

SPENCER, BENJAMIN Franklin

Name SPENCER, BENJAMIN F
Rank PVT Company I Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence MORGAN CO, IL Age 19 Height 5' 8 Hair BROWN
Eyes BLUE Complexion DARK Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER
Nativity MORGAN CO, IL

Service Record

Joined When AUG 7, 1862 Joined Where MORGAN CO, IL
Joined By Whom J T NEWMAN 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 JUN 23, 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:

SPENCER, BENJAMIN F PAYTON, MARY C 1864-09-14 C/ 16 636 MORGAN

He applied for pension Dec 21 1889 from IL.

He died 26 Mar 1927. He is buried in Murrayville Cemetery, Morgan Co., IL.

Obit:

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BENJ. F. SPENCER RITES TOMORROW AT MURRAYVILLE

Aged Resident of County Was Widely Known - Served in Civil War for Union.

Benjamin Franklin Spencer, a member of a pioneer family and a long time resident of Morgan county, passed away at his home five miles south of Murrayville Saturday afternoon, after an extended illness. For the past three years Mr. Spencer has been in failing health and his condition had been serious since last September.

Mr. Spencer was born February 21, 1842 on the old Spencer homestead south of Murrayville. It was on this farm that the decedent's parents, William S. and Parthenia Totton Spencer, settled when they came west from Kentucky, and with the exception of a few years spent in Roodhouse Mr. Spencer has always resided there.

As a youth Mr. Spencer enlisted for service in the Union army during the Civil War. He was a member of Company I, 101st Regiment of Illinois Volunteers under command of Captain Lightfoot.

In the year of 1864, he was married to Miss Mary C. Payton who preceded him in death several years ago. Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Katherine Wagstaff, Jacksonville; Mrs. Thankful Wagstaff, Murrayville; Mrs. Parthenia Chapman, Alton; Mrs. Nellie Chapman, Roodhouse; Fred Iasiah and Charles Spencer all of Texas; and Dr. J. H. Spencer of this city. The decedent leaves one sister, Mrs. Jane Neighbors, of this city, the only living member of a large family.

Mr. Spencer spent many years as a farmer and stock raiser at his farm south of Murrayville, where he was considered one of the most successful men of his community.

He was a member of the Methodist church for fifty years and was active in the work until ill health interfered.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Murrayville Methodist church in charge of Rev. Paul Dubois, with interment in the Murrayville cemetery.

The Murrayville post of the American Legion will assist at the services.
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