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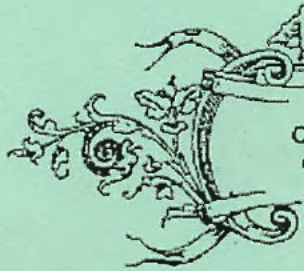


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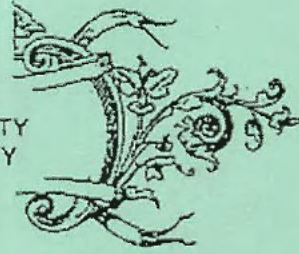
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lime	38,000 bbls	1.15	43,000
bacon	300,000 lbs	.07	21,000
lard	50,000 lbs	.07	3,500
hogs, dressed	150,000 lbs	.05	7,500







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CGCGS publishes this quarterly, *THE COLLAGE OF CAPE COUNTY*, in March, June, September, and December, sent free to members. All members are encouraged to submit articles for publication. Submissions on disk (Word Perfect 5.1, MS Word 6.0, or text files) or by email (text or rich text format) are encouraged, but not essential. Mail to Bill Eddleman, 1831 Ricardo Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 (email: [eddelemanw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eddelemanw@sbcglobal.net)).

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## From the President

Dear Cape Girardeau County Genealogical Society Members,

First of all, I thank all of you very much for the Honorary Life Membership that I received at the September meeting! It is very much appreciated, and doubly so because it is given by a group for which I have a lot of respect. It has truly been a pleasure working with all of you over the years, and I hope to continue to deserve the honor!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Steve Pledger, who was selected to be the next Cape Girardeau County Archivist, to replace the retiring Jane Jackson. Steve has served as Assistant Archivist for several years, and is very sympathetic to genealogists. His specialty is military records, but he has vast experience in all of our local records. Drew Blattner has been hired as Assistant Archivist, and is also active in researching his family history. My discussions with Steve have indicated he is supportive of our meeting at the Archive Center for our bi-monthly meetings. This will allow local members and visiting members to use the library before meetings, which we used to be able to do when the Library was at Riverside.

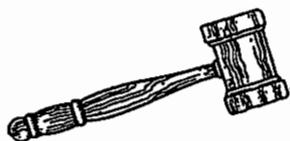
I thank those few of you who took the time and trouble to fill out the survey form that came with the last *Collage*. As a result of this survey, we are having our next meeting at the Archive Center, and will be looking into meeting there for future meetings, provided the new Archivist agrees and is gracious enough to allow us to meet there. This will allow local and visiting members to use the library before the meeting, as they were able to do when we had the library at Riverside. I hope to announce more changes as a result of this survey and other research I've been doing on genealogical societies in an internet world.

One result of all the additions we have recently made to the library is that we have much more limited shelf space in the research area of the Archive Center. We will be looking into options for giving us more shelf space. At the September meeting, the membership voted to purchase a cart for library patrons to place books onto for re-shelving. We have had problems with people putting books back on the shelves themselves, and not paying attention to the numbering scheme. The result has been inability to find books until one of the library committee members does a book check and sorts everything out. We hope that allowing one of us or the Archive Center staff to re-shelf books will prevent this.

The Society recently lost a special lady who was undoubtedly our oldest member. Miss Paula Kempe passed away on November 21, 2007 at the age of 101. Long-time readers of *The Southeast Missourian* know her from her frequent letters to the editor on a variety of topics, and local historians appreciated her frequent sharing of her memories of life in Cape Girardeau during the early 1900s. Miss Kempe was definitely a local treasure.

Sincerely,

Bill Eddleman





## Internet Genealogy

### or How to Build Your Own Brick Wall



by Patricia Shively Elmore

(Author of *Are You English? Are You Kin to John and Sinai (Ballew) English?*)

I remain leary of what is put on the internet. I have one example of “brick wall” as well as a reason for what has happened.

Go to the LDS site: [FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org)

Type in, “Thomas B. English” as father

Type in, “Jane” as mother

You will get at least four examples. Two of them are for Thomas English and his wife Jane Wicker and are close to being accurate. The other two are just inaccurate, misleading, and build a brick wall!

One has Thomas B. (*Ballew*) English and Jane Wicker, with Thomas B. born in 1771 and Jane Wicker born 1775—both in Missouri—and children Thomas B. and John English. Jane Wicker was Thomas Ballew English’s grandmother and Thomas B. did not have a brother named John.

Another example: Thomas B. English is listed as born 1780 in Georgia. His wife is indicated as Jane Howard and they had a son Thomas English, born 1806 in Georgia and died 1870 in Stoddard County, Missouri.

I have tried to get these corrected. I wrote one of the submitters. The letter did not come back, so they got it but they did nothing about it. I filled out a correction form given to me by the Family History Center in Cape Girardeau. And it is still there!

