



Robert Charles Bradshaw, Colonel, Co. S, 44 MO Infantry, US

1840 March 13: Born to Charles and Jane Adair Bradshaw in Platte County, Missouri.

1847 Robert's father, Charles, died in Andrew County, Missouri. After the death of her husband Jane Bradshaw "...moved with her family to St. Joseph."²

1850 September 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Buchanan County, MO showed Robert lived with his mother and five siblings.

*"Bradshaw received his education in Buchanan County and in 1851 he went to learn the blacksmith's trade."*³

1858 *"Bradshaw started a shop on the corner of Seventh and Messanie Streets, for the manufacture of wagons, which he continued until April, 1861. He took an active part in the election of Lincoln, and when the rebellion broke out in April 1861, he raised a company of 103 men, subsisting them himself until they joined different commands."*⁴

1861 May 16: Enlisted into Co. A, 13 MO as a 2nd Lieutenant.

"He entered the service in June, 1861, as an enlisted man, in Company A,

¹ Photo added by Nathan Zimbrich (accessed on findagrave.com)

² Union Historical Company. The History of Buchanan County, Missouri: Containing a History of the County, Its Cities, Towns, Etc., Biographical Sketches of Its Citizens, Buchanan County In the Late War, General And Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers And Prominent Men, History of Missouri, Map of Buchanan County, Etc., Etc. St. Joseph, Mo.: Union Historical Co., 1881.

³ ditto

⁴ ditto

Peabody's Battalion, United States Reserve Corps, and and braver man did not enlist during the rebellion, and the wounds he received are evidence of his active service."⁵

August 1: Rank change to 1st Lieutenant, Co. A, 25 MO Infantry.

September 20: Captured at the Battle of Lexington. Paroled and released on September 25, 61.

MEMORANDUM FROM PRISONER OF WAR RECORDS. No. _____													
(THIS FORM TO BE USED ONLY IN THE ARRANGEMENT OF NEW FORMS.)													
NAME	RANK	ORGANIZATION				INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM--							
		Co.	Regt.	State	Days of Service	On	Source of--	Vol.	Page	Vol.	Page		
Bradshaw R. G.	1st Lt.	13	25	Mo	1	4	1st Kentucky Guard	Muster Roll	572				
Captured at _____, 1861, confined at Richmond, Va., _____, 1861.													
Admitted to Hospital at _____													
where he died _____, 1861, of _____													
Paroled at Lexington, Sept. 25, 1861; reported at Camp Parole, Md., _____, 1861.													
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1862 March-April: Company Muster Roll: Present. Remarks: In battle of Rittsburg landing. April 6 & 7, 62. In command of company since battle.

May-June: Company Muster Roll: Present. Remarks: May 16: Promoted from 1st Lieutenant to Captain

July-August: Company Muster Roll: Present

September-October: Company Muster Roll: Absent. Remarks: Detailed on Recruiting service at St. Joseph Mo. Sept. 12, 62.

November-December: Company Muster Roll: Present. Remarks: Rejoined company from recruiting service Dec 6, 62.

1863 January-February: Company Muster Roll: Present

May-April: Company Muster Roll: Absent. Remarks: On special duty Military Com. St. Joseph MO since March 21, 63.

May-June: Company Muster Roll: Present. Remarks: Relieved from special duty

⁵ ditto

⁶ US, Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations From the State of Missouri, 1861-1865

on Military Commission June 18, 63 assumed command of Co. June 19, 63.

July-August: Company Muster Roll: Present. Remarks: On special duty in charge of work on fortifications.

September-October: Company Muster Roll: Present. Remarks: On Sp. duty in charge of working party at fortifications.

November-December: Company Muster Roll: Absent, Remarks: Absent without leave. Leave expired Dec. 26, 63.

December 8: Request to be mustered out of 25 MO Infantry.

