

## HOPPER,HASSELL

Name HOPPER, HASSELL  
Rank CPL Company E Unit 101 IL US INF

### Personal Characteristics

Residence JACKSONVILLE, MORGAN CO, IL Age 22 Height 5' 9 3/4 Hair DARK  
Eyes LIGHT Complexion DARK Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER  
Nativity SCARBOROUGH, ENGLAND

### Service Record

Joined When AUG 9, 1862 Joined Where JACKSONVILLE, IL  
Joined By Whom CHAS SAMPLE Period 3 YRS  
Muster In SEP 2, 1862 Muster In Where JACKSONVILLE, IL  
Muster In By Whom N/A Muster Out JUN 7, 1865  
Muster Out Where WASHINGTON, DC Muster Out By Whom CPT WICKES  
Remarks MUSTERED OUT AS SERGEANT

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

A copy of his Military Discharge is filed in Morgan Co. Courthouse.

See his diary [civilwar .pdf at www.brainmist.com/civilwar/menu.htm](http://www.brainmist.com/civilwar/menu.htm) . He was wounded May 15, 1864.

He wrote the official history of the 101st Infantry published in the Attorney General's report and was on the committee that created the monument on the square at Jacksonville. He also helped with the Civil War portion of the 1872 History of Morgan Co..

From the Illinois Marriage database:

HOPPER, HASSEL	WOOD, HANNAH	06/03/1868	C/ 45	1830	MORGAN
In the 1880 census,	E. D. 160, Yatesville, Morgan Co., Illinois:				
Hassell HOPPER	Self M Male W 40	ENG	Farmer	ENG	ENG
Hannah HOPPER	Wife M Female W 38	ENG	Keeping House	ENG	ENG
Mattie HOPPER	Dau S Female W 10	IL	At Home	ENG	ENG
Anna E. HOPPER	Dau S Female W 5	IL		ENG	ENG
Charles HOPPER	Son S Male W 4M	IL		ENG	ENG
Thomas ELSOME	Nephew S Male W 5	IL		ENG	ENG

He applied for pension Aug 8 1877 from IL. His wife, Hannah, applied for pension March 21 1917 from IL.

He died March 13 1917 in Jacksonville, IL His wife is also buried in Diamond Grove, Jacksonville, IL.

Bio:PORTRAIT & BIOGRAPHICAL ALBUM OF MORGAN AND SCOTT COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, 1889

HASSELL HOPPER. This gentleman, who is now pursuing the vocation of a farmer on section 30, township 16, range 9, Morgan County, is a veteran of the late war wherein he fought gallantly and faithfully for his adopted country. He is of English birth and parentage. His father, Thomas Hopper, was born in Yorkshire, England, and was the son of a farmer, a friend of the celebrated John Wesley, the Methodist divine, who preached many times in the home of his father when he (the father of our subject) was a boy, and his parents were strong defenders of the Wesleyan Methodist faith. His mother was a Miss Gorton previous to her marriage with his father. He was reared to man's estate in his old English home, and was married to Jane, daughter of Hassel and Ann Poad, natives of Yorkshire, and they in turn reared their family of children there. In 1856 they brought them to the United States in the sailing vessel Ellen Austin, making the voyage in five weeks and two days, landing in Castle Garden, N.Y., and coming from thence to Jacksonville, this county. They located there a few months, and then removed to this township, where the father spent his last days, dying in December, 1887, leaving a widow and nine children to mourn his loss, namely: Annie, who married George Edson, and died in this county; John, who died in 1887; Jane F., now Mrs. Robert Hunter; Hassell, Richard, George T., James

P., Hannah, Thomas W., Charles, Philip H. The beloved mother, aged seventy-eight years, is a welcome inmate of our subject's household. She, like her husband, early became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and she is a true and earnest Christian.

He of whom we write was in the prime of early life when he crossed the waters with his parents to build up a new home in the United States. In August, 1862 he determined to enlist to aid the brave soldiers of the Federal army to preserve the Union of the country that he had adopted as his own, and he enrolled his name as one of the members of Company E, 101st Illinois Infantry, and did efficient service until the close of the war. Among the principal battles in which he fought were those at Mission Ridge, Resaca, Dallas, Peachtree Creek, and the engagements around Atlanta, whence he accompanied Sherman on his march to the sea, and he was afterward present at the Grand Review at Washington, where he was mustered out of service with his regiment in June, 1865, having won an honorable record for bravery. He was wounded in the left knee by a shot at Resaca, which, though not serious at the time, became quite so as the result of his rashly going into service again too soon afterward without giving it time to heal. On his retirement from a military life, Mr. Hopper engaged with Lambert & Hopper in the market house at Jacksonville, remaining there twelve years. At the expiration of that time, he turned his attention to farming, and bought his present farm, which comprises 130 acres of land, all in a high state of cultivation, with good improvements, and from this he derives a very good income.

