

William M. Mason, Private, Co. D, 31 IN Infantry, US

- 1846 May 11: Mason was born in Sullivan County, IN to James M. and Elizabeth Albright Mason.
- 1850 September 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gill, Sullivan County, IN showed four-year-old Mason living with his parents and brother (or nephew), Anthony. His father, was a farmer.
- 1855 January 24: Father, James, died when Mason was only eight years old.
- 1857 December 25: On Christmas day, Mason's mother Elizabeth died, leaving him orphaned.
- 1860 July 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Gill, Sullivan County, IN showed fourteen year old William living with George and Margaret Davis.
- 1863 July 29: Enlisted in U.S. Army and mustered into Co. F, 115 IN Infantry. He had just turned seventeen years old.

“William M. lived in Sullivan county till seventeen years of age, when he enlisted in the Civil war, June 29, 1863,[sic] in Company F, One Hundred and Fifteenth Ind. V.I, and was in the siege of Nashville, also at Ball's Gap. He was discharged February 25, 1864, at Indianapolis, and March 20, 1864, he re-enlisted, this time in Company D, Thirty first Ind. V.I., and was discharged in December, 1865. He was in the Battle of Resaca, also through the Atlanta campaign, and in the battles of Ashville, N.C., Franklin, Tenn., as well as the two days' fight at Nashville.”¹

- 1864 February 25: Discharged from the 115 IN and took a months furlough before reenlisting as a veteran in the 31 IN Infantry, Co. D.

¹ Bradsby, Henry C., History of vigo County, 1891, pg. 853 (accessed googlebooks.com)
All italicized entries.

The 31st Indiana, re-enlisted veterans, had a glorious reception this afternoon. It numbers 275 men, and has been in over seven battles. The 32d (German) Regiment will be here next Monday.

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this morning. The 31st Indiana, after a glorious reception, and being fitted out in new suits, left for Terre Haute and home. The weather is blustering and agueish. Soldiers are coming and going on every train. Great preparations are being made to fill our quota under the last call of the President. The general feeling is that it will be done.

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November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin in Whitaker's brigade, Kimball's division.

1865 December 8: Discharged from the U.S. Army.

1870 July 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN showed William, a stationary engineering, boarding with an Archer family.

1874 April 2: Married Gertrude Conover in Vigo County, IN.

1880 June 28: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN showed William, a well digger, and Gertrude living with their two young children.

1888 October 8: Mason applied for and was granted a military pension for his service during the Civil War. His pension was \$14.00 per month.⁴

² The Evansville Daily Journal, Evansville, IN, 2 Feb 1864, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

³ Richmond Weekly Palladium, Richmond, IN, 10 Feb 1864, pg. 1 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁴ Bradsby, Henry C., History of vigo County, 1891, pg. 853 (accessed googlebooks.com)
Mentioned amount of pension.

NAME OF SOLDIER:					Mason, William W.				
NAME OF DEPENDENT:					Widow, Mason, Gertrude Minor,				
SERVICE:					231 Ind Inf 7 115 Ind Inf				
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.					
1888 Oct 8	Invalid.	674,858	478,928	Ind					
1914 Dec 12	Widow.	638,382	788,564	Indiana					
	Minor,								

1891 "Mr. Mason is a member of the G.A.R.; in politics he is a Republican."

1900 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Harrison, Vigo County, IN showed William, a brick mason, and Gertrude living with their children.

1910 April 28: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN showed William, a brick mason, living with Gertrude and their daughter Fern.

1914 November 29: William Mason died and was buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Vigo County, IN.

⁵ U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934 (accessed newspapers.com)