

## NORCROSS, WILLIAM

Name NORCROSS, WILLIAM  
Rank PVT Company G Unit 101 IL US INF

### Personal Characteristics

Residence WAVERLY, MORGAN CO, IL Age 31 Height 5' 8 3/4 Hair DARK  
Eyes BLUE Complexion LIGHT Marital Status MARRIED Occupation SHOEMAKER  
Nativity PONDSVILLE, BURLINGTON CO, NJ

### Service Record

Joined When AUG 14, 1862 Joined Where WAVERLY, IL  
Joined By Whom ROBERT MCKEE 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 N/A

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

In the 1880 census, Auburn, Sangamon Co., IL:

William NORCROSS	M	Male	56	NJ	Shoemaker
Martha NORCROSS	M	Female	46	NJ	Keeping House
Joseph R. NORCROSS	S	Male	19	IL	Laborer
William H. NORCROSS	S	Male	16	IL	Shoemaker
Ella M. NORCROSS	S	Female	12	IL	At Home
Albert B. NORCROSS	S	Male	10	IL	At Home
Walter NORCROSS	S	Male	4	IL	At Home

He applied for pension June 28 1880, no state listed, assumed to be IL. His wife, Martha H., applied for pension April 19 1902 from IL.

He died Mar 18 1902 at Auburn, Sangamon Co., IL Xxneed burial

### Bio:

WILLIAM NORCROSS, farmer, post office, Sherman, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, in 1804, son of Adam and Margaret, boot and shoemaker, Auburn, Illinois, was born in Burlington county, New Jersey, on the second day of October, 1824; son of Samuel F. and Elizabeth (Britton) Norcross. There was a family of thirteen children, nine sons and four daughters. The Norcross family was well represented in the Union Army, there being six who enlisted in the Thirty-third Regiment New Jersey volunteers. Samuel, who contracted a disease and died in 1865; George, Joseph, Jonathan, who was killed at Chancellorsville, Elisha and Wesley. William, the subject of this sketch, enlisted in the One Hundred and First Regiment Illinois volunteers, Company G, and mustered in at Jacksonville, September 2, 1862. He participated in the following engagements: Holly Springs, Mississippi, where six companies were captured by the rebels, companies A, B, G and H, only saving themselves by retreating to Coldwater, where the Irish Legion was then stationed, where they repelled the attack by Van Dorn, of seven thousand cavalry. Afterwards was attached to the Fourteenth Illinois Infantry, and detached as scouts; from thence to Vicksburg, and on the twenty-fifth of March, run the batteries on the United States steam ram Switzerland, for which the men on board got a furlough for meritorious conduct, by U. S. Grant. After the expirations of their furloughs, they joined their regiment at Union City, Tennessee, being in September, 1863; thence to Bridgeport, Alabama, took part in a midnight fight; from there to the battle of Mission Ridge; thence to Knoxville, to release Burnside, when Longstreet held him besieged, and immediately after the siege returned to Chattanooga, marching across the country bare-footed, without shoes with their feet bleeding so they could be tracked by the blood from their feet. May 2, 1864, started on the Atlanta campaign, and employed the enemy at Kingston, Dalton, Resaca, New Hope Church, Kennesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesboro, and entered the city of Atlanta on the second day of September, 1864, being the first regiment in the city. At the time of Sherman's March to the Sea was detailed as Forage Master of the first division of ordinance train, of the Twentieth Army Corps, and remained with Sherman until he arrived in Washington. Was mustered out at Bladensburg, Virginia, June 9, 1865; from there came to Springfield, where they were discharged and paid off June 20, 1865. He then returned to Waverly, where he engaged in the boot and shoe business, and remained

there four years, when he worked at farming for a short time; he afterwards engaged in railroading for a short time. In 1872 he came to Auburn, where he has followed his trade since; married Miss Martha H. Pittit. She was born October 1, 1824. The fruits of this union was nine children, seven of whom are living, viz: Merrietta, Job, Joseph R., William Jr., Albert, Walter and Ella. Previous to coming to the State, Mr. Norcross held the office of Assessor and Collector of Burlington township, new Jersey. Mr. Norcross came to the State in 1855, where he remained a short time, when he returned to New Jersey. In 1857 he returned to the West, where he has remained since, not living at any time, over sixteen miles from Auburn.