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Personal Characteristics

Residence FRANKLIN, MORGAN CO, IL Age 22 Height 6' 1/2 Hair DARK
Eyes LIGHT Complexion DARK Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER
Nativity MORGAN CO, IL

Service Record

Joined When AUG 15, 1862 Joined Where FRANKLIN, 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 N/A
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CAMP BUTLER ILL FOR DISABILITY

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.
Attended the 1898 reunion in Jacksonville.
He died June 29 1912 and is buried in Franklin Cemetery, Morgan Co., IL.
His wife, Mary E., applied for pension Jul 10 1912 from IL.

WRIGHT

Another of the brave men whom Morgan county contributed to the service of the country has answered the final roll call and gone to his reward. W. C. Wright, whom almost everyone knew as "Shelt", passed away at an early hour Saturday morning. He had been in poor health for a number of years and for nine weeks had not been able to sit up. Death was due to hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Wright was the son of Thomas and Jane D. Wright, who were early immigrants to this county from Kentucky, the state that has furnished so many grand men and women to the land. "Uncle Tom" and "Aunt Jane" Wright were known far and near and highly respected for their many good qualities. They were people of sturdy character and reared a family to do them credit. Their son, William Chilton, was born near Waverly, April 28, 1840, and was one of seven children, James B., William O., Walter Shelby, Mrs. Fannie Graves, Mrs. Mary Ella Seymour, Mrs. Lou Sevier and Mrs. Sarah Allbright. The first four are dead; Mrs. Seymour and Mrs. Sevier live in this county and Mrs. Allbright in St. Joseph, Mo. In August, 1862, Mr. Wright enlisted in Co. B 101st Illinois Infantry, and saw hard service from the start. He was on one of the blockade runners that passed Vicksburg and was all through the memorable siege of the rebel stronghold. He was in Sherman's March to the sea and saw hard service previous to that time and all who were with him

testify to his unflinching bravery. Among the surviving comrades is Judge T.B. Orear, who says Mr. Wright was a peculiarly brave and efficient soldier. July 20, 1864 he was wounded at Peach Tree Creek, a part of his left hand being shot away, causing him to come home on a furlough but he returned just as soon as possible. He served until discharged honorably from a service he had honored. None were braver than he and none bore a better reputation as a soldier.

On his return from the war he settled in Jacksonville and for years followed dealing in livestock and handled thousands of animals. In politics he was a Democrat and was prominent in the councils of his party and was useful to it in many ways. He was sheriff from 1882 till '86, serving the first term under the four years law. He also served a number of terms as alderman. Jan. 25, 1872, he was married to Miss Mary Menick at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rice Smith and as the event took place on Mrs. Smith's birthday the day was celebrated at one home or another till death took Mr. Smith away. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were always much devoted to each other and lived happily. They were not the parents of any children. His wife survives him.

He was a member of Urania Lodge No. 243, I.O.O.F., and of Matt Starr post 348, G.A.R.

During the Billy Sunday meetings he was converted and remained true to his profession. He united with State Street church and was a consistent member as long as he lived.

A brief funeral service will be conducted at his late residence, 211 S. Fayette Street, by Dr. A.B. Morey, a long time friend and pastor, at 4 p.m. today, and Monday morning the remains will be taken to Franklin, where Dr. Morey will conduct another service at 9 o'clock in the Methodist church and interment will be in the Franklin cemetery.

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