

Civil War Soldiers who died while serving

- 1) **Milo S. Brown** was serving as a constable in Marengo when the Civil War broke out. He was married to Hannah May Drake, and the couple had three children, but only two were alive at the time the Civil War broke out. On September 4, 1862, Brown was mustered into Company A, 95th Illinois Infantry, as a corporal. On July 7, 1863, Brown was promoted to Sergeant Major, and transferred to the regiments non-commissioned staff. On July 7, 1864, he died of disease at the Overton military hospital in Memphis, TN.
- 2) **Burtwin Lewis** lived with his parents in Coral Township prior to the war. He was mustered into Company B, 49th Illinois Infantry, at Camp Butler, Springfield, Illinois, on December 31, 1861. The 49th Illinois was part of

General Ulysses S. Grant's move invasion of Tennessee and participated in the Battles of Fort Donelson and Shiloh. Lewis died on May 25, 1862, and the record is silent on the cause.

- 3) **Harley Wayne** was a Union, Illinois, resident, and businessman in 1861. In 1860 he had served as the Clerk in the 22nd General Assembly of the Illinois State Legislature. When hostilities broke out between US and the Confederacy Wayne organized a company of Marengo-Union area men that was subsequently mustered into US service as Company D, 15th Illinois Infantry. After concluding its training, the regiment moved to Missouri, and subsequently was assigned to General Ulysses S. Grant's movement to Tennessee in February of 1862. On April 6, 1862, Grants Army was attacked while it camped at Pittsburg Landing, Tennessee. The 15th Illinois was put into a line of battle in support of General William T. Sherman. It was in this action that Wayne was killed, earning the distinction of being the first officer from McHenry

County to be killed in battle. Wayne's body was retrieved from the field on April 8, 1862, and buried at Pittsburg Landing. On April 16, 1862, Wayne's body was exhumed and turned over to his brother Daniel to be transported back to Illinois.



Capt. Harley Wayne was first officer to die in the county during the battle of Shiloh.

- 4) **Franklin Brightman** was born in Orleans County, New York. He lived in

Marengo and worked as a blacksmith. On January 22, 1864, Brightman was mustered into Company B of the 17th Illinois Cavalry. Seven days later Alvira Jane Brightman gave birth to their son William. While in the service Brightman became ill and returned to Marengo where he passed away on March 27, 1865. Alvira died in 1870 leaving the William an orphan.

5) John Wernham was a resident of Riley Township in 1860. In June of 1863 he was employed as a clerk. On June 16, 1864, Wernham was mustered into Company F, of the 141st Illinois for 100 days. The regiment departed Elgin for the field on June 27, 1864. Wernham died of fever in Columbus, Kentucky, on September 21, 1864. Great-great nephew of John Wernham is Dan Wernham of Marengo. See attached letter in back of brochure.

6) Eugene Wells Little is known about Eugene. He died from wounds received at Shiloh, Tennessee. He died on 4/22/1862 while serving in the 15th

Illinois Infantry. See attached letter in back of brochure.

7) William H. Cummings, according to his military record, was 18 years old when he was mustered into Company I, 37th Illinois Infantry, on August 18, 1861. According to his grave marker Cummings was born in September of 1845, and the 1860 US Census listed his age as 15. If these two sources are correct Cummings was 16 years old when he joined the army. The 37th Illinois saw service in Missouri and Arkansas and participated in the Battle of Pea Ridge and Prairie Grove in that state. The regiment also participated in siege activities around Vicksburg in 1863. Cummings died at Memphis, Tennessee, on September 23, 1863, at the age of 18.

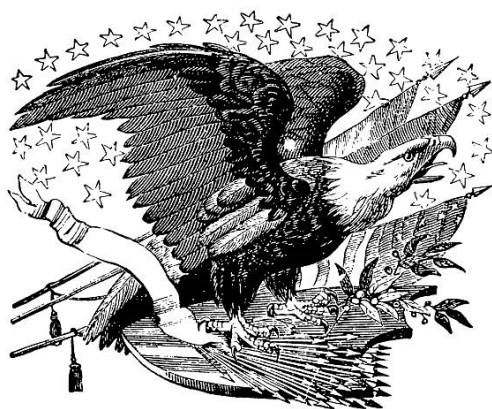
8) Joseph Timoney was a 22-year-old farmer from Marengo when he was mustered in as a corporal with the Company A, 95th Illinois Infantry. After receiving initial training, the regiment moved to Tennessee and then Mississippi. In March of 1863 the 95th Illinois was in the vicinity of Vicksburg

when Timoney died of lung congestion at Lake Providence, Louisiana.

9) Samuel Handy was born in Marengo in 1845. On January 6, 1864, he was mustered into the 12th Illinois Cavalry in Marengo. Handy subsequently transferred to Company k, 17th Illinois Cavalry. Handy died of disease at Marengo, Illinois, on February 21, 1864.

10) James Sponable was a 21-year-old Marengo resident when he was mustered into service as 2nd Lieutenant in Company A, 95th Illinois Infantry on September 4, 1862, at Camp Fuller in Rockford, Illinois. Sponable was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and on May 22, 1863, the 95th was ordered to charge a Confederate position on the siege lines at Vicksburg, Mississippi. Sponable was wounded in the right foot during the battle. Initially the wound wasn't serious. Sponable was evacuated from battlefield and died on a hospital ship somewhere between St. Louis and Memphis. His body was brought back to Marengo for burial. (James was born in Marengo in

his parents' home. House has been moved, but still stands at 326/328 Rowland Ave. James would have been the great-great-great uncle to Elizabeth (Otis) Henning, Jennifer (Otis) Hoeske, and Dan Wernham of Marengo.)



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