

Warren County

**George C. "Uncle Cal
Wyatt" Martin.**

(1831- 30 Nov 1937)

Born a slave in Lincoln Co.
Enlisted in Co D 62nd US Colored
Infantry Vols, serving from
December 8, 1863 to March 31,
1866. - Info compiled by Wilhelmi
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OBITUARY: From The December 3, 1937 Warrenton Banner:

Former Slave and Veteran Dies at 106

Cal Wyatt, Last Surviving Civil War Veteran in County, Succumbs Tuesday

[Nov. 30, 1937]

Cal Wyatt, former slave and Civil War Veteran, said to be 106 years old, died at his home north of Wright City Tuesday evening about eight o'clock. His death followed a few days' illness. Funeral services will be held today (Friday) at 2 p.m. with military honors.

"Uncle Cal" as he was familiarly known, took an active part in the Warren County Centennial held at Warrenton last August. Taking the part of a Union veteran in one of the tableaux, Wyatt was one of the most interesting characters appearing in the pageant.

Wyatt lived quietly in a small log cabin which he built 69 years ago. His 76 year old second wife and several nieces lived with him.

The Negro's Civil War discharge papers show that he served with Company D, Sixty-second Regiment of colored infantry volunteers, from December 8, 1863, to March 31, 1866. He served as a slave under three masters. He was born on a slave plantation in Lincoln County, and was a houseboy until he was 15 years old. In his early youth, Wyatt worked as a field hand.

From the Dec. 10, 1937 Warrenton Banner:

Negro Buried With Military Honors.

The funeral of Cal Wyatt, 106 year-old Negro Civil War veteran and former slave, of Wright City, was conducted with military honors last Friday afternoon. Services at the Wesley Methodist Church, about three-fourths mile north of Wright City, were directed by Rev. J.F. Corrington, the pastor, but the funeral sermon was delivered by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Lula Corrington, at the request of the deceased. The church choir furnished several songs and Mrs. Ada Lockett, of Foristell, contributed a favorite number.

The church where the services were held was filled to overflowing in spite of the rainy weather, which kept many from attending. Uncle Cal Wyatt, as he was familiarly known, was the father of fifteen children, six of whom survive and were in attendance at the funeral. They are Ernest, of Alton, Ill., Emmett and George of Wright City; Annie, of St. Louis, Mrs. Ora Gibbons, of Montgomery City and Mrs. Evert Ball of near Foristell. His widow, stepmother of the children, also survives.

Uncle Cal Wyatt was a highly respected Negro and had many friends both among the Negroes and the white folks, who enjoyed listening to the many interesting stories he often related of pre-war days when he served as a slave under three masters.