Thomas Ballew English, born 1811 in Louisiana and son of John and Sinai (Ballew) English, married his first cousin, Sarah Cone Joyce, born 1815 in Louisiana or Georgia, and daughter of Edward and Hannah (English) Joyce. Hannah English and John English were children of Thomas and Jane (Wicker) English. Thomas B. and Sarah, both grandchildren of Thomas and Jane (Wicker) English, were married in 1834 at St. Vincent’s Church in Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

How did these errors get posted on the internet? I was told:

“Several years ago genealogy publications printed ads for companies who advertised, ‘Send us two family group sheets plus \$1, and we will send you one family group sheet for any family you choose.’ So, people send money and received some family group sheets based on facts and some just made up. Over time these inaccurate group sheets have been passed as fact from unsuspecting family searchers to other unsuspecting researchers. They have been compiled in CDs and placed on the internet. Fiction has become fact because it is on a CD or on the internet!”

I have no idea of how to get this stopped. As long as some companies are making money from unverified information, there will be no end to it. My suggestion is for people who have incorporated such information into their family history is to pitch the family group sheets and go back and verify each fact taken from these internet sites.

[*Editor’s Note:* The “how-to” books say it best when they state that you should ALWAYS check conclusions against original sources.]





## Abstracts from the *Jackson Cash-Book, 1920*

(Continued from *Collage of Cape County*, Vol. 27, No. 2, Sept. 2007)



- 22 Jul Article by "Little Bachelor" states that I.S. WILLIAMS died 5-Dec-1858.
- 5 Aug PETER LUDWIG, veteran of the Union army, age 80, of Applecreek, died on the railroad track of apoplexy. He was born in the Kingdom of Hesse and came to the U. S. as a lad. He married ELIZABETH GRATZ in 31 May 1865, and had 3 sons & 3 daughters. Four survive: FERDINAND of Union Co., Ill., HY. W., WM. B., and Mrs. THEODORE KASTEN. He was buried at St. Johns Cemetery, Pocahontas.
- 19 Aug VIRGIL ESTES LANGE, son of DAVID died at age 6 near Daisy. Buried in New Salem Cemetery.
- JOHN WELKER, age 50, of near Millersville, died in St Louis, where he had been for 8 days with stomach trouble. He was single, with two brothers, A.C. and BENNETT. His father is deceased. Buried at Old Salem Cemetery.
- Prof. H.L. ROBERTS drowned in Current River.
- 26 Aug MOLLIE SPRADLING, age 37, dies. She was born at Gravel Hill, and leaves her mother and three brothers: ALBERT, EMERSON, and LUTHER; and five sisters: Mrs. CARRIE GRANDY, CORA STRONG of Whitewater, BLANCHE, RUBY, NINA. Buried in City Cemetery.
- 40 YEARS AGO: Died, SALLIE ALEXANDER, at the residence of W. P. MORTON in Pocahontas, 10 Aug 1880, age about 19. Died at his residence in Los Angeles, Calif., on 4 Aug 1880, JOHN P. EDINGER, age about 70.
- 2 Sep Mrs. SARAH J. MASTERS dies, leaving husband LEE S. and 3 children. She was the mother of 13 children, 10 dead: Mrs. ALLIE CRUMP of Millersville, Miss SADIE MASTERS of Chicago, and FRED MASTERS of Festus, Mo. She is also survived by a brother GEORGE BROWN, and sister ELIZABETH BURNETT. She was buried in City Cemetery. She was born at Middleton-in-Tuesdale, Co. Durham, England on 31 Oct 1852, daughter of ROBERT BROWN, and came to the USA at age 12. She married LEE MASTERS in St Louis on 4 Jun 1871.
- 9 Sep 40 YEARS AGO: ROBERT CAMPBELL killed by runaway mules on 15 Sep 1880 at age 55 (born 1825). He is buried at McKendree Cemetery [stone says he was 65]. Died near Shawneetown, Mrs. REBECCA McKEE, on 4 Sep 1880, age about 50.
- 16 Sep MARY ELIZABETH HARTLE dies at Millersville on the 13<sup>th</sup>, nee WELTY. She was born 27 May 1850, and married in Mar 1871 to RANSOM HARTLE. She was the mother of nine children, five living: RIDDLE G., ERNEST D., VERBERT (VEST) B., Mrs. A. A. PRESNELL, Mrs. EVAN M. (FRED) BURFORD. She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. EMILY WILKINSON, two brothers: WILLIAM of Cape, and BEN of Valego, Calif. Buried in Hartle Cemetery. [Her husband R.B. died 3<sup>rd</sup> years ago, and she and her grandson HARTLE REEMAN (an orphan) have lived alone.
- 23 Sep Pvt. CLEVELAND BAKER, who died 11 Oct 1918 in St Nazaire, France, was brought home. He is survived by his mother MARY BAKER of Oak Ridge, and brother ALVIN of Cape. Buried at Apple Creek Cemetery.

