

John Rapp, Private, Co. I, 15 TN Infantry, CS

- 1842 Born in Germany to Wendlin and Anna Rapp .
- 1847 October 25: The Rapp family immigrated to the U.S. arriving in New York on the Prinz Albert.
- 1850 August 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Fayette County, TN showed eight year old John lived with his parents and siblings. His fathers occupation was listed as a cooper.
- 1860 June 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Shelby County, TN showed eighteen year old John lived with his parents and siblings. His fathers occupation was listed as a cooper.
- 1861 June 7: Enlisted in the C.S. Army in Memphis, TN. He mustered into Co. I 15th TN Infantry as a private.
- August thru October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
- 1862 January thru December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
- 1863 January thru December: Company Muster Rolls. Present. Remarks "Detailed to the Regiment Band August 15, 1863"
- 1864 January thru October: Company Muster Rolls. Present.
- November: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.
- December 17: Captured by the U.S. Army in Franklin convalescing in a local hospital.

Prisoners of War

at Point Lookout, Md.

Date of arrival *Recd from Camp Chase Mich.*
3/4/65 * Entd on rolls May 30, 1865¹³.

Where captured *Franklin*

When captured *Dec 17*, 1865.

Remarks: *Released June 6 - 1865*

1865 February 18th Forwarded from Franklin, TN to U.S.A. Gen'l Hosp. No. 1 in Nashville. Diagnosis was stated as "Convalescent."

February 24: Forwarded from hospital in Nashville to Louisville and on to Camp Chase, OH a couple weeks later and then finally transferred for exchange to Point Lookout, MD on March 26th.

June 6: Rapp was released from prison in Point Lookout after signing his Oath of Allegiance.

Rapp was listed in the Memphis City Directory as a "Clerk" living at 47 Jefferson.

1866 Rapp was listed in the Memphis City Directory as a "Salesman" living at 75 Pontotoc.

1867 Rapp was listed in the Memphis City Directory as a "Cooper."

¹ Fold3.com/Confederate/CSR/Tennessee/15th Infantry/Rapp, John

1871 January 26: Married Susanna Brown in Shelby County, TN. The announcement in the newspaper gave great information about Rapp and his life, even confirmed the regiment he fought in, 15th TN.

MARRIED.

RAPP—BROWN—On Thursday evening, January 28, 1871, at the First Baptist Church, by Rev. Mr. Bowman, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Mr. JOHN RAPP and MRS SUSANNA C. BROWN, all of Memphis.

