

## Joseph Morris, Private, Co. G, 23 KY Infantry U.S.A.

- 1844 December 29: Morris was born in Charleston, South Wales in the United Kingdom.
- 1852 Morris in a letter written years later, declaring his intent at enlisting in the U.S. Army said he came to the United States when he was only eight years old. He also declared that he didn't come to the U.S. legally, that he was not a citizen, and still identified as a "British subject".
- 1862 March 18: Enlisted in the U.S. Army. Morris was a part of the 7 Ind. Battery O.V.L.A. His point of origin was Lima, OH.
- 1864 October 2: Enlisted in the U.S. Army as a substitute for W. H. Roberts Esq. Morris' age was given as 20 years old. His point of origin was Bowling Green, KY.
- November 30: Morris fought in the Battle of Franklin, and was taken prisoner. He was initially recorded as "Missing."
- 1865 February 20: According to the Adjutant General's Office, Morris was admitted to the hospital at the Andersonville Prison in Andersonville, GA suffering from "debilitas" (or an overwhelming feeling of weakness).
- April 4: According to the Adjutant General's Office, Morris was admitted to a hospital at a "Parole Camp" near Vicksburg, MS due to bronchitis.
- April 16: According to the Adjutant General's Office, Morris was then sent to another hospital near Jefferson, MS while suffering from diarrhea.
- April 24: According to the Adjutant General's Office, Morris was later sent from one hospital at Jefferson, MS to another in Benton, MS.
- May 25: After the effective end of the Civil War, Morris was sent to Camp Chase near Columbus, OH to recover.
- August 23: According to the Adjutant General's Office, Morris was released from the hospital and mustered out of the U.S. Army.
- 1870 June 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Allen County, OH showed Morris lived at a Hotel run by Mr. John Shade, and was a "Dealer in Lumber."
- 1876 March 2: Morris married Louise Holland.

1880 June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Allen County, OH showed Morris worked as a merchant. He lived with his wife and their two sons "K.J." and "W.J."

June 28: According to the Civil War Pensions Index, Morris received a pension as U.S. veteran, as would his widow.

1888 May 19: The Lima News (Lima, OH). Remarks that Morris had been elected chairman of the local G.A.R. committee meant to organize for the celebration of Memorial Day.<sup>1</sup>

1889

**IRREPRESSIBLE JOE MORRIS.**

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**Something to Tickle Davidson.**

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A special from Oak Harbor says: Mr. Joseph Morris, of Lima, has been the rounds of Ottawa county in the interests of the Sherman-Waldorf boom. When Morris becomes better acquainted with this neck of the woods, he will find that Sherman is a dead cock in the pit. Capt. J. B. Luckey is a favorite even with Democrats, for the hustling qualities he possesses, and to the men up a tree. If the only "original Harrison man" is not recognized by the administration it will be the most flagrant piece of ingratitude read of in the history of American politics.

1890 June: Morris appeared on a Veterans Schedule. It indicated that he had lasting disabilities acquired from his time in the military.

<sup>1</sup> The Lima News (Lima, OH). May 19, 1888. (accessed Newspapers.com)

<sup>2</sup> The Lima News (Lima, OH). May 9, 1889. (accessed Newspapers.com)

1892

Joseph Morris wanted on the county election board because it paid forty dollars a year. He wanted on McKinley's staff because his uniform would cost him four hundred dollars. "What strange things one sees when one has no gun." In view of the imminent conflict with Chili our townsman can thank his stars.

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1900 The U.S. Census enumerated in Allen County, OH showed Morris worked as a Lumber Merchant. He lived with his wife and their son George.

1901

**Will Give a Musical.**  
St. Agatha's chapter of the Christ Episcopal church will give a musical at the residence of Joseph Morris on north West street this evening. Some of the best talent in the city will participate.

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1903 April 27: Morris died of Uremic Convulsions. He was fifty eight years old.

May 2: Morris was buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Lima, OH.

<sup>3</sup> The Lima News, Lima, OH, Monday, 18 Jan 1892, pg. 6 (accessed newspapers.com)

<sup>4</sup> The Lima News, Lima, OH, Wednesday, 2 Oct 1901, pg. 5 (accessed newspapers.com)

## SUDDEN DEATH

### Strikes Down an Old and Well Known Resident.

Joseph Morris Will No More Answer to Drum Taps or to Roll Call.

Joseph Morris, one of the best known residents of this city, died at his home on north West street, this afternoon, with Bright's disease of the kidneys, after a brief, acute illness.

Mr. Morris returned this morning at 2 o'clock from a business trip to Indianapolis, and on retiring, expressed no word that he was in other than his usual health. He was up for a short time about five o'clock, but retired again, seemingly well. At 7 o'clock Mrs. Morris, who was in another part of the house, was called by their son, and on reaching Mr. Morris' room, she found him rigid, and with blood flowing from his lips. Physicians were hastily called, and from that hour on, every thing known to the profession was done for Mr. Morris, but he remained unconscious until his death, which came to him at 1:45 this afternoon. While he has been a sufferer with Bright's disease for some years, the attending physicians attribute his sudden demise to the exposure he submitted himself to in making the long night trip from Indiana.

Mr. Morris was prominent in Masonry, a leader in Grand Army circles, an advisor in political affairs, and closely identified with the business interests of this city for many years, but best of all, he was a loving and indulgent husband and father.

Mr. Walter Morris, who is the only member of the family absent, has been notified at Octave, Ariz., of his father's death.

## LIFE RESUME

### Of the Late Pioneer Citizen, Joseph Morris.

Joseph Morris whose sudden death at his home on north West street was chronicled Monday April 27th was born in Charleston Wales Dec 25th 1844 When nine years of age he came to America and resided in Buffalo until 1870 when he moved to Lima and engaged in the lumber business which he followed until his death

In 1876 he was happily wedded to Miss Louis Holland who with his sons Walter and George survive him

During the Civil war Mr Morris served with distinction in the N Y volunteers was wounded in the battle at Gettysburg taken prisoner and confined in Andersonville prison where deprivation and exposure caused his permanent ill health After the organization of the G A R and U V U he was always an active and ardent comrade

In lodge life he was a member of Lima Lodge, 205 F & A M, Lima Chapter, 49, R A M, Lima Council 20, R & S M, Shawnee Commandery, K T and Odd Fellows

In his religious life and belief he was a faithful communicant of Christ church, Protestant Episcopal, of which parish he was one of the earliest members, and at one time a vestryman and treasurer.

<sup>5</sup> The Lima News, Lima, OH, Monday, 27 Apr 1903, pg. 1 (accessed newspapers.com)

<sup>6</sup> The Lima News, Lima, OH, Saturday, 02 May 1903, pg. 8 (accessed newspapers.com)