- 7 Oct JOHN DAVIDSON, born 17 Nov 1847 near Millersville, died at his daughter's, Mrs. JOHN WELLS in East Jackson. He married LULU BINSON, and they had nine children; three living: JOHN W. JR., Mrs. JOHN WELLS, and Mrs. DORA BROWN.
- Miss AMANDA NABE, age 86, died last Sunday in Farmington. Buried in Lorimier Cemetery.
- 14 Oct Pvt. JOSEPH KOCH is buried at Cape Lorimier Cemetery after service at Hanover Church.
- Body of Pvt. LOUIS FRIEDHOFF, son of CHRISTIAN, was buried in Hanover Lutheran Church Cemetery. He dies in the World War.
- 21 Oct Sgt. WILLIAM L. STOKES, Army recruiter in Cape, committed suicide. His body went to Arkansas, his home.
- 28 Oct 40 YEARS AGO: ISAAC WILLIAMS, son of JASPER and MARIA C., died at age 21 on 22 Oct 1880.
- FRANK WILLIAMS, age 20, died at residence of F.R. WILLIAMS.
- 4 Nov JOE M. ALLEN, son of G.T. ALLEN, married GRACE VANAMBURG, daughter of J. W.
- 18 Nov CARMIE STEELE died at Millersville on the 17<sup>th</sup> at age 65. He is survived by his wife and six children: ORREN of Pendleton, Ore., BURTON of Rupert, Id., PEARL, HUBERT, LYMAN, and Mrs. LUTHER WILKINSON. ESTIE and CONNIE are deceased. Married 1<sup>st</sup> to MARY THOMPSON, 1 child; and married 2<sup>nd</sup> to MATTIE HINKLE.
- Mrs. SILAS BROWN nee MINNIE WILLIAMS died in Festus on the 13<sup>th</sup>. She was a daughter Of H.M. WILLIAMS and BERNICE DAUGHERTY and was born 2 Oct 1857. She married SILAS BROWN 31 May 1878. Survivors include a daughter Mrs MANNING (MARY) MORTON, and son RALPH BROWN, both of Festus. Her husband died last April. Only two WILLIAMS children are still alive: S.D. & HARRY R. of Fla. She originated the Jackson Cemetery Association, where she is now buried.
- Miss INA WISECARVER of Marble Hill killed in auto crash at age 23. She was a daughter of N. J., and is survived by a sister META and brother JACOB. Buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery.
- JOHN M. WILLIAMS died 5 Nov in Calif.; had six children, and was a grandson of WM.
- 2 Dec HENRY K. NOTHDURFT of Gordonville, age 68, died and is survived by 5 children: EMMA and HENRY at home, Rev. GEORGE of Wisc., Dr. DANIEL of Otis, Kan., and Miss MINNIE of Kansas City.
- 9 Dec Mrs. R. M. (LOUISE) SLAUGHTER of Fredericktown died. She was a daughter of S. C. SHELBY, and is survived by two daughters: Mrs. WM. O'BRIAN of Fredericktown, and Mrs. A. H. MUELLER of Cape; one son, Dr. S. C. JR. of Fredericktown; and a foster son, S. M. McATEE.
- Estate of JULIUS SEABAUGH to Probate 26 Oct 1920; P.W. MAYFIELD, Adm.
- FRANCES M. NISWONGER who lived 2 miles north of Millersville, died Sunday, survived by wife and 6 children: PINK of Jackson; Mrs. WES BAKER, MAGGIE, ADE, ERNEST, all of Millersville, and Mrs. BERTHA WELKER of Ore. He was the son of PETER of Oak Ridge who survives. Five brothers and three sisters also survive. Buried at Old Salem Cemetery.



9 Dec Mrs. H.P. STEARNS visits father FRANKLIN CRITES.

23 Dec CHARLES H. WOOD, age 50, died the 20<sup>th</sup> at Cape. He was born in Williams Co., Ill., and came to this county at age 2. His wife was Miss DANIEL HAPE. He also is survived by two children, MARY and CURTIS; and four sisters and one brother: Mrs. J.W. VANAMBURG, Mrs. M.P. KIRKSEY, Mrs. EMMA BECK of Notus, Id., Mrs. JOHN WATSON of Denver, Colo., and J.W. WOOD. A son, HOCHAMA, died last year. He was the son of the late A.J. WOOD, who died 9 years ago; his mother died 3 years ago.

Mrs. JANE ELIZABETH MAYFIELD, wife of HEZEKIAH, died near Kurreville on 21 Dec at age 83. She was born in sight of the home place where she died, and married over 60 years ago. She was Miss CRAIN. Mr. MAYFIELD was a Union Soldier. She is survived by her husband and 4 children: Mrs. FOUNTIAN MAYFIELD of Marble Hill, Mrs. MOLLY BROWN of Daisy, Mrs. ELLEN SEABAUGH of Sedgewickville., and Mrs. MOLLIE DALTON of Millersville. Buried at Old Salem Cemetery.

