

GIVENS, WILLIAM T

Name GIVENS, WILLIAM T
Rank PVT Company H Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence MORGAN CO, IL Age 19 Height 6' 1/8 Hair LIGHT
Eyes BLUE Complexion LIGHT Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER
Nativity MORGAN CO, IL

Service Record

Joined When AUG 8, 1862 Joined Where FRANKLIN, IL
Joined By Whom J M FANNING Period 3 YRS
Muster In SEP 2, 1862 Muster In Where JACKSONVILLE, IL
Muster In By Whom N/A Muster Out JUN 29, 1865
Muster Out Where SPRINGFIELD, IL Muster Out By Whom LT HAWKES
Remarks ABSENT SICK AT CAMP BUTLER ILL SINCE JUL 31, 1864

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.

Listed in roster as farmer, single, b. 1843 in Morgan Co., IL

From the Illinois Marriage database:

GIVENS, WILLIAM T JR KENT, EMMA 03/15/1866 C/ 28 1111 MORGAN

In the 1880 census, Waverly, Morgan Co., IL:

W. Thomas GIVENS	Self	M	Male	W	36	IL	Assessor	TN	KY
Emma K. GIVENS	Wife	M	Female		W	31	OH	Keeping House	OH
	OH								
William E. GIVENS	Son	S	Male	W	11	IL		IL	OH
Hattie M. GIVENS	Dau	S	Female		W	9	IL	IL	OH
Robert L. GIVENS	Son	S	Male	W	6	KS		IL	OH
Jennie F. GIVENS	Dau	S	Female		W	5	KS	IL	OH

He applied for pension Jan 28 1874, no state listed, assumed to be IL.

He is buried in Franklin cemetery, Morgan Co., IL

GIVENS

W. T. Givens, Jr., died at the home of his sister, Miss Lizzie Givens, in this city July 11, 1905, at 8:40 o'clock a.m. He was born June 30, 1843, at the old homestead on the brow of the Givens hill, where he lived and grew to manhood with the exception of two years, which the family, in his early childhood, spent in Springfield Ills. In the summer of 1862 he with thousands of others responded to the call for "300,000 more" and at the close of the war came to his home and loved ones. In 1866 he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kent, of Waverly, who died in North Dakota in the fall of 1895. To them were born five children: W. E., better known as Nick, who died Aug 22, 1894, from wounds received while trying to board a train at Jamestown, N.D.; Hattie, now Mrs. Lee Chilton, of Island Grove, Ill.; Robert Low, deceased; Allie, now Mrs. J. T. Douglas, of South Dakota, and one having died in infancy.

In 1862 he moved to Sedgewick Co., Kan., but in 1877 returned to Illinois. In 1886 he received an appointment from President Cleveland as Indian farmer in N.D. where he has since resided until December last, when he, broken in health, came to his childhood home and friends to die.



As a boy, Tom had many friends, as a man and citizen they numbered no less.

During a meeting at the M. E. church, south, since his return, he sought and found Christ, and at once had his name placed on the church record. This has been a great comfort to him since then and when asked the morning before he died if the way was clear, he replied, with

his eyes bright and opened wide, "Oh yes, all the way through, and it will be but a short time." On his last birthday he said "Oh, what a happy birthday it would be if the transfer from earth to glory would only come."

He leaves two daughters, one brother, two sisters, and eight grandchildren with a host of kindred and friends to miss him. He begged that we mourn not for him.

Funeral services were held at the M.E. church, South, Wednesday morning, conducted by Rev. R. J. Watts, presiding elder, with interment in Franklin cemetery.

GIVENS

W. T. Givens, an old and highly respected citizen of this county, died Tuesday morning, July 12th, at the home of his sister, Miss Lizzie Givens, after a lingering illness of several months of a complication of diseases, chief of which was heart trouble. His death has been expected for several weeks, owing to the nature of his trouble, but with a strong constitution and careful nursing his life has been prolonged.

William Thomas Givens was born June 30, 1843, at what is known by everyone as the Givens farm, three miles west of this city. When three years of age his parents moved to Springfield and remained two years, where they conducted a hotel near the corner of Third and Adams streets returning to the farm in 1848. When the call came for volunteers to go to the front he enlisted in Company H, 101st Ill. Infantry, and served three years as a private. In 1866 he was married to Miss Emma Kent, of this city, who died in 1895. Five children were born to this union, three of whom have since died. Politically Mr. Givens was a democrat and was recognized as a leader of the party in Morgan county. Realizing his sterling value as a citizen, farmer and politician, he was appointed by President Cleveland, in the year 1886, as an instructor to the Indians upon farming in North Dakota. He remained in North Dakota until last December, when he was obliged to surrender all his interests in the north and return home on account of poor health and has gradually declined ever since. He is survived by his two daughters, Mrs. Lee Chilton, of Island Grove and Mrs. J. F. Douglas, of Seim, South Dakota; two sisters, Miss Lizzie Givens and Mrs. M. A. Woodmansee, and one brother Robert S. Givens, of this city.

The funeral was held at the M.E. Church South, of which the deceased was a member, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, Presiding Elder Watts, assisted by Rev. C. M. Barton, officiating. The burial took place at the family burying ground near Franklin.
(July 13, 1905)