Our subject is undoubtedly much indebted to his wife for the comforts of a cozy home, as it was his good fortune to marry Miss Anna Wood in June, 1867. Her parents, James and Martha (Beach) Wood, were natives of England, and emigrating to the United States, they came here quite early in the settlement of the county, and their last days were passed here.

Mr. Hopper is a man whom to know is to respect, as he possesses the qualities that make a desirable citizen. He is fairly prosperous in his calling as he deserves to be, having been steadfast and unwearied in his endeavors to build up a comfortable home for himself and family, and thrift and industry have placed him far above the reach of want. In his political views, he is a strong Republican taking an intelligent view of the different questions of public import that are discussed on every hand. He is a man of earnest religious feelings, and he and his family are members of the Methodist church, and act in accordance with its teachings as far as in them lies.

#### FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR HASSELL HOPPER

Many Friends Assembled at Home For Last Solemn Rites - Mr. Madden Told of Long and Useful Life.

Funeral services for Hassell Hopper were held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the family home, 641 South Diamond Street, the Rev. F. B. Madden, pastor of Grace M. E. church, was in charge and he was assisted by the Rev. M. L. Pontius, pastor of the Christian church. Mrs. H. C. Woltman gave appropriate solo numbers to accompaniment of Mrs. Lucy D. Kolp. The floral gifts, brought in beautiful profusion, were cared for by Mrs. Charles Minter, Miss Emma Hunter, Mrs. Alma Chrisman, Miss Anna May Wilson and Miss Nell Hopper.

Burial was made in Diamond Grove cemetery. Matt Starr post G. A. R. were present and conducted the services at the grave. The bearers were Thomas Fox, James Wilson, William Hopper, Robert Hopper, Thomas V. Hopper and Thomas Elsome.  
Of Sturdy English Ancestry.

"The life of our departed brother", said Mr. Madden, in the course of an obituary sketch, "was a link in that chain of Anglo-Saxon humanity which binds together two continents and two countries. Hassell Hopper was born on the 22nd day of February, 1840, at Scarborough, England. The home of his great grandfather was one of John Wesley's regular preaching places in the days when Methodists were without a home, and had no places of worship even in England. When no preacher was present this good man would enter the pulpit that his own hands had made and officiate as a local minister. Mr. Hopper's grandfather was a prosperous farmer and

his father was a well-to-do butcher. His parents, Thomas and Jane Poad Hopper, belonged to the sturdy English yeomen and were staunch Methodists.

"In the beginning days of Wesleyan Methodism converts received the sacrament at the hands of the clergy of the church of England. Hassell Hopper was the first of his father's children to be baptized by a Methodist minister.

#### Early Religious Influence

"Born of such noble ancestry, Mr. Hopper spent a happy childhood amid the beautiful rural scenes of 'Merrie England,' and in the religious atmosphere created by the great Wesleyan revival. At the age of sixteen he came with his parents to America. Immediately on reaching this country the parents brought the family of eleven children and settled on a farm in the neighborhood of Sinclair.

Mr. Madden continued with an account of Mr. Hopper's military career and his life as a soldier for three eventful years. At the battle of Resaca Mr. Hopper received a wound in the knee and the next day while on a forced march, with his wound still bleeding, he suffered a sun stroke. Left with impaired health he was taken prisoner but was soon exchanged and granted a brief parole. He never lost interest in the comradeship of the army and was an active and honored member of Matt Starr post G. A. R.

The sketch was continued: "After return from the army Mr. Hopper was a member for nearly twelve years of the firm of Lambert and Hopper and later bought a farm near Sinclair, where he lived for several years. When he came again in Jacksonville Mr. Hopper became associated with his brother, Charles Hopper, in the shoe business. A few years ago he retired from active business life and has enjoyed the well earned recompense of days well spent in useful endeavor.



#### Life Its Own Eulogy.

In conclusion Mr. Madden said: "His beautiful life, with its pleasant memories and hallowed influence, is its own eloquent eulogy. This is the priceless legacy of his widow and his children. Theirs also is the sympathy and appreciation of the church and community. May our Heavenly Father stimulate us to emulate his virtues and to press the battle of righteousness to the gates of the evening in the valiant spirit of our fallen comrade.

"However it be, it seem to me,  
'Tis only noble to be good,  
Kind hearts are more than coronets  
And simple faith than Norman blood."