NEWTON MONROE DAVIS died Friday near Pleasant Hill Church. He was born 17 Mar 1842, a son of WASHINGTON DAVIS, and was one of four brothers, only one of whom, JAMES, is still living. He married 1) JULIA WILSON, decd. On 30 Aug 1866 he married 2) ELIZABETH M. CAMPBELL, who survives. He has 8 children: CHARLES and JESSE of Fruitland, PINK of Jackson, FLOYD of Cape, RAY of St. Louis, and Mrs. LULU TEMPLETON, ALICE R. HUNTER, and ELLA DAVIS, all of Fruitland. He was buried at Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Mrs. MARTHA ELIZABETH (Aunt MARTHA) HOBBS, nee WILLIAMS, died 16 Dec 1920, age 78, buried in Old McKendree Cemetery, born 26 Apr 1842, the last of 5 children. She married ISAAC W. HOBBS, son of GREEN BERRY, in 1864. He died some years ago and is buried at Old Hebron Cemetery. Children include W. PRICE, who died in Jackson some years ago; Mrs. ALTHA HAWN and GREEN HOBBS of Cape; WILLIAM of Jackson, and JON A. of Cape Co. An infant child is buried at Old. McKendree, and the youngest, MINNIE, died at age 2 and is buried at Old Hebron Cemetery. Large article giving ancestors, including RAMSEY, GIBONEY, and WILLIAMS.

30 Dec Judge WILLIAM PAAR, Presiding Judge of the County Court, age 71, died Sunday night, survived by his wife, 4 sons, and 1 daughter. He was born 28 Dec 1848, a son of ANDREW, and came to Cape Co. as a small boy. He married in 1877 to KATHERINA FRANK of Germany. Sons: WM. PAAR of St Louis, ADOLPH, FRANK, and OSCAR PAAR, daughter: EMELIA PAAR of Jackson. A sister, Mrs. RACHEL SCHLINDWEIN of Cape, and brother, ADOLPH PAAR of Cabot, Penn., also survive. Buried at City Cemetery. [Lengthy obit.]

JANE ELIZABETH MAYFIELD, wife of ELISHA, died 3 ½ miles north of Millersville on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Her maiden name was CRAIN, she was born 20 Oct 1837, and she married in 1860. She is survived by four children: Rev. F. R. MAYFIELD of Marble Hill, Mrs. C. C. BROWN (MARTHA) of Daisy, and Mrs. E.J. SEABAUGH (ELLA) and Mrs. J.M. DALTON (MOLLIE) of Millersville. One brother F.E.P. CRAIN of Oak Ridge is over 86 years old. Mr. MAYFIELD served 4 years in the Federal army and she lived for that time in Cape Girardeau. Buried at Old Salem Cemetery.

## A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF WM. K. HART.

[From *The Missouri Cash-Book*, issue of Thursday, May 26, 1921, page 2]

The rapid passing of the veterans of the Civil war and thoughts of my old comrades have caused me to record these facts in memory of an old friend, who long since passed away.

Wm. K. Hart, the step-son of Wiley Statler, a pioneer citizen of the Oak ridge community, was my school teacher at the Fulbright school in the winter of 1861-62. He was a good instructor and a friend of the pupils.

By September 1862 it was a well-known fact that this war was to be a matter of more importance than was first thought, and the youth of the land were now to decide with which army they were to cast their lot. At this time I was but a lad of seventeen, but the last days of September found me enlisting in the Southern cause with many of my neighbor boys as well as with my former friend and teacher, "Billie" Hart.

We were enlisted in Company A, a cavalry command under Capt. John Cobb, in Col. Jeffers Regiment of the Confederate Army. At this time there were only nine Companies in the Regiment, but more than 100 enlisted men; and in order to form the 10th company to organize the Regiment in accordance with the tables of organization of the Confederate army, it was necessary to reduce the strength of Capt. Cobb's Company. The Capt. called for sixteen volunteers to transfer to the new Company. No one wanted to leave this popular officer, but "Billie" Hart finally consented to transfer if he could pick the men from the Company to go with him to the Company. This privilege was granted to him and Columbus Clodfelter, and they selected the following men, who were all boys from their home neighborhood: Cyrus, Wilson and Ferdinand Clodfelter, Nich and Frank Day, Robert Statler, Robert Hinkle, Jim Johnson, Jim and Bob Smith, Julius and Fritz Beck, Bill McLane and myself.

We then became part of Company K under the command of Capt. Milas Cox. "Billie" Hart was made Orderly Seargeant of the Company and a more efficient and well liked non-commissioned officer could not have been found. Our first move was to Camp Saldo, near Pocahontas, Ark., on the White River.

The chief military operations of our regiment during the war was the Marmaduke raid through northern Arkansas and Missouri in which we participated in the fight at Cape Girardeau.

While on the raid, as our organization was passing through Ripley county near Doniphan, Mo., I was attacked by dysentery and Seargeant Hart had me quartered at the home of Wm. Murly who, with his good family, showed me every kindness and courtesy. Here I was captured by the federal forces under the command of Capt. Shawnee Bill Wilson, who told me he knew my father well and asked to enlist in his Company and accompany them in their operations. This I refused to do, but, on account of his esteem for my parents, he said he would see that I was taken home. This he did and I have felt that that old war-horse, who had always been noted for being so "hard-boiled", had a tender place in his heart for his old friends whether of the North or South.

