

LAKE ,HARRISON Laird

Name LAKE, HARRISON
Rank CPL Company A Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence MEREDOSIA, MORGAN CO, IL Age 30 Height 5' 11 3/4 Hair BROWN
Eyes BLUE Complexion LIGHT Marital Status MARRIED Occupation FARMER
Nativity HANCOCK CO, KY

Service Record

Joined When AUG 9, 1862 Joined Where MEREDOSIA, IL
Joined By Whom CHAS GOVE 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 WICKS
Remarks N/A

He is listed on the Jacksonville Civil War monument and the 1872 Morgan Co. History.
From the Illinois Marriage database:
LAKE, HARRISON L FARROW, FANNIE F (MRS) 11/08/1883 00C/0173 MORGAN

In the 1880 census, Meredosia, Morgan Co., IL:
Harrison LAKE M Male 49 KY Drayman
Jane L. LAKE M Female 44 TN Keeping House
George LAKE S Male 23 IL Works On Rail Road
Frank LAKE S Male 19 IL Works On Farm
Margaret WETHERS S Female 15 IL



He was admitted to the Soldier's Home in Quincy, IL on February 25, 1926(should be 1906) patient number 7403.
He applied for pension July 12 1890 from IL. His wife, Fannie R. applied for pension July 12 1906 from IL. He was born 1 Jan 1831 in Perry, Indiana.
He died Jun 25, 1906 as reported by Quincy GAR Post.
Buried in Oakland Cemetery, Morgan Co., IL His wife, Frances Rebecca is also buried there.

Obit

Meredosia Budget Newspaper - 12 July 1906 -- Vol. I No. 49, Front Page

After a lingering illness caused from a complication of diseases, Harrison Laird Lake departed this life at the Soldiers Home hospital in Quincy, Ill., at 6:40 o'clock on Thursday evening, June 28, 1906, the immediate cause of his death being given as heart failure.

At the time of his demise, Mr. Lake was 75 years, 5 months, and 28 days old, having been born January 1, 1831 at Hawsville, Hancock County, Kentucky.

When but two years of age his mother was called from family and friends to the great beyond, leaving her two children, the subject of this sketch and the late Mrs. Lourissa J. Hale, then 11 years of age, to the tender care of a near relative, and two years later the father joined the mother on the other shore. The two orphans continued their home with their relative until January 9, 1843, when the sister became the wife of the late Isaac Hale.

When our subject was about 14 years of age the trio bade adieu to friends of their early childhood in the Blue Grass state and set out for Illinois, traveling in a covered wagon. They landed in Cass county early in the spring of 1845; lived there one year then removed to Schuyler county and from there he came to Morgan county, and

for a few years followed the vocation of farming and later he became a resident of this city. About the year 1857 he was married to Miss Jane Weathers. Their union was blessed, with two children, George, now a resident of Joplin, Mo., and Frank residing on a farm near Anderson, Mo. Mrs. Lake died May 2, 1882.

His army service began with his enlistment on the 9th day of August, 1862, a corporal of Captain John W. Brown, company A, 101st Ill. Infantry volunteers; was discharged from service on June 10, 1865 near Washington D.C. He participated in many hard fought battles, and his clear record marked him as a brave soldier.

After Mr. Lake's return to civil life he made two changes -- one to Hiawatha, Kansas; lived there about five years -- one to Joplin, Mo. Where he resided about fifteen months, returning in 1891 he settled down in Meredosia, which was ever afterwards his home.

On Nov. 8, 1883 Mr. Lake was married to his second wife who was formerly Mrs. Fanny Arnett Farrow, of Waverly, Ill. To them one child was born -- Harry L. who lives with his mother. In addition to his wife and his three sons there survives one stepson, Albert A. Farrow, of Waverly, and a large circle of friends and relatives, all of whom are saddened by his death.

For a number of years he held the responsible position of mail-messenger between the Wabash depot and the Meredosia post-office, which position he held until the spring of 1902 when compelled to resign on account of failing health.

A few months ago his condition becoming so serious he upon the advice of physicians and friends entered the Home hospital at Quincy where he received the best medical treatment and for a time his condition seemed to improve and his family entertained the hope that he would again be able to return home. Alas for human expectations and hopes, and on the evening above mentioned, as the sun was going down behind the western clouds there quietly passed from earth a beloved husband, father, relative, friend and neighbor. He often, during the past two years expressed a readiness and a willingness to depart and be at rest.

Uncle Harry as he was familiarly known among us, lived to witness the vast and many changes that have taken place in Morgan county, especially in and about Meredosia, in the last three score years. He saw "the wilderness bloom and blossom as the rose." What a feeling of solemnity comes over us as we pause in this busy world of ours to glance backward at the lives of those pioneers who bore the heat and burden of the days in other years.

The funeral services for the late Harrison L. Lake were very largely attended on Sunday, July 1st, both at his late home and at the M.E. church, where the Rev. G.T. Wetzel officiated. The services at the residence were at 2 o'clock and at the church at 2:30 o'clock and a large concourse of friends, relatives and neighbors witnessed the obsequies of the estimable citizen.

The singing was by a choir composed of Misses Emma Schaefer, Nellie Waldo, Messrs. Bert Pond and Louis Yeck. Mrs. Will G. Looman presided at the organ. The hymns sweetly rendered were "Abide with Me," "Jesus Savior Pilot Me," "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Miss Waldo very pathetically sang a beautiful solo entitled "God Giveth his Beloved Sleep."

The floral emblems from the friends of the deceased and his family were numerous and beautiful, breathing the affection and esteem of the contributors, and were in the kindly care of Mrs. A.W. Geiss, Mrs. Will Hyatt and Miss Myrtle Gilliland.

Those who served in the capacity of pall-bearers were veterans of the war and were as follows: Messrs. John Summers, Luther A. Cline, Fred A. Hillig, Daniel Webster, Fred Yeck and Thomas Hyatt.

After the close of the solemn services and all had reviewed for the last time, the once familiar features of the departed one, the long procession sorrowfully wended its way to Oakland cemetery where all that was mortal of Harrison L. Lake was tenderly laid in his last resting place.