

GRAY,SILAS S

Name GRAY, SILAS S
Rank PVT Company F Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence MORGAN CO, IL Age 21 Height 6' 2 1/2 Hair LIGHT
Eyes GRAY Complexion FAIR Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER
Nativity MARION CO, MO

Service Record

Joined When AUG 16, 1862 Joined Where MURRAYSVILLE, IL
Joined By Whom GEO W FANNING Period 3 YRS
Muster In SEP 2, 1862 Muster In Where JACKSONVILLE, IL
Muster In By Whom N/A Muster Out N/A
Muster Out Where N/A Muster Out By Whom N/A

Remarks DISCHARGED MAY 22, 1863 AT BENTON BARRACKS MO FOR DISABILITY

He is listed on the Jacksonville Civil War monument and the 1872 Morgan Co. History.

From the Illinois Marriage database:

GRAY, SILAS S WILSON, FRANCES M 06/14/1864 001/0169 00005066 GREENE

In the 1880 census for Ada Co., Idaho:

Gray, Silas S.	W	M	39	self	farmer	Iowa	VA	VA
Frances M	W	F	35	wife	keeps house	IL	IL	IL
Cynthia	W	F	15	dau		IL	IA	IL
Mary P	W	F	11	dau		ID	IA	IL
Martha E	W	F	9	dau		ID	IA	IL
Susan F	W	F	8	dau		ID	IA	IL
John M	W	M	6	son		ID	IA	IL
Amanda E	W	F	4	dau		ID	IA	IL
Sarah L	W	F	2	dau		ID	IA	IL

In the 1900 census, they still lived in Ada Co. The children still living at home were John M, 26, Eugene F, 17, and Bertha C., 13. Frances stated she had 11 children, 9 living.

He applied for pension 12 July 1863, no state listed, assumed to be IL. His wife, Frances M., applied for pension Feb 26 1907 from Idaho. He was born 12 Jul 1841 and died Jan 6 1907. He and his wife are buried in Star Cemetery, Ada County, Idaho..

He was the first postmaster of Star, Idaho.

Obit:

DEATH ANGEL CLAIMS ADA COUNTY PIONEER

Silas S. Gray Dies at Ranch on Which He Settled Early in 1867

Silas S, Gray, an old pioneer of Ada county, died at his ranch three miles east of Star Sunday night at 10 o'clock, at the age of 65 years. He had been ill of typhoid fever and a dilated heart three weeks.

Deceased came to the west from Ohio in 1867, settling on the ranch where he died. He served in the civil war in company F, Illinois volunteers. He leaves a wife and nine children as follows: Mrs. James Bass, who resides in California; Mrs. F. C. Davis of Atlanta; Mrs. E. D. Forshay, Mrs. F. L. Williams and Mrs. J. L. Wakeman of Boise; Mrs. H. A. Chamberlain of Nampa, and Katherine, John, and Eugene, who reside on the ranch.

The funeral will be held this afternoon at 1 o'clock from the home and services will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Rice of Caldwell. Interment will be at Star.

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