Seargeant Hart served faithfully through the Campaign in Missouri and during the late months of the war, was sent to Texas as a detail of the Quartermaster Department of the Confederate Army to buy cattle for food for the army. At the time of Lee's surrender he was in this service.

"Billie" Hart was a quiet, calm but fearless man and a true friend of the enlisted man. It was a joke in the Company that he was never provoked to profanity only when dealing with his obstreperous saddle mule. On this account Lum Clodfelter, one day in "Billie's" absence, took it upon himself to trade off this mule for a trusty horse. He presented the horse to his Seargeant and told him to accept him with his compliments and thatcassion for his "cussing".

"Billie" Hart was a true soldier, an efficient non-com. officer, a splendid citizen and a good man. One could expect no more of Lee Hart, of Houston, Texas, Mrs. J. A. VanAmburgh, of Burfordville and Mrs. DuRee Jones of Jackson than that they emulate the life of their father, "Billie" Hart.

C. ALEX WILLS

Daisy, Mo.





# The Civil War Service of William R. Whittaker

By Bill Eddleman



At the outbreak of the Civil War, the choice of which side to join in the conflict was obvious for many young men. One went with family, or tradition, or with their convictions. For one young Cape Girardeau Co. teenager, though, the choice was not obvious. Eighteen-year-old William R. Whittaker was a resident of the Pochontas area in Cape Girardeau County when he decided to join in the fray in 1863. Many of his neighbors were immigrants from North Carolina, and if they did not own slaves, then they often sympathized with those who did. Others were Northern sympathizers, however, as were the Germans who had settled in the area over the last 20 years. When he decided to join up, he initially thought about going with the Southern forces, and joined Co. H of the 56<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Home Guards in Cape Girardeau, but he was detailed to Co. E, 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia. After his wrenching experience in helping with the disinterment and moving of the dead from the Round Pond Massacre, Whittaker survived the War, and his second son, William Elza Whittaker, was to be my great-grandfather. Because William R. Whittaker lived long enough to receive a federal pension, we know that his service was short, but quite interesting. I'll let the rest of the records speak for themselves. [Lines separate different documents, asterisks separate two sides of the same document.]

[THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES  
SOLDIER'S CERTIFICATE  
NO.] 778025  
[VETERAN] William R. Whittaker  
[Rank] Pvt  
[SERVICE] Co. E. 8 Prov. En. Mo. Mil.  
[CAN. No.] 16132 [BUNDLE NO.] 27

Civ War Div. Sec. D. Arr.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS.

[Washington, D. C.,] Sep. 7, 1918

[Respectfully] returned to the Auditor for the War Department, requesting the report showing the period for which this soldier was paid

2 enclosures

Cert. 778025

William R. Whittaker

Co. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Prov. En. Missouri Mil.

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[In the case of] William R. Whittaker [Co.] E 8<sup>th</sup> {Regiment] Pvo. En. Mo. Militia, the records show that he was detailed May 16, 1863, from Col. H. 56<sup>th</sup> Regt.; relieved from duty Nov. 8, 1863 (not Nov. 18, 1863, as inadvertently stated in the report of Sept. 15, 1891), and had 177 days actual service.

He was paid by the State for 5 months and 24 days, and the State has been reimbursed by the United States.

[DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF PENSIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C., *January 2, 1915*

SIR: Please answer, at your earliest convenience, the questions enumerated below. The information is requested for future use and it may be of great value to your widow or children. Use the inclosed envelope, which requires no stamp.

Very respectfully,]

G M Saltzgaben

[*Commissioner*]

WILLIAM R WHITTAKER  
CAPE GIRARDEAU MO  
778025 ACT MAY  
R R 3

[No. 1. Date and place of birth? *Answer.*] Born at Neelyes Landing April 8<sup>th</sup> 1845 Mo.  
[The name of organizations in which you served? *Answer.*] Private Co E 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia

[No. 2. What was your post office at enlistment? *Answer.*] Pocahontas Cape Girardeau Co Mo

[No. 3. State your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer.*] Margret M. Whittaker nee Sadler

[No. 4. When, where, and by whom were you married? *Answer.*] Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1864 Rev Canon Christian minester

[No. 5. Is there any official or church record of your marriage?] family Record and  
[If so, where? *Answer.*] County

[No. 6. Were you previously married? If so, state the name of your former wife, the date of the marriage, and the date and place of her death or divorce. If there was more than one previous marriage, let your answer include all former wives.  
*Answer.*] None

[No. 7. If your present wife was married before her marriage to you, state the name of her former husband, the date of such marriage, and the date and place of his death or divorce, and state whether he ever rendered any military or naval service, and, if so, give name of the organization in which he served. If she was married more than once before her marriage to you, let you answer include all former husbands. *Answer.*] None

[No. 8. Are you now living with your wife, or has there been a separation? *Answer.*] I am living with Her

