

150 Years: Remembering Worst Civil War Battle on Missouri Soil

Over the next few weeks, the Shelby County Herald will be remembering the horrific Centralia Battle in which many Shelby County men lost their lives. On September 13 and 14, there will be a reenactment of the battle in Centralia. More information can be found at www.centraliabattlefield.com/#reenactment.

September 27, 1864, at the Centralia Battle, 51 Shelby County men lost their lives. They were just not young men, but their ages varied and many left behind wives and children. Next week, the Shelby County Herald will feature more information on individual soldiers, but this week we will list all the Shelby County men who lost their lives in that battle.

George Adams, born 1839, father, William and Mother, Naomi; Samuel Bell, born 1848, mother, Fanny Bell, was from the Oakdale area; Charles Bishop, born 1830, mother, Mary; Leander Burt, born 1838, left behind his wife Mary and two children;

Phillip Christman, born in 1847, mother, Christina, from the Bethel area; William Christman, born 1841, widow was Matilda McKennon and they were married in 1861, from Bethel area; John Christine, born 1828, left behind wife Nancy E. Snowder and four children;

Oscar Collier, born 1847, father, James M. Collier; Sylvester Dean; John Donahoo, born 1837, left behind widow Minerva Lamphere and five children; William Drennan, born in 1833 and left behind wife, Lucinda and three children;

Homer Dunbar; David Nelson. Dunn, born 1838, left behind Nancy Duncan and one child; James S. Edwards, born 1834, father, Nathan and mother, Harriet;

Robert P. Elston, born 1847; Eleazer Evans, born 1828, left behind Mary and six children; William G. Floor, born 1848, father, George and mother, Elizabeth; James Forsythe, born 1845, mother, Margaret; Joseph S. Glahn, born 1834,

father, John; William P. Golay, born 1836, father, Joseph M.G.; Henry T. Gooch, father, Tandy;

Robert Greenfield, born 1835, father, Samuel G.; James S. Gunby, born 1838, father, James W.G.; John W. Hardin, born 1836, widow, Sarah Carothers; Charles M. Jenkins; William Knepper; Anthony Labus, Lakenahi area;

William M. Lay, born 1838, father, Robert; William F. Loar, born 1844, father, Isaac and mother, Parimalia; Louis F. Marquette, widow, Lucy Turner and two children; Charles Maiteson, born 1820, widow Harriett and four children;

George W. Miller, born 1837, father, Jos C.M, widow, Martha; John Montgomery, father, Harvey B.M.; John Moore, father, Hugh; David Riggs, born 1825, widow, Sarah and six children;

William A. Ross, born 1836, widow, Adeline Crenshaw; James G. Sellers, born 1839, widow, Louisa;

Levi D. Sherwood, born 1836, widow, Sarah Whitaker; William T. Smith, born 1838, widow, Charlotte Hamilton, three children;

Robert Spires, born 1841, father, Henry and mother, Rhoda; James Stalcup, born 1827, widow, Mary Ann Byars and four children;

Edward D. Strachan, born 1843, mother, WW S, Clarence area;

Peter Simonin, father, Roman S.; James W. Trussell; Jasper N. Vaden, born 1845, father, Wiley and mother, Susanah; Algernon Vandiver, born 1826, widow, Hester Ann Short and two children;

George Vanosdale, born 1841, widow, Emiline Miller; William Whitelock, born 1828, widow, Hannah and five children, Tigers Fork area; Jonathan Webdel, born 1828, widow, Elizabeth Fanny Layne and 2 children;

Jacob B. Wexler. These men gave up their lives in a gruesome battle and left behind families. Many of these men are ancestors of Shelby County residents, today.