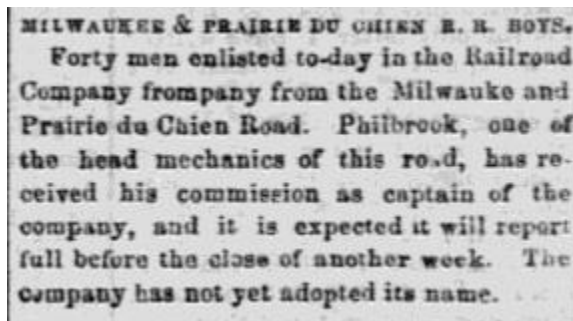


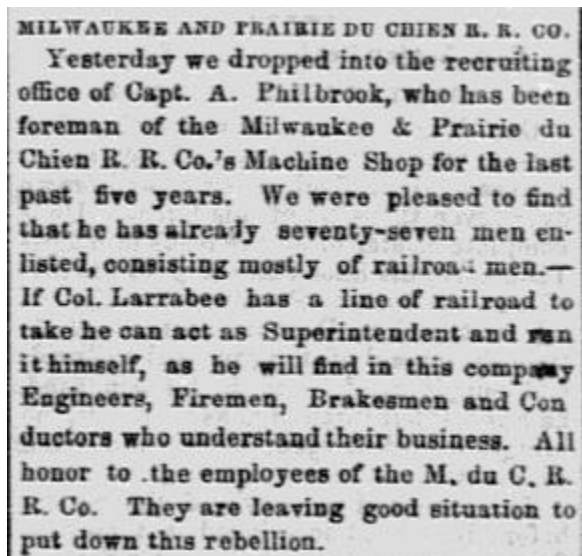
Alvah Philbrook, Captain, Co D 24th WI Infantry U.S.

- 1830 April 21: Philbrook was born in Ossipee, New Hampshire to parents John and Ann Philbrook.
- 1846 March: Graduated from the Thornton Academy in Saco, ME.
- 1850 September 11: The U.S. Federal Census showed 19-year-old Alvah, a machinist, living with his parents and siblings in Biddeford, Maine.
- 1853 January 5: Married Caroline Manning in Boston, Massachusetts. Caroline was the daughter of Cephas Manning, an inventor and master railway mechanic.
- 1854 May 18: Daughter Caroline Alice Philbrook was born.
- 1856 The Philbrook family relocated to Milwaukee, WI.
- 1860 June 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated Milwaukee, WI showed Alvah, machinist on railroad, and Caroline living with their daughter, Caroline, age 6. Also living with the family was an 18-year-old domestic servant named Anna Staggemann.
- 1862 August 9: *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Milwaukee, WI.



MILWAUKEE & PRAIRIE DU CHIEN R. R. BOYS.
Forty men enlisted to-day in the Railroad Company from the Milwaukee and Prairie du Chien Road. Philbrook, one of the head mechanics of this road, has received his commission as captain of the company, and it is expected it will report full before the close of another week. The company has not yet adopted its name.

August 14: *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Milwaukee, WI.



MILWAUKEE AND PRAIRIE DU CHIEN R. R. CO.
Yesterday we dropped into the recruiting office of Capt. A. Philbrook, who has been foreman of the Milwaukee & Prairie du Chien R. R. Co.'s Machine Shop for the last past five years. We were pleased to find that he has already seventy-seven men enlisted, consisting mostly of railroad men.— If Col. Larrabee has a line of railroad to take he can act as Superintendent and run it himself, as he will find in this company Engineers, Firemen, Brakesmen and Conductors who understand their business. All honor to the employees of the M. du C. R. R. Co. They are leaving good situation to put down this rebellion.

August 21: Enlisted in the U.S. Army.

