

# Washington County

## **Wilson, Jesse**

(9 Jul 1844. - 25 May 1940)

OBITUARY: CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES AT  
FRANKCLAY

"Uncle" Jesse Wilson Last of the Old Soldiers of this  
County

Jesse Wilson passed away at the home of his daughter,  
Mrs. Frank Foster, at Frankclay, at six o'clock Saturday  
morning, May 25, 1940, after a brief illness. Aged 95  
years 9 months and 17 days.

Funeral services were conducted at the White Oak Grove  
Baptist Church near Shirley, at 11 a.m. Monday, by Rev.  
M. B. Hubbard of Potosi, with J. B. Boyer & Son  
undertakers. Burial was in the White Oak Grove Cemetery  
with military honors by the Cordia-Humphrey Post No.  
255, American Legion.



The deceased was born in Nashville, Tenn. on July 8, 1844, the son of the late William Wilson and Elizabeth Raines. He came to Missouri in 1853 and settled in Washington County. In October, 1863, he was united in marriage to Armilda Richeson who preceded him in death on October 17, 1922. To this union nine children were born, five of whom survive. They are George, Frank and Jesse B. Wilson and Mary (Mrs. D. T. Martin) of St. Louis, and Docia (Mrs. Frank Foster) of Frankclay. The deceased children are Martha, Tom, James and Ollie. He is also survived by 30 grandchildren, 53 great grandchildren, and 10 great-great grandchildren.

"Uncle Jesse" served his country during the Civil War and was the last survivor in Washington County of that conflict. Only two are left in St. Francois County where he had made his home most of the time for a number of years. He was a member of Company I, 131<sup>st</sup> Missouri Home Guards [Co. I, 8th Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia]. He was in the Battle of Lookout Mountain and was with Gen. Sherman's army in the march from Atlanta to the sea. He was a member of Post No. 348 of the Grand Army of the Republic.

In August, 1915, "Uncle Jesse" professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist Church. He was devoted to his family, loyal to God and to his country, a true friend, good neighbor, an upright man in all the relations of life. He has entered into rest at the end of a long and useful life.

8th Prov. Reg't Enrolled Mo. Militia.

*Wilson, Jesse*  
*Pot.*, Co. **I.**

Detailed and organized May 1, 1863.\*  
Where: Washington County, Mo.\*  
By whom: Gen. McCormick.  
Detailed from Co. *E.*, 32d Reg't E. Mo. Mil.  
Ordered into active service May 1, 1863.†  
Where: Mineral Point, Mo.†  
By whom: Gen. McCormick.  
Relieved from duty \_\_\_\_\_, 1863.  
By whom: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The 8th Prov. Reg't was relieved from duty Nov. 8, 1863, per S. O. No. 74, H. Q. Dist. South East Missouri.

Remarks: In actual service *184* days to, and *present* Oct. 31, 1863, date of last roll on file in 3d Auditor's office.

\* *M. R. Oct. 31 says "May 4 at Mineral Point."*  
† " " " " "April 22 at Potosi."  
*M. R. Oct. 31 ranks as Corporal*

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ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
OF MISSOURI

*32* Reg't E. M. M., Co. *E.*

*Wilson Jesse*  
Rank *Pol-* Age \_\_\_\_\_

Comd'g *Capt. C. N. Fitch*

Enrolled *Apr 5-* 186 *2*

Where *Potosi*

Ordered into active service *Apr 5-* 186 *2*

Where *Potosi*

Relieved from duty \_\_\_\_\_ 186 *3*

Ordered into active service \_\_\_\_\_ 186 \_\_\_\_\_

Where \_\_\_\_\_

Relieved from duty \_\_\_\_\_ 186 \_\_\_\_\_

No. days actual service *71*

Remarks: *Detailed May 1 1863*  
*to 8<sup>th</sup> Prov*

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WAR DEPT., WASH., D. C.

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