[No. 9. State the names and dates of birth of all your children, living or dead. *Answer.*] Sarah A. Whittaker July 6<sup>th</sup> 1865  
Dead C. C. Whittaker Born Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 1866 William E. Whittaker Born March 28<sup>th</sup> 1869 A. C. Whittaker Born feb 24<sup>th</sup> 1871  
Dead R. L. Whittaker Born Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1873 J. R. Whittaker Born Sept 22th 1876 M. E. Whittaker Born July 1<sup>st</sup> 1879 Dead  
M. J. Whittaker Born Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 1881 Dead S. V. Whittaker Born Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1883 Dead Effie Whittaker Born Aprile 29<sup>th</sup>  
1886 Dead E. J. Whittaker Born July 24<sup>th</sup> 1888

[Date] Aprile 2<sup>nd</sup> 1915

[(*Signature*)] William R. Whittaker

[D  
CASE OF]  
William R. Whittaker  
E. 8 Mo.

[No.] 1046694

FOR  
PENSION  
ORIGIN OF DISABILITY  
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LAW OFFICES:  
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[NOTE.—This affidavit *must* be executed by a Commissioned Officer or 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, *if at all possible*. Seek *duly* to find such *Officer* or 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, by *inquiry, writing, &c.* Then, if you fail, have it executed by *two comrades*, and explain by letter *why* you *cannot* get such *Officer*.

STATE OF] Missouri } ss.  
[COUNTY OF] Cape Girardeau }

[On this] 19<sup>th</sup> [day of] March [A.D. 189]2, personally appeared before me, a] Notary public [in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,] Capt. Adolph Take [aged] 58 [years, a resident of] Arnesburg [in the County of] Cape Girardeau [and State of] Missouri [, who being duly sworn according to law, state that] Wm. R. Whittaker [late] private [in Co.] E 8 [Regiment of] Mo. Prov. [Vols., War of 1861, while in the line of his duty, at or near] Whitewater Bridge [in the State of] Missouri [did on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of] August [186]3[, became disabled in the following manner, viz.:] while on detail service in removing some dead soldiers who had been buried was taken sick at the time and afterwards went to the Hospital at Cape Girardeau. I cannot remember the name of the sickness or how it affected him.

[That the facts stated are personally known to the affiant by reason of being present then and there, and that such personal knowledge was derived in the following way:] I was the Capt. Of said Co E. I was present at the time of the removal of the dead soldiers

[The treatment received in the service was as follows:] I do not know of any treatment

[Affiant served as] Capt. [of Co.]E[“ of the] 8<sup>th</sup> [Regiment of] Mo Provisional [Volunteers, from the] 16<sup>th</sup> [day of] May [186]3[, to the] 7<sup>th</sup> [day of] Nov [186]3[. And affiant] is [totally disinterested in this claim.]

A. Tacke late Capt of Comp. E. 8 Prov. Regmt E. M. M.

[Sworn to and subscribed before me this day by the above named affiant; and I certify that I read said affidavit to said affiant, and acquainted] him [with its content before] he [executed the same. I further certify that I am in nowise interested in said case, nor am I concerned in its prosecution; and that said affiant] is [personally known to me, and that] he is a ]credible person.

Witness my hand and official seal this] 19<sup>th</sup> [day of] March [189]2

[Sign here] W. J. Roberts, Notary Public

[CASE OF]  
Wm. R. Whittaker  
Co. E. – 8 regt.  
P. E. Mo Mil.

[No.] 778025

**PENSION  
ORIGIN OF DISABILITY**

FILED BY  
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470 LOUISIANA AVENUE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.  
LANDS. PATENTS.- PENSIONS.]  
Ad. Files – June 11, 1900

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[NOTE.—This affidavit *must* be executed by a Commissioned Officer or 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, *if at all possible*. Seek *duly* to find such *Officer* or 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant, by *inquiry, writing, &c.* Then, if you fail, have it executed by *two comrades*, and explain by letter *why* you *cannot* get such *Officer*.

[You allege] chronic diarrhoea [contracted at] Round Pond [on or about] Aug. 1863  
 STATE OF] Missouri } ss.  
 [COUNTY OF] Cape Girardeau }

[On this] 18<sup>th</sup> [day of] June [A.D.] 1900, personally appeared before me, a) Notary Public [in and for the aforesaid County, duly authorized to administer oaths,] Adolph Take [aged] 67 [years, a resident of] Arnsberg [in the County of] Cape Girardeau [and State of] Missouri [, who being duly sworn according to law, state that] Wm. R. Whittaker [late] Private [in Co.] E 8 [Regiment of] Mo. Prov. [Vols., War of 1861, while in the line of his duty, at or near] Whitewater Bridge [in the State of] Missouri [did on or about the \_\_\_\_ day of] August [1863], became disabled in the following manner, viz.:]

I called for volunteers to go to Round Pond to take up the bodies that had been killed by the Guerillas. The bodies were in very bad condition. Wm. R. Whittaker went to help do this work. While he was at work he took to vomiting and from this he took chronic diarrhaea. We were stationed for a while at Cape Girardeau after this. Wm. R. Whittaker was under the treatment of the Hospital Physician Dr. Gillroy. He went home after this on a sick furlough. But was again returned and stayed until we were discharged Nov. 8 1863 but was not able for any duty except camp duty.

