

SEEGAR(SEGAR),JAMES Wesley

Name SEGAR, JAMES W
Rank PVT Company I Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence JACKSONVILLE, MORGAN CO, IL Age 24 Height 5' 8 Hair BLACK
Eyes BLACK Complexion DARK Marital Status MARRIED Occupation MOULDER
Nativity BELLFOUNTAIN, LOGAN CO, OH

Service Record

Joined When JUL 26, 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 OCT 26, 1864 AT QUINCY ILL FOR DISABILITY

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

In the 1880 census for Woodson, Morgan Co., IL:

Seegar, James W	W	M	42	self	peddler	OH	OH	
Elizabeth	W	F	40	wife	keeps house	OH	VA	VA
George W	W	M	17	son	at home	IL	OH	OH
John W	W	M	14	son	at home	IL	OH	OH
Emma	W	F	7	dau		IL	OH	OH
Arthur L	W	M	5	son		IL	OH	OH
Rosa L	W	F	2	dau		IL	OH	OH

IN the 1900 census for Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL:

Seegar, James W	head	M	W	May	1838	62	M	3	OH	VT	NJ	Retired	
Ellen	wife	F	W	Feb	1847	53	M	3	0	0	MI	OH	OH
Walter J	son	M	W	Apr	1883	17	S		IL	OH	MI	at home& school	
Fred	son	M	W	Oct	1889	13	S		IL	OH	MI	at school	

In 1910 James and Ellen had moved to Decatur, Macon Co., IL., living with son Arthur.

His wife Elizabeth died in 1896 and is also buried at Diamond Grove Cem.

He applied for pension Nov 4, 1864, no state listed, assumed to be IL.

He was born 19 May 1835. He died May 14 1933 as reported by GAR Post 141 in Decatur, IL He is buried in Diamond Grove Cemetery, Jacksonville, Morgan Co., IL. Several of his children are also there.

Obit:

SEEGAR, JAMES WESLEY

Jacksonville Daily Journal, May 15, 1933, Page 12 (Morgan County)

MAN WHO LOST SIGHT IN CIVIL WAR FIGHT DIES

James W. Seegar, 98, Morgan County Man Who Distinguished Himself in Civil War, Dies in Decatur.

Fred Seegar of 208 East Chambers street was notified Sunday night of the death of his father, James Wesley Seegar, 98 year old Civil War veteran in Decatur. Blinded during the Civil War, Mr. Seegar had been sightless since he was 29 years old. He was a former Jacksonville resident and his career both in army service and civilian life was remarkable. A few years ago on his 95th anniversary the Decatur Herald carried an extensive sketch of his life, featuring the fact that he had just entered the poultry business at an age when most persons are living a retired life. Mr. Seegar was born May 10, 1835, in Bellfontaine, O. When three years old he came with his family to Illinois. The family settled in Union county near Jonesboro.

When 17 years old Mr. Seegar moved to Jacksonville where he learned the iron molder's trade. While in his twenties he organized a group of young men friends and with them formed a company of national guards of which he was captain. This was an artillery company. When the Civil war occurred the company volunteered as a body, but owing to a lack of artillery equipment the company was mustered in as Company I, 101st Illinois infantry. Thirteen of the outstanding engagements of the war were participated in by Company I. Three times its leader, Mr. Seegar, was wounded, each time in the head. It was in an engagement by Trickham Post office, near Risacka, (Reseca)Ga., on May 15, 1864, that Mr. Seegar received his last and most serious wound. His company had been fighting for about three hours. The engagement seemed to be almost over when a bullet from a Confederate soldier's gun struck Mr. Seegar in the left eye, shattering the bridge of his nose and severing the optic nerve. The company surgeon performed an operation on the field which saved the right eyeball, but could not preserve the sight. The wounded soldier was sent to his home in Jacksonville and later to the soldiers hospital in Quincy where he remained until October, 1864. The inactivity of the hospital did not appeal to him, so he returned to Jacksonville and lived here until about thirty-three years ago.

In 1860 the decedent was united in marriage with Elizabeth Souders who preceded him in death a number of years ago. Ten children have also preceded him in death. He leaves one son, Fred Seegar of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Rachel Wyckoff of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

(Note: Mr. Seegar died 14 May 1933 and was buried in Diamond Grove Cemetery at Jacksonville, Illinois.)

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