1864 January 11: *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Milwaukee, WI.

PERSONAL.—Capt. A. Philbrook, of Co. D, (the Railroad Company) 24th Regiment, arrived home on Friday evening last, and gave us a call yesterday. The Captain is in command of detail to take recruits to the Army of the Cumberland, and has a leave of absence for ten days at home. The Captain is a faithful and efficient officer, and this is the first time he has been absent from his regiment since it left here a year and a half ago.

November 30: Killed in action in the Battle of Franklin.

1865 January 23: *Milwaukee Sentinel*, Milwaukee WI.

The Late Major Philbrook.

A correspondent of the News, furnishes the following sketch of the life of the late Major Alvah Philbrook, of the 24th.

"The officer whose name heads this note, was killed at the battle of Franklin, while in command of a part of the 24th regiment Wisconsin volunteers, on the 30th of November last. He was born at Ossipee, N. H., April 24th 1830; resided for several years at Boston, Mass., and came to Wisconsin in 1856; since which time, until he entered the service, he was employed as Foreman in one of the shops of the Milwaukee & Mississippi Railroad Company. When the 24th regiment Wisconsin volunteers was organized he was appointed Captain of Co. D, his commission bearing date August 21st, 1862, and left the State for the front, with the regiment, on the 5th September, 1862. From that time to the date of his decease he was with his regiment, sharing its labors and its glories, except for a brief period. Early in January, 1864, he came home on recruiting service, and soon after his arrival was detailed to serve as a member of a Court Martial at Madison. Having concluded his duties as a member of the Court Martial he returned to the field on the 23d of June, 1864, his regiment being then at Atlanta.

Maj. Philbrook participated in the several battles of Perryville, Stone River, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge, Atlanta, and finally in the battle of Franklin, where he sealed his devotion to his country by yielding up his life in her cause. That he faithfully discharged all the duties of his position, is sufficiently attested by the fact that by general order his name was entered upon General Rosecrans roll of honor, for gallant service in the field, and by the further fact that on the 5th of June, 1864, he was commissioned as Major of his regiment.

Maj. Philbrook fell just at twilight on the 30th of Nov. last, while engaged in action at the head of his command. During the night the Union troops retreated, leaving his remains, with those of many another gallant soldier, upon the field.

Maj. Philbrook was, at the time of his decease, and for several years had been a highly esteemed member of Wisconsin Lodge No. 13, F. & A. Masons.

The members of the Lodge in common with his bereaved family felt a strong desire to recover his remains, that they might receive proper burial here, and as soon as the rebel army had been driven back over the field of Franklin the proper officers of the Lodge applied to Capt. Edwin F. Townsend commanding ordnance depot at Nashville, and Duncan McDonald, Esq., of this city, then at Nashville, to take the necessary steps to accomplish this object. Both these gentlemen responded at once to the request made of them.

An expedition was immediately organized, consisting of Mr. McCrea of Capt. Townsend's office, and Lieutenant Coate, and Sergeant Toohy of the 24th regiment, who proceeded to the battle field at Franklin. They found the precise point where Major Philbrook fell, and ascertained that a considerable number of the federal dead had been buried in a trench some twenty feet distant. With these, beyond doubt, the remains of Maj. Philbrook were buried, if burial it can be called. It being found impossible to identify his remains, the expedition, after doing what they could to give a more decent burial to all these deposited, returned to Nashville. Thus has fallen a brave man, who in his life was an affectionate husband, a kind and indulgent parent, an esteemed and patriotic citizen, and a gallant soldier. He sleeps upon the field of his glory.

The steele does not bloom at the head of his grave, nor does one or lettered monument designate his final resting place, yet may surviving friends rest assured that he sleeps in peace. The thanks of his afflicted family, as well as those of the members of the Masonic Lodge to which he belonged, are tendered to Capt. Townsend, Lieut. Coate, Serg't. Toohy, Mr. McDonald, Mr. McCrea, and all who aided them in their efforts to secure the remains of the deceased and restore them to his friends.

April 22: Caroline Philbrook filed for a widows pension.