[That the facts stated are personally known to the affiant by reason of being present then and there, and that such personal knowledge was derived in the following way:] I was captain of the company and was present when he took sick, and I saw him time and again until we were discharged.

[The treatment received in the service was as follows:] Given in affidavit before  
 [Affiant served as] captain [of Co. "E" of the] 8 provisional [Regiment of] Mo. [Volunteers, from the] 16<sup>th</sup> [day of] May [1863], to the] 8<sup>th</sup> [day of] November [1863]. And affiant] is [totally disinterested in this claim.

Adolph Tacke  
 Late Capt. Of Comp E 8 P. E. M. M.

[Sworn to and subscribed before me this day; said affidavit was read to affiant before execution; have no interest herein; and said affiant] is [known to be] a [credible person] whose statement would not be questioned on any subject

[Witness my hand and official seal this] 18<sup>th</sup> [day of] June 1900 [I wrote the above affidavit in their presence of said affiants, each, and only from their oral statements then made to me.

Sign here] David A. Drum, Notary Public  
 Oak Ridge, Mo.  
 My term will expire Nov 30 1902

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 [CASE OF]  
 Wm. R. Whittaker  
 E. - 8 Mo.

[No.] 778025

[FOR  
**PENSION**  
**AFFIDAVIT OF**  
 FILED BY  
**H. D. PHILLIPS**

Attorney-at-Law and Solicitor]  
 Wash. DC

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[State of] Missouri } ss.  
 [County of] Cape Girardeau }  
 [In the matter of] William R. Whittaker 'E' 8 Mo [for Pension]



[Personally came before, a] Justice of the Peace [in and for aforesaid County and State] William C. Bergmann [who, being duly sworn, declares each in relation to aforesaid case as follows:]

I and William R. Whittaker served together in Company "E" 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia. We enlisted at the same time. William R. Whittaker was in apparent good health when he enlisted.

I am not certain whether he contracted disease during service but it is very likely he did. Nearly all of us got sick when stationed at the White Water Bridge in the Swamps.

I was Orderly Sergeant of the Company, and at times had to do guard duty myself, this was on account of most of the men being sick.

I know that there were men detailed to take up and remove to Cape Girardeau, Mo., a number of dead Soldiers or Teamsters who had been buried about ten or eleven days, this was at Round Pond about three or four miles from the Bridge where we were stationed and about 19 or 20 miles from Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The above statement is in my own hand writing without compulsion by the claimant.

William C. Bergmann

Late Orderly Sergeant Co. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Provl. Regt. E. M. M.

I [further declare, that] I [ha]ve [no interest in said case] and am [not concerned in its prosecution, and] am [not related to the applicant.]

William C. Bergmann [age] 55 [years.]

[P. O. Address] Cape Girardeau, Mo.

[Sworn to and subscribed before me this day; said affidavit was read to affiant before execution; have no interest herein; and said affiant \_\_ known to be \_\_ credible person] The witness William C. Bergmann is personally known to me and he is respectable.

[Witness my hand and official seal this] 20<sup>th</sup> [day of] January [A. D. 189]7

[I wrote the above affidavit in the presence of said affiants, each, and only from their oral statements then made to me.]

William {illegible}

Official signature on file Pension Office, Washington D.C.

Justice of the Peace

[P. O. Address] Cape Girardeau, Mo.

## DECLARATION FOR PENSION

Act of May 1, 1920

THE PENSION CERTIFICATE SHOULD NOT BE FORWARDED WITH THE APPLICATION  
READ CAREFULLY THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE HEREOF

[State of] Missouri , [County of] Cape Girardeau [ , ss:]

[On this] 4 [day of] June [ , 192]5[ , before me, the undersigned, personally appeared]

William R. Whittaker [ , who makes the following declaration as an application for pension under the provisions of the act of Congress approved May 1, 1920:

That he is] 80 [years of age; that he was born] April 8 – 1845 –

[at] Neely's Landing, Cape Girardeau County, Mo.

[That he is the identical] William R. Whittaker [who

ENLISTED , 1 , at] Cape Girardeau Mo. [ , under the name of]

William R. Whittaker [ , in] Co. E. 8<sup>th</sup> Regiment Provisional Enrolled Missouri Militia [and was honorably

DISCHARGED , 1 , at] Ironton, Iron County Mo. [ , having served

the United States in the] Civil [War.

That he also served] Volunteer from the 56 Reg. of Home Guard to the Co E 8<sup>th</sup>

Regiment Missouri Militia

[That otherwise than herein stated he was]none[employed in the United States military or naval service.

That his personal description at time of first enlistment was as follows: Height] 5 [feet] 10 [inches; complexion] Fair [color of eyes] Blue [ ; color of hair] Dark Brown [ ; that his occupation was] Farmer

[That since leaving the service he has resided at] Cape Girardeau, Mo.

