

ROHRER, WILBURN G

Name ROHRER, WILBURN G
Rank PVT Company G Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence MORGAN CO, IL Age 27 Height 5' 5 Hair BLACK
Eyes BROWN Complexion DARK Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER
Nativity MORGAN CO, IL

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 N/A
Muster Out Where N/A Muster Out By Whom N/A
Remarks DISCHARGED FEB 20, 1863 AT MEMPHIS TENN FOR DISABILITY

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

See obit for family details.

He applied for pension Nov21 1904 from IL

He was born 2 Apr 1835 and died Dec 12 1923 at Waverly, IL. He is buried in East Cemetery, Waverly, Morgan Co., IL. His 2nd wife is also buried there. His first wife is buried in Vancil Temple Cemetery, Modesto, Macoupin Co., IL.

Obit

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Funeral Services Held Last Saturday for Wilburn G. Rohrer Who Died at Age of 88 Years.

The funeral services of Wilburn G. Rohrer, whose death was announced last week, were held at Rohrer Chapel at 10:30 o'clock last Saturday morning. Mr. Rohrer, though nearly ninety years old, had spent his entire life in the community south of Waverly, known as the Rohrer Chapel community. He was born April 2, 1835, the same year that Waverly was surveyed as a townsite, his birthplace being one-quarter mile north of his late residence, on the farm now owned by J. J. Sims. He was 88 years, 8 months and 10 days of age at the time of his death. Mr. Rohrer's father was Jonathan Rohrer who was born at Harper's Ferry, Virginia. At the age of four years, Jonathan Rohrer moved to Kentucky, where he resided until he reached maturity, coming to Morgan County, Illinois, in 1827 and locating in the southeastern part of the county. He resided in various places in this vicinity until his death in February, 1879.

Wilburn G. Rohrer was one of a family of seven, there being three other sons and three daughters. Beginning life at an early day in this community's development he soon took an active part in the worth while affairs of life. After attending college he returned home and became the first teacher of a newly organized district school near his home. He soon gave up teaching, having become interested in live stock and farming and during the remainder of his long life was one of Morgan county's well known and successful farmers. The farm on which he resided was part of the land that was pre-empted by his father.

Mr. Rohrer was married March 4, 1858, to Miss Susan Keplinger. To this union one child was born, Mrs. Fannie Curtiss, of Waverly, who survives. On September 8, 1860 death entered his home and took his young wife. On February 28, 1866, he was married to Miss Lucy A. Allyn. To this union four children were born, Luther R., who died in July, 1893; Mrs. Flora Lee Christopher who died October 14, 1897, and Oscar A. and Wilburn Herbert who survive. Deceased is also survived by four grandchildren, Mrs. A. C. Blancke, of Chicago, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Curtiss; Gertrude Elizabeth, Helen Lucy and Esther Alice Rohrer, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Rohrer. There are also two sisters surviving, Mrs. Mary Pugh and Mrs. Louise Fletcher. Death came into the home of the deceased, and took his companion of old age and since that time he has been waiting for the summons to call him home. During his declining years there was much that Mr. Rohrer loved to talk about, that which lay closest to his heart being his church. Owing to his early Christian training he was connected in early manhood and united with the church near Vancil Temple known as Brush College or Old Zion. He remained a member of that church until it was abandoned in 1876 when the society was transferred to its new home at

Rohrer Chapel of which he was one of the builders, remaining a regular attendant and liberal supporter until his death. He was a member of this society for 68 years. Mr. Rohrer offered himself for service in 1862 in the Civil War, but owing to ill health was discharged in 1863 from Mount City hospital.

Funeral services were conducted at 10:30 last Saturday morning at Rohrer Chapel, Rev. E. J. Campbell of Taylorville, a former pastor, officiating, assisted by Rev. C. W. Andrew, pastor of the Waverly M. E. Circuit.

Music was furnished by Mrs. W. A. Barrow, Mrs. J. H. Shutt, W. L. Carter and C. A. Carter of East St. Louis. They sang at the church "Abide With Me", "Gathering Home", and "Face to Face", and at the cemetery the quartet sang "Now the Day is Over."

The beautiful floral tributes were in charge of Mrs. Paul Allyn, Mrs. C. A. Carter, Mrs. W. L. Carter, Mrs. E. C. Keplinger, Mrs. J. R. Dunseth, Mrs. Oliver Miller, Mrs. Roy Sims.

Interment was made in East cemetery at Waverly, the pall bearers being W. A. Barrow, Anderson Brian, J. F. Kennedy, G. L. Stice, Henry Horton and William Walls.

At the funeral of Mrs. Rohrer, held eleven years ago, Rev. Campbell was in charge of the service, using the same text as at Mr. Rohrer's funeral, "Blessed are they that die in the Lord." The singers at Mr. Rohrer's funeral were the ones who furnished the music at his wife's funeral.

(Dec. 21, 1923)