Camp Dec 25th 1863
Columbus Kentucky
December 8th 1863

Sir

I respectfully request that I be mustered out of the service or that my resignation be accepted for the following reasons

I. The regiment is ordered to be consolidated with Bussell's regiment of Engineers. I do not consider myself qualified to take command of a company of sappers and miners. I believe that every commander of such companies should thoroughly understand civil Engineering.

II. I entered the service in June 1861. I have given that time in an Infantry regiment and having learned the duties required of an Officer in that line of the service I would prefer to continue in the service in that capacity if Government requires my services.

To go into an Engineer's regiment with no knowledge of the duties that I may be called upon to perform.

Therefore I make this request.

I am Sir Very Respectfully
Your Obedient servant
R. B. Bradshaw Capt
Co. 25th Mo. Inf.

Chas. Handley Jr
Col 25th Mo. Inf
St. Louis Missouri

⁷ US, Letters Received by the Commission Branch of the Adjutant General's Office, 1863-1870

1864 January 4: Mustered out as Captain, Co. A, 25 MO Infantry.

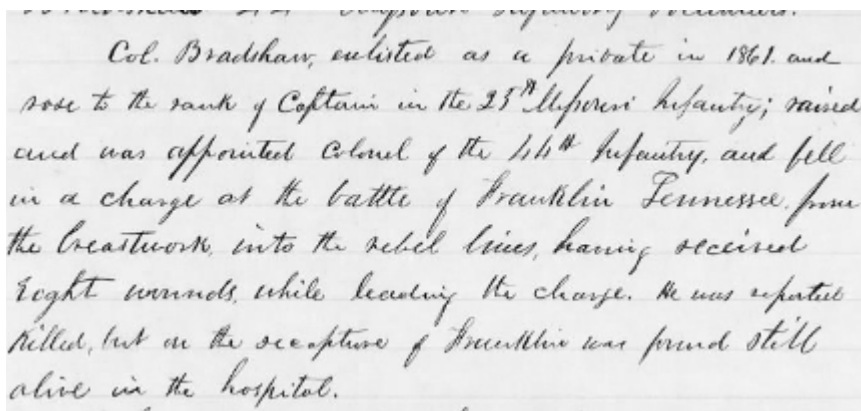
February 3: Officers' Casualty Sheet: Injury to arm: Infection, Heavy discharge

September 29: Bradshaw helped form the 44 MO Infantry as a Colonel.

In 1864, General R. C. Bradshaw, a native of Platte County, and an original Union man, organized, at St. Joseph, the Forty-fourth United States volunteers, many of whom were from this county. This regiment had a proud history. Wm. Drumhiller commanded company B, and F. G. Hopkins company C. This regiment left St. Joseph in September, 1864, for Rolla; thence to Paducah, Kentucky; thence to Nashville, Tennessee. They were in the battles of Springfield and Franklin. At the latter place Colonel Bradshaw received severe wounds and was left on the field for dead, but is now an honored citizen of St. Joseph. Bradshaw's regiment then accompanied the Twenty-third corps, and engaged in the battles of Columbia, Clifton and Spanish Fort, in Alabama, and were finally mustered out of service at St. Louis, on the 15th of August, 1865, having traveled six thousand two hundred miles from St. Joseph, seven hundred and forty-seven on foot and the balance by rail and transport; a greater number of miles perhaps, than any other regiment had traveled during the war, and showing a striking parallel to the First regiment of Missouri volunteers, during the Mexican war, under Col. Doniphan.

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November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin, TN. Received eight wounds and presumed dead.



Col. Bradshaw, enlisted as a private in 1861, and rose to the rank of Captain in the 25th Missouri Infantry; raised and was appointed Colonel of the 44th Infantry, and fell in a charge at the battle of Franklin Tennessee, from the breastwork, into the rebel lines, having received eight wounds, while leading the charge. He was reported killed, but on the occupation of Franklin was found still alive in the hospital.

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December 16: An obituary was published in the newspaper regarding Robert's death.

