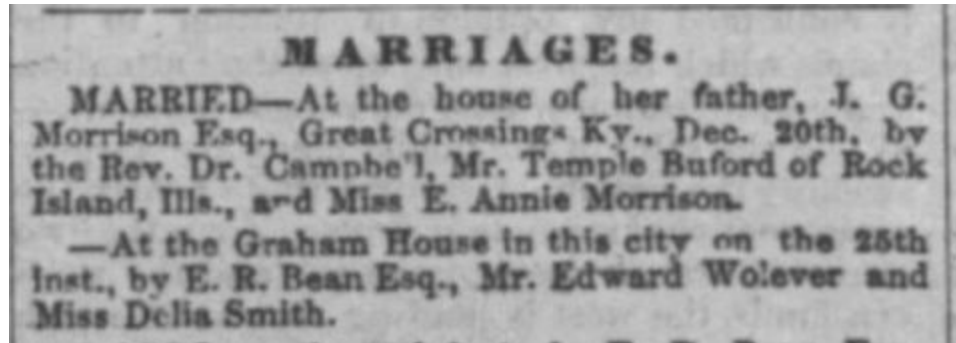


Edward Wolever, Private, Co. D, 112th IL Infantry, USA

- 1835 Jul 31: Edward Wolever was born in NJ to parents John and Margaret Wolever.
- 1850 Oct 4: The US Federal Census enumerated in Peoria County, IL listed Edward Wolever at fifteen years old. His father John was listed as a farmer.
- 1854 Dec 25: Edward married Cordelia Smith in Rock Island, IL.



- 1855 Jan 3: ¹
- 1860 Jul 2: The US Federal Census enumerated in Warren County, NJ listed Edward Wolever as a twenty year old man employed as a laborer. He lived in the household of a man named John Myers who was listed as a lawyer.
- 1862 Aug 9: Enlisted in the US Army at Cambridge, IL.
- Sep 20: Mustered into Co. D, 112th IL Infantry as a private. He was twenty seven years old.
- 1864 Nov 30: Edward Wolever fought with the 112th IL Infantry at the Battle of Franklin. This regiment was part of Col. Israel Stiles' brigade in Gen. Cox's division. They were in reserve behind the troops on the main line of intrenchments that ran south and wrapped west towards the Columbia Pike. Cox's line held firm so when the Confederate attack broke through the central part of the line, the 112th was ordered to move towards the breakthrough and help deal with this problem. They fought tenaciously and repulsed the attackers. Pvt. Edward Wolever was wounded in action and taken north to Nashville for better treatment.
- Dec 6: Less than a week later, reporters from northern papers had descended on Nashville hungry for news of the latest campaign for their readers. One of these men interviewed Edward Wolever in hospital no. 8 and Edward's account of the battle is terrific. He describes taking a prisoner at the end of his account.

¹ *The Rock Island Weekly Argus*, Rock Island, Illinois, Wednesday, January 3, 1855, pg. 1.

On yesterday, we spent several hours in conversation with several wounded soldiers in Hospital No. 8, who were in the afternoon fight of Wednesday, and also in the subsequent night attack. The first one we met was Edward Wolever, 112th Ill. Vols., who left Franklin about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. He never witnessed so desperate a fight as took place before our lines of rifle pits. The rebels charged three times in lines from four to six deep, but were driven back by the withering fire from our rifle pits and batteries.

They made a fourth charge, when our troops left their works and charged their assailants in turn, driving them back in great disorder and with appalling slaughter. In this charge we took four regimental colors from the rebels. Our troops were portions of the 23d and 24th divisions under Gen. Cox and Wood. Mr. Wolever took a prisoner who begged that he might not be abused, for "we are badly enough whipped already."

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- 1865 May 10: Pvt. Edward Wolever discharged from the 112th IL Infantry due to wounds received in the Battle of Franklin.
- 1870 Jul 16: The US Federal Census enumerated in Clarke County, IA showed Edward Wolever as the head of the household. He was thirty six years old employed as a blacksmith. He lived with his wife Delia and their four children.
- 1873 Edward married Eliza Jane Clark. Edward and Delia had divorced presumably. Eliza was previously married but her husband was a soldier in the 18th IA Infantry and she was widowed in 1862.
- 1880 Jun 3: The US Federal Census enumerated in Henry County, IL listed Edward Wolever as a forty six year old blacksmith. He lived with his wife Eliza and their three daughters.
- 1900 Jun 12: The US Federal Census enumerated in Erie, IL listed Edward Wolever at sixty four years old. He was listed as a blacksmith but also noted as being out of work for four months. He lived with his wife Eliza.
- 1903 Jan 23: Edward Wolever passed away in Erie, IL. He was buried in the Erie Cemetery.

² *Chicago Tribune*, Chicago, Illinois, Tuesday, December 6, 1864, pg. 2.



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OBITUARY OF EDWARD WOLEVER.

Edward Wolever was born in Essex County, New Jersey, July 11, 1865, and died in Erie, Illinois, January 23, 1908, aged 42 years, 6 months and five days. He was married to Adelia Smith at Rock Island, December 25, 1884. To this union five children were born, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Cripple Creek, Colorado, Charles Wolever, Sheridan Lake, Colorado, George Wolever, Weldon, Iowa, Henry Wolever, St. Louis; Norman Wolever, of Erie. He was again united in marriage to Eliza Henry, September 10, 1873. To this union two children were born, Mrs. Harry Wolever, of Hardin, Missouri, and Franz Wolever, of Erie. He enlisted in the civil war, July 1862 and served 3 years. He was a member of Company D, 112th Illinois Infantry. He was a member of Bollen Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Spring Hill. He united with the Christian church and was baptized August 20, 1878, in Ray county, Missouri.

Two brothers survive him, Dr. E. Wolever, of Erie, Illinois and R. W. Wolever, of Osborn, Illinois. Also five sisters survive him, Mrs. Emma Pearson, of Osceola, Iowa, Mrs. Dr. May O'Langley, Los Angeles, California; Barbara A. McBride, Galva, Illinois; Ella J. Nowers, Galva, Illinois; Olive E. Lucas, Blue Island, Illinois. Two brothers, Nicodemus and Calvin Wolever and one sister A. Trickell preceded him his death.

He was a kind husband, loving father, good citizen and neighbor, and leaves besides his family, many friends to mourn his loss.

The funeral was held Sunday, at 10 o'clock a. m., from the Christian church. The remains were under escort of the Masonic fraternity, the deceased being a member of Bollen Lodge of Spring Hill. The remains were laid at rest in the Erie cemetery. The services at the grave were conducted by the Masons.

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³ <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/52027543/edward-wolever>

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