here and Henrietta attracted his attention, and he came here in a short while and bought the land where he established his home.

With the years he kept adding to his land holdings, and before he retired from active work, several years ago he had amassed over 1200 acres of the rich bottom land in this vicinity. His interest were mostly in farming and stock raising and he was at one time one of the largest stock raisers in the section.

Jos. P. McCormick Died on Saturday Burial Yesterday

Joseph M. McCormick, 94 years old, died at his home between Henrietta and Hardin, Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, after two months illness.

He was born on August 31, 1848, in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, a son of Samuel McCormick of Pennsylvania and Barbara (Staley) McCormick of Virginia. He had lived in Ray County 58 years. On January 22, 1879, he married Miss Etna Anna Young of New Douglas, Illinois.

Surviving are two sons and three daughters, namely: Hale Y. McCormick, who took care of his father at the farm of late years; Staley Y. McCormick, who is moving from Hardin community to Kansas City this week; Miss Maude McCormick, a teacher, Awanda, Colorado; Mrs. W. T. Chapman, Macon Colorado; also 7 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Rev. R. A. Mitchell, pastor of the Hardin Methodist church, conducted the funeral at the farm home at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Interment in Richmond cemetery. John W. Knipschild of Hardin had charge of the arrangements.

Mr. McCormick was a soldier in the Union Army and very patriotic unto the day of his death. Aged 94 years, lacking only two days, he evidently was the oldest and one of the very last of the Federal veterans residing in Ray County. He died on August 29, and his birthday was today.

Second To Last Soldier of Ray County

William Henry Conklin

BIRTH 26 Dec 1848
Taitsville, Ray County, Missouri, USA

DEATH May 1938 (aged 89)
Taitsville, Ray County, Missouri, USA

BURIAL Van Bebbler Cemetery
Knoxville, Ray County, Missouri, USA

MEMORIAL ID 253049312

Lived entire life in Ray County. Fought in the Civil War.

Son of Jesse & Priscilla () Conklin.

Married Sarah Jane Rice on October 27, 1872, in Caldwell County.

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Tiffin's Ray & Caldwell Counties
G.O. #3 ~~Ray & Caldwell~~ Co. V.M.M

Conklin Henry
Rank Priv Age _____
Comd'g. Capt C. Tiffin

Enrolled May 20 1865
Where Richmond

Ordered into active service May 20 1865
Where Richmond

Relieved from duty June 30 1865

Ordered into active service _____ 186 _____
Where _____

Relieved from duty _____ 186 _____

No. days actual service 102

Remarks:
FROM ROLLS IN OFFICE OF ADJUTANT
GENERAL, WASH., D. C.

Form 214—Mo. 10 31

(3-31-2)				
NAME OF SOLDIER:		<u>Conklin, William H.</u>		
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		<u>Widow.</u> <u>Minor.</u>		
SERVICE:		<u>Ray & Caldwell Co. Em. Mo. Mil. (Tiffin)</u>		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
<u>1904 July 25</u>	<u>Invalid.</u> <u>Widow.</u> <u>Minor.</u>	<u>1521369</u>		<u>Mo.</u>
ATTORNEY:		<u>Claimant</u>		
REMARKS:		<u>SH</u>		

W. H. Conklin, 89, Who Died Yesterday

Civil War Veteran Succumbed At His Home One Mile East Of Taittsville Sunday.

W. H. Conklin, 89-year-old Civil War veteran, died at his home one mile east of Taittsville Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. He had been ill several weeks.

Mr. Conklin was born near Taittsville December 26, 1848. He spent his entire life in Ray County and at one time drove an ox team from Hughes Landing on the Missouri River to Gallatin, hauling freight.

He was married to Sarah Jane Rice of Caldwell County in 1872. She has been dead 23 years.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Mary Barnett of Millville, Mrs. Amy Swope of the home and Mrs. Lydia Bryant of Richmond. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home at 2 o'clock today. The services were conducted by the Rev. Arnold Burns and burial was at the Vanbebber cemetery. His grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Reed of Cowgill was in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Veteran of Civil War Died Sunday

Services for W. H. Conklin of Taittsville Held Today.

W. H. Conklin died at his home one mile east of Taittsville Sunday morning at 7:00 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. He was 89 years old at the time of his death.

He was born near Taittsville December 26, 1848. He was married to Sarah Jane Rice of Caldwell County, Mo., in 1872. His wife preceded him in death twenty-three years.

To this union six children were born, three of whom survive: Mrs. Mary Barnett of Millville, Mrs. Agnes Swope of the home and Mrs. Lydia Bryant of Richmond. He is also survived by twenty-two grandchildren, thirty great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren, as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

He spent his entire life in Ray County and was active in the Civil War. For a time he hauled freight from Hughes Landing on the Missouri River to Gallatin, Mo., with an ox team.

He united with the Baptist church in early manhood and remained a member until the end.

Funeral services were held from the home today at 2:00 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Arnold Burns. Burial was in Vanbebber cemetery. Grandsons acted as pallbearers. Reed of Cowgill in charge of arrangements.

3rd From Last Soldier of Ray County

**Mansell, Zachariah (10 Feb 1844 -26 May 1937)
in Tn. and served in Co.A 7th.M S M Cav. Mo.
Died in Ray Co. Mo. Buried in
Southpoint Cemetery, Ray Co., Mo.**