[and his occupation has been] Carpenter

[That he requires the regular personal aid and attendance of another person and has required such aid and attendance since] March 1924 [on account of the following disabilities:]

Vertigo, Ruchmatism, Ear trouble, Bladder trouble, Ruptures and other disabilities—I have required regular aid and attendance of another person

[That he] Did not [service in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States between April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921, or at any time during said period.

That] No [member of his family served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard of the United States between April 6, 1917, and July 2, 1921, or at any time during said period] None

[That he has \_\_\_\_\_ applied for pension under Original No.] 778,025 [; that he is \_\_\_\_\_ a pensioner under Certificate No.] 778,025

Attesting witnesses

- (1) [illegible] Cape Girardeau, Mo. William R. Whittaker  
C. W. Desselmann, Cape Girardeau, Mo. Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- (2) L H Dunlap  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

[Subscribed and sworn to before me this] 5 [day of] June [, 192] 5 [, and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration were fully made known and explained to the applicant before swearing, including the words \_\_\_\_\_ erased, and the words \_\_\_\_\_ added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Gust. Schultz  
Notary Public  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.  
My Commission expires February 26, 1928

**Claimant should answer fully the following:**

[No. 1. Are you a married man? If so, state your wife's full name and her maiden name. *Answer:* ] Margaret M. Whittaker – Maiden name Margaret M. Sadler

[No. 2. When, where, and by whom were you married to your present wife? *Answer:* ] Sept. 4, 1864, Oak Ridge, Cape Girardeau County Mo. By Rev. Hugh Cannon, Christian Minstr.

[No. 3. What record of your marriage to her exists? *Answer:*] Marriage Certificate – Church Record and our Family Bible

[No. 4. Were you previously married? *Answer:*] No. [If so, state the name of your former wife or wives, the date of your marriage to each, and the date and place of death or divorce of each former wife. *Answer:*]

[No. 5. Have you any children under 16 years of age living? If so, state their names and the dates of their birth. *Answer:*] No

William R. Whittaker

[Also included in the pension file are affidavits from Mary Owens, a neighbor in Cape Girardeau; Emma Wilson, daughter of William R. Whittaker; and William R. Whittaker, attesting to his state of health, and all dated 2 July 1925.]

Cape Girardeau *Southeast Missourian*, March 4, 1929  
issue

# 'TAPS' SOUNDS FOR ANOTHER CIVIL WAR VET

**W. R. WHITTAKER, 84,  
NATIVE OF COUNTY,  
SUCCUMBS IN CAPE**

W. R. Whittaker, 84 years old, a veteran of the Civil War and a lifelong resident of Cape Girardeau county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rose Wagner, 1112 North Sprigg street at 7:20 a. m. today. Infirmities of advanced age and complications caused his demise.

Born in Cape Girardeau county near Pochontas, Whittaker spent his entire life in this county with the exception of a period during the Civil War. He lived in the Pochontas and Oak Ridge communities until coming to Cape Girardeau 25 years ago. While here during his active years he followed the carpenter's trade. He was a member of Centenary Methodist church.

His wife died seven months ago. He is survived by two daughters, three sons, a brother, three sisters, 25 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

**Funeral Wednesday.**

Besides Mrs. Wagner his other daughter is Mrs. E. J. Wilson of St. Louis. His sons are C. C. Whittaker, of near Whitewater; W. W. Whittaker of Route 1, Cape Girardeau, and J. R. Whittaker of Flint, Mich. E. C. Whittaker of Pittsburgh, Cal., is a brother and the sisters are Mrs. W. M. Walsh, Mrs. Ed English and Mrs. H. Behymer, all of Cape Girardeau.

The body will remain at the Brinkopf Funeral Home tonight. Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, but the place for the service has not been definitely decided.

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Cape Girardeau *Southeast Missourian*, March 5, 1929  
issue

## *Whittaker, Veteran Of Civil War, Saw Service Near Cape*

Funeral services for W. R. Whittaker, 84, Civil War veteran, who died Monday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Rose Wagner, 1112 North Sprigg street, will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Brinkopf Funeral Home. Rev. J. C. Montgomery, presiding elder of the Cape Girardeau district of Methodist churches, will conduct the services. Interment will be in the Fairmount cemetery. The body will remain at the funeral home until time for the services.

Whittaker, relatives recalled today, nearly served on both sides during the Civil War issue. His company at first was with the South and he set out through the southern part of this state to ally himself with the Southern forces. However, he changed his plans and enlisted with Capt. Tacke's company in the Union army. Capt. Tacke was the father of Frank Tacke of near Oak Ridge.

For nearly two years Whitaker was stationed with the Federal forces near Allenville and helped bury the dead following the massacre at Round Pond when Gen. Marmaduke raided a Federal supply train company there and killed all of the members. For a time Whittaker was stationed at Fort D, near the present site of the May Greene school.

Whittaker was also stationed at Ironton and it is believed that he took part in the battle of Pilot Knob, at the foot of which mountain was located Fort Davidson. After the surrender of the South, Whittaker received his discharge at Iron Mountain, the Federal soldiers in that vicinity being disbanded there.



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