

WHEWELL,JOHN

Name WHEWELL, JOHN
Rank PVT Company I Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence SCOTT CO, IL Age 22 Height 5' 6 Hair BLACK
Eyes BLACK Complexion DARK Marital Status SINGLE Occupation FARMER
Nativity ENGLAND

Service Record

Joined When AUG 4, 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 JUN 7, 1865
Muster Out Where WASHINGTON, DC Muster Out By Whom CPT WICKES

Remarks N/A

Born Lancashire, England, 24 April, 1844 Was living in Scott Co. in 1903.

Listed on the Scott Co. monument. He was reported by Hesse Post (Illinois Post No. 203), Winchester, Illinois as having died Dec 13 1911.

He applied for pension Feb 2 1902 from IL.

He died 13 Dec 1911 in Scott Co., IL

His wife, Ellen, applied for pension Dec 20 1911 from IL.

He is buried in Winchester Cemetery, Scott Co., IL His wife, Ellen, is also buried there.

Bio of John Whewell

JOHN WHEWELL, an independent and prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of Winchester Precinct, is classed among the most upright and highly respected members of its social and religious community. Although of foreign birth the most of his life has been passed in the United States, which has no more loyal citizen than he, and during the late Civil War he fought bravely and well in defense of the institutions of his adopted country, although he was then scarcely more than a youth.

Our subject is of English origin and ancestry. His father, James Whewell, was a native of Lancashire,

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England, and his mother, whose maiden name was Maria Out, was also born in that shire. The father learned the trade of a weaver, and about forty years ago emigrated with his family from his native land, coming directly to Winchester, Scott County. He cast in his lot with the pioneers of the precinct, rented a place for a few years, and then removed to Morgan County, where he bought sixty acres of land, which he tilled assiduously until death closed his useful career in 1861. He was twice married, his first wife, by whom he had two children, our subject the only survivor, dying before the family left England. There are three children by the second marriage now living.

John Whewell was but four years of age when he left the land of his birth and came with his father to America. His education, which was very meagre, was conducted in what is now known as Hart's school-house. As soon as he was large enough to be of any use he had to assist his father on the farm, and he thus early acquired a good, practical knowledge of farming in all its branches that has been of inestimable value to him since he began the pursuit of agriculture on his own account. He was a self-reliant, self-helpful lad, and at the age of seventeen went forth from the old home to make his own way in the world henceforth. He worked out for nine months, and then responding to the call of his country for assistance in defending the stars and stripes, he put

aside all personal aims and ambitions to take up the hard life of a soldier, enlisting in Company I, 101st Illinois Infantry, at Jacksonville, Ill. His regiment was ordered to Holly Springs in Mississippi, and there met the enemy, and six companies, including Company I, were captured. They were imprisoned but a very short time before they were paroled and dispatched to St. Louis, where they remained until spring. Mr. Whewell took part in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged, accompanied Gen. Sherman on his famous march through Georgia, and was wounded at the battle of Resaca, receiving a severe scalp wound from a rifle ball, which laid him up in the hospital at Nashville, Tenn., three months; he then returned to duty, his term of enlistment not expiring until the war closed, and he took part in the Grand Review at Washington, and was finally mustered out of service at Springfield, this State, having won a good military record as a brave and efficient soldier.

After his experiences of the privations and hardships of war on Southern battlefields our subject returned home and resumed his former occupation, and as soon as he was married he settled on his present homestead, which comprises 110 acres of land of exceeding fertility and well located, and 100 acres under plow. The land was in its primitive wildness when it first came into his possession, and he had to clear away brush and timber before he could attempt its cultivation and bring it to its present excellent condition. The farm is well supplied with stock, and Mr. Whewell feeds all he raises. The buildings are neat and substantial, and everything about the place denotes a well-ordered farm that is under skillful management.

May 24, 1868, was the date of the marriage of Mr. Whewell to Miss Mary Ellen Hart, daughter of Henry and Mary Ann (Herring) Hart of this county, of which they were early settlers. They reared but two of their family of children. Mr. Hart has been gathered to his fathers, but his widow is still living. Mrs. Whewell is a native of this county. Her happy wedded life with our subject has been blessed by the birth of six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are living.

In every department of life that our subject has been called on to fill he has shown himself to be a man of honor and unswerving integrity. In his domestic relations he is a considerate husband and a devoted father, passionately fond of his family. Both he and Mrs. Whewell and their daughter Annie are members of the United Baptist Church and cordially cooperate with their pastor and fellow members in any good work. Mr. Whewell's part in public affairs has been creditable to him and advantageous to his precinct, which he has served as Road Supervisor and School Director. He takes interest enough in politics to do his duty at the polls, always voting with the Republican party. The memory of his life on the battlefield is preserved by his connection with the G.A.R. he being a valued member of Hesse Post, No. 203, at Winchester.

Mary 's obituary follows:

Mary Ellen Hart, second daughter of Mary Ann and Henry Hart, was born Dec. 17, 1851, in the community of Harts school house and passed away Feb. 16, 1934, being 82 years, one month and 29 days old.

She spent her entire life within a few miles of where she was born. She attended school at the Hart's school, became a member of West Union Baptist Church while still young, an act she cherished to the last. She lost her father when she was two years old.

When she was 17 years she married John Whewell, also of the community and to this union were born six children, three boys and three girls, namely; Mrs. Maria Elliott who passed away in 1927; Mrs. Anna Bunch, living near Manchester; Harry, who passed away in 1911; Otis, living on the home place; Edgar, who died in 1925, and Estella Summers with whom she has made her home since the demise of her husband in 1911.

"Aunt Ellen' as all who knew her like to speak of her, was a great lover of children, flowers and her home. Her great pleasure seemed to be to have children around, and some flowers, and her home was

always open to friends.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides her children; one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges of Trehie, Mo.; one half-brother, William Stringer and one half-sister, Mrs. Etta Schoefield, both of Harts vicinity and Mrs. Laura Cockerell, another half-sister of Manchester; two half-sister, Mrs. Maggie Fletcher and Miss Mattie Stringer having precede her to the beyond.

She leaves also 22 grandchildren, 26 great-grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. A large number of nephews and nieces and a world of friends.

Funeral Services were conducted from the Christian Church in Lynnville, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, at two o'clock, Rev. F.V. Wright officiating, assisted by Rev. L.R. Gerber.

Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Yale Potter with Virginia Heaton as accompanist. The flower girls were Helen Smith, Nellie Fisher, Mabel Sellars, Belle Whewell, Mae Elliott, and Vera Cumley.

Interment was in the Winchester City Cemetery, the pall bearers being Raymond Whewell, Allen Whewell, Irvin Whewell, Harry Elliott, John Smith and Earl Elliott.

The pallbearers were grandsons and the flower girls were granddaughters.

Duet, "The Lord Knows Why" - Mr. and Mrs. Yates Potter.

Solo, "Face to Face" - Yates Potter.

Duet, "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" - Mr. and Mrs. Yates Potter accompanied by Miss Virginia Heaton