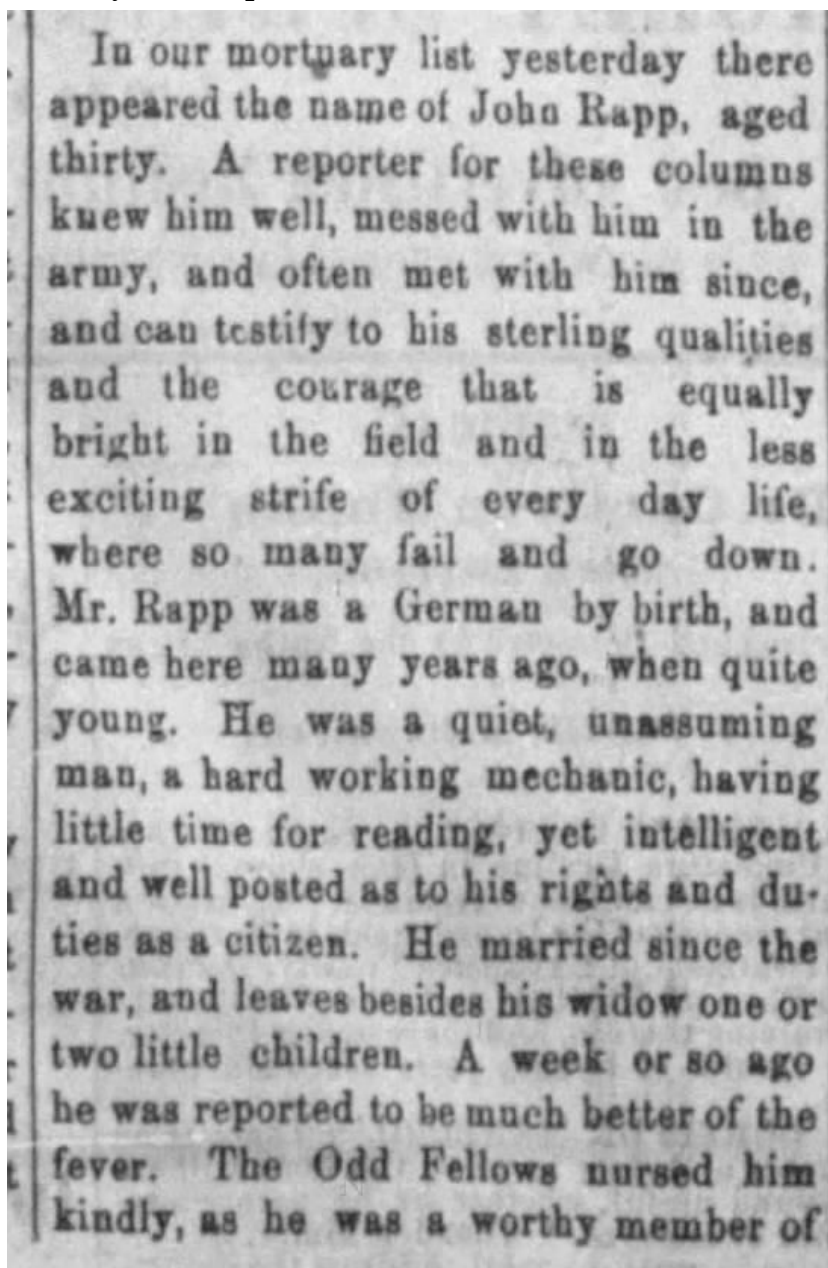
The mutual and respective friends of the very happy and fortunate couple attended the church in a large assembly to witness the interesting ceremony, and to attest their good wishes. This is an instance where real manhood unites with a model of female worth and loveliness. Mr. RAPP was one of the bravest and best soldiers that went through the war. A comrade who messed with him in the 15th and 37th Tennessee regiments can vouch for it, that he will make a good, faithful husband, worthy of the fair sweet prize he has taken to himself. May all their raps in life begin with a "w," and all their joys be doubled; and may the auspicious beginning they have made in life together be but the index of their future happiness and prosperity. Earth hath no fairer sight than a warm-hearted, whole-souled man leading to the altar a gentle, blushing, confiding woman to make her his wife. With this scene still fresh in mind, we offer sincere congratulations to the worthy pair, who have taken each "for better or for worse, to have and to hold," we hope until a good green old age.

"J. R. V."

² Memphis Daily Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, 29 Jan 1871, Sun, pg.1 (accessed on newspapers.com)

1873 October 4: Rapp was listed among those afflicted with Yellow Fever in the newspaper: "John Rapp, corner of Fifty and Looney streets, in Chelsea, is doing well."³

October 8: John Rapp died in Memphis, TN from the yellow fever. Buried in Elmwood Cemetery in Memphis.

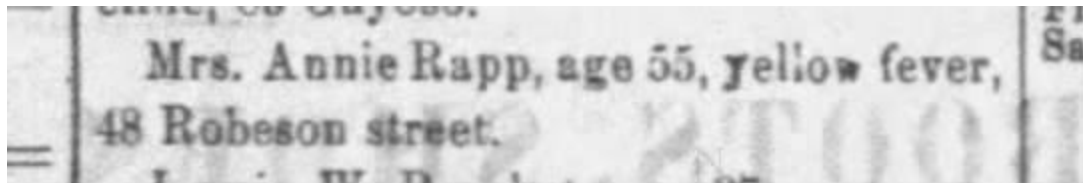


In our mortuary list yesterday there appeared the name of John Rapp, aged thirty. A reporter for these columns knew him well, messed with him in the army, and often met with him since, and can testify to his sterling qualities and the courage that is equally bright in the field and in the less exciting strife of every day life, where so many fail and go down. Mr. Rapp was a German by birth, and came here many years ago, when quite young. He was a quiet, unassuming man, a hard working mechanic, having little time for reading, yet intelligent and well posted as to his rights and duties as a citizen. He married since the war, and leaves besides his widow one or two little children. A week or so ago he was reported to be much better of the fever. The Odd Fellows nursed him kindly, as he was a worthy member of

