

WITHERBEE (WEATHERBEE), BENJAMIN

Name WEATHERBEE, BENJAMIN
Rank PVT Company G Unit 101 IL US INF

Personal Characteristics

Residence MORGAN CO, IL Age 21 Height 5' 7 Hair DARK
Eyes GRAY Complexion FLORID Marital Status MARRIED Occupation FARMER
Nativity MORGAN CO, IL

Service Record

Joined When AUG 24, 1862 Joined Where WAVERLY, IL
Joined By Whom ROBERT MCKEE 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 MAY 25, 1863 FROM MARINE BRIGADE AT VICKSBURG MISS FOR DISABILITY

DISCH FOR DISABILITY(from Marine Brigade Vicksburg MS) MAY 25 63, XX going home story picture

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

From the Illinois Marriage database:

WITHERBEE, BENJAMIN A DIX, MARY E 08/25/1862 C/ 4 151 MORGAN

1870 census:

25	420	421	WETHERBEE	Benjamin	29	M	Farmer	85	IL
26	420	421	WETHERBEE	Mary	25	F	Ct		
27	420	421	WETHERBEE	John	6	M	IL		
28	420	421	WETHERBEE	Albert	2	M	IL		

Their other child was Hayden Herbert, b. 1877 in Mason Co., IL

Benjamin's wife, Mary died in 1904.

He applied for pension 28 Mar 1891 and 2 May 1911.



Born Little York, Morgan Co., IL 21 Apr 1841, died at Veteran's Hospital, Danville, Vermilion Co., IL 11 Jan 1925, Buried in National Cemetery, Section 11, Row 6 grave 3455, Danville, Vermilion Co., IL

Benjamin served in the Civil War(101st IL INF, Co. G) and was discharged after being shell shocked. He lived on his pension and went from relative to relative. He farmed at Poplar City, Mason Co., Il for a while after his discharge. He was in poor health for several years and was in a nursing home in Benton Co. Ark from 1903 until Aug 1906 after being judged to be insane. When his health deteriorated further in 1911, his son, Hayden cared for him until 1914 when he was admitted to the veterans hospital in Danville, Ill..

He seldom spoke and usually sat and rocked for hours on end. Thus, he was known in the family and community as Rocking Chair Ben. Mom relates that he would come and visit them when she was a child.

Adjutant General's report lists him as enlisting Aug 24, 1862, Date of Muster Sep 2, 1862, Discharged from Marm's Brigade at Vicksburg, May 25, 1863 with disability.

His pension records(which I have), show he served on the Switzerland, but was judged unable to perform his duties due to persistent diarrhea from drinking bad water. He was sent upriver to be discharged. The boat he was on was attacked by rebels and in the melee he injured his hand helping fire a cannon that was on board, and apparently was temporarily deafened. This was the injury listed on his discharge,

issued at the mouth of the White River, Ark.

Notice that he was married the day after he enlisted to go into the army to the Civil War.