⁸ Pg. 331

⁹ US, Letters Received by the Commission Branch of the Adjutant General's Office, 1863-1870

At a meeting held at St. Joseph on the 12th inst., upon the receipt of the news of the death of Col. R. O. Bradshaw, 44th Mo. Vol. Infantry, suitable resolutions were adopted, and a committee was appointed to use all means in their power to recover the body of the lamented Colonel from the hands of the enemy, and bring it to St. Joseph for burial.

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1865 August 15: Mustered out of the Army
 "After the war, he returned and continued the wagon business."¹¹

October 31: Bradshaw filed for a military pension due to his injury during the war.

NAME OF SOLDIER:		Bradshaw, Robert C. (S-H-3)		
NAME OF DEPENDENT:		Widow, Bradshaw, Frances W. Minor,		
SERVICE:		A 13" + A 25" Mo. Inf. Col. 14" Mo. Inf.		
DATE OF FILING.	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	CERTIFICATE NO.	STATE FROM WHICH FILED.
1865 Oct. 31.	Invalid.	94,489	67,288.	
1927 Jan. 29	Widow, Minor,	1582,732	28-11-07	Mo.
ATTORNEY:		Died May 27, 1927		
REMARKS:		X.C. 940,669		

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¹⁰ The Border Times, 16 Dec 1864, Fri · Page 3

¹¹ Union Historical Company. The History of Buchanan County, Missouri: Containing a History of the County, Its Cities, Towns, Etc., Biographical Sketches of Its Citizens, Buchanan County In the Late War, General And Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers And Prominent Men, History of Missouri, Map of Buchanan County, Etc., Etc. St. Joseph, Mo.: Union Historical Co., 1881.

¹² U.S., Civil War Pension Index: General Index to Pension Files, 1861-1934

1866 January 14: Recommended for promotion to Brevet Brigadier General for gallant and distinguished merit at the Battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

353. (W. J.) 1866.
War Department
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January 1866.
Case of *Robert C.* *Stoumle*
Colonel Bradshaw
44th Missouri vols.
Brevet Brigadier Genl
Mentioned in service during the war
& especially for gallant &
distinguished merit at
the battle of Franklin Tennessee
Deferred to
Genl Hancock

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...of civil life, have covered themselves
with the glory of veteran troops, The the heroic
bravery of Col. Robert C. Bradshaw 44th Infantry
who with the colors of his Regiment in his hand
fell pierced by seven balls within the ranks
of the enemy the Death of Captain Dunlap
and Lieutenant Kirgan in their attempt to
recover his body is one of those incidents
of personal heroism that calls forth the
admiration and praise of a Generous people.

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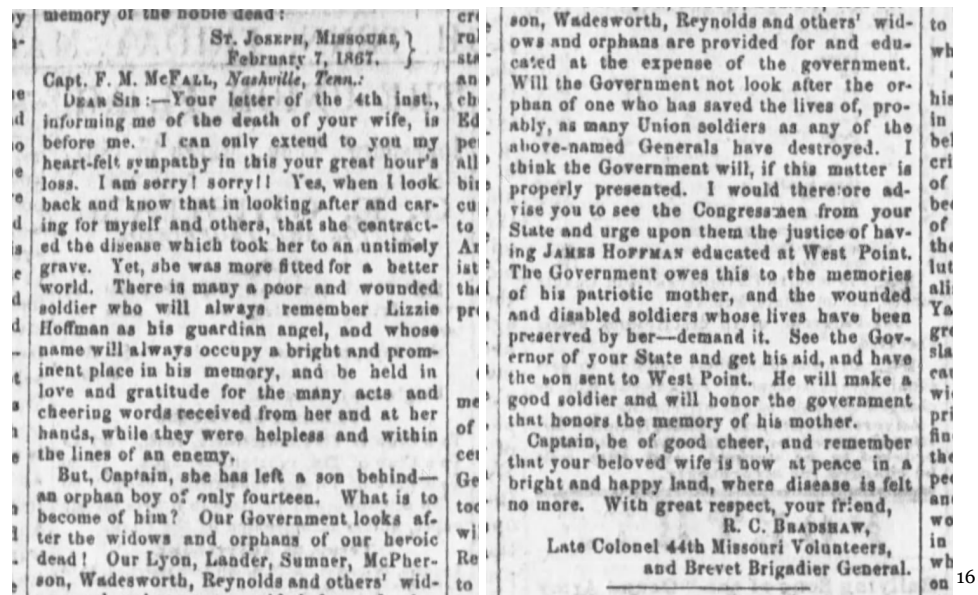
1867 "In 1876, 1868 and 1869, he held the office of City Register. After this he was appointed ticket agent of the St. Joseph and Denver Railroad, which he held for eighteen months. He is now City Accessor."¹⁵