³ Public Ledger, Memphis, TN, Saturday, 04 Oct 1873, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

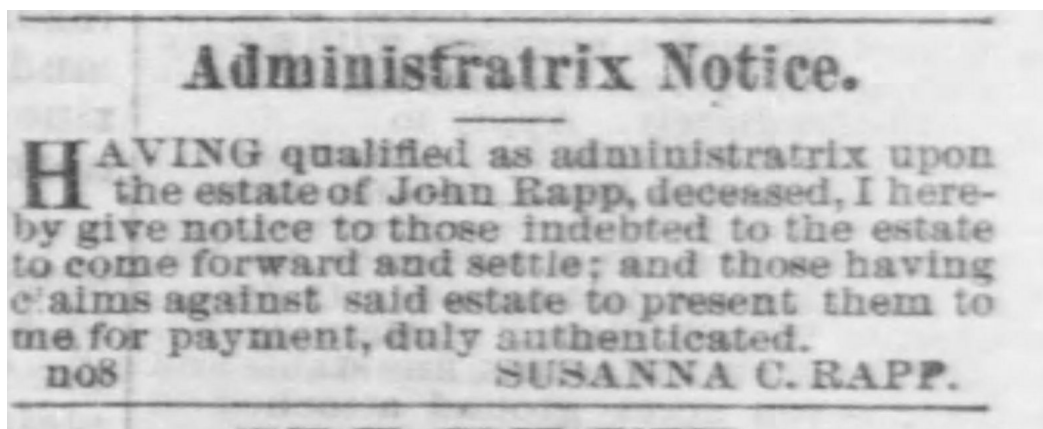
⁴ Public Ledger, Memphis, Tennessee, Friday, 10 Oct 1873, pg.2 (accessed on newspapers.com)

October 28: Rapp's mother Anna died of yellow fever at the age of 55, just a few days after her son.



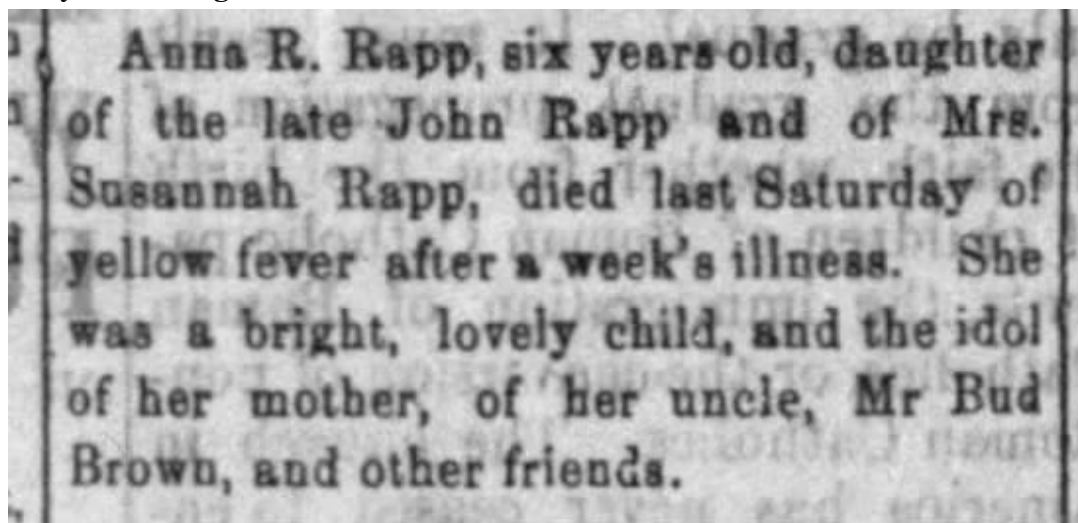
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November 15: Rapp's wife Susanna advertised in the newspaper as executor of his estate.



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1878 October 28: John's six year old daughter Anna died of yellow fever, five years to the day after her grandmother.



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⁵Public Ledger, Memphis, TN, 27 Oct 1873, Mon, pg.4 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁶Memphis Daily Appeal, Memphis, TN, Saturday, 15 Nov 1873, pg. 3 (accessed newspaper.com)

⁷Public Ledger, Memphis, TN, 28 Oct 1878, Mon, pg.2 (accessed newspapers.com)