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February 7: Bradshaw wrote a letter to Captain McFall a letter describing his sadness that Lizzie Hoffman, the woman who took care of him after he was wounded in Franklin had died. He expressed his sadness and his desire to have her son taken care of as all hero's sons should be.



April 17: Married Frances Wild in Buchanan, MO.

“He married Miss Fannie Wild, April 17, 1867, and they have three children—Fannie, Mary and Hero.”¹⁷

1870 January 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Buchanan County, MO showed Robert lived with his wife, Fanny, and daughter, Fanny. His occupation was listed as a Clerk in the Railroad Office.

1880 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Buchanan County, MO showed Robert lived with his wife and three daughters. His occupation was listed as a Bookkeeper.

1890 November 7: Robert traveled to Fort Scott, Kansas.

¹⁶ The Union Flag, Jonesborough, TN, Friday, 15 Mar 1867, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

¹⁷ Union Historical Company. The History of Buchanan County, Missouri: Containing a History of the County, Its Cities, Towns, Etc., Biographical Sketches of Its Citizens, Buchanan County In the Late War, General And Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers And Prominent Men, History of Missouri, Map of Buchanan County, Etc., Etc. St. Joseph, Mo.: Union Historical Co., 1881.

--General R. C. Bradshaw, traveling freight agent of the Missouri Pacific road, K., N & D. branch, arrived in the city yesterday to look after the interests of shippers on his line of road.

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1891 March 11: Robert is recommended for Railroad Commissioner

WHEREAS, Gen. R. C. Bradshaw, of Ottawa, Kans., has voluntarily favored the Committee on Railroads with information and advice of vast materiality, the said General being a man of wide experience in railroad matters; and
WHEREAS, The said Gen. R. C. Bradshaw is an ex-union soldier of heroic history, having risen from the rank of an humble private to that of brigadier general, and who, as colonel, with the colors of his regiment in his hands, fell pierced by nine bullets inside the enemy's works in the battle of Franklin; therefore, be it
Resolved, That Gen. R. C. Bradshaw be recommended to the executive council as a suitable candidate for the position of railroad commissioner.
Passed by the Kansas house of representatives, March 11, 1891.

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1900 June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Topeka City, KS showed Robert lived with his wife and youngest daughter, Mary. His occupation was listed as Accountant.

1910 April 25: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Topeka City, KS showed Robert lived with his wife and daughter Mary. His middle child, Isabel Parker and her four children were living with the family. Isabel was listed as a widow. His occupation was listed as a Statistician.

1920 January 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Kansas City, MO showed Robert lived with his wife and youngest daughter, Mary. His occupation was listed as retired.

1927 May 27: Died in Kansas City, MO. He was buried in Mount Washington Cemetery in Jackson County, MO.

¹⁸ Fort Scott Daily MonitorFort Scott, Kansas • Fri, Nov 7, 1890,Page 4

¹⁹ Independent-Journal, Ottawa, Kansas • Thu, Mar 19, 1891,Page 2



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²⁰ Photo added by GBern.O (accessed on findagrave.com)