

## Beckwith Rogers, Corporal, Co. G, 63 IN Infantry, US

- 1832 January 14: Rogers was born to Nathaniel and Rachel Rogers in Virginia.
- 1850 August 10: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in White County, IN showed 18-year-old Beckwith, a farmer, living with his father, step-mother and siblings. His father, Nathaniel, was a farmer.
- 1851 May 3: Rogers shot his brother in a hunting accident, killing him instantly.

**Fatal Accident.**

It has never before fallen to our lot to record a more painful accident than the one we are now about to recite.

Two young men, Beckwith and John W. Rogers, sons of Mr. Nathan Rodgers of this County, on last Saturday shouldered their guns and started in search of game. They finally saw several Deer some distance from them; whereupon they separated one taking one direction and the other another, each eager, we presume, to get a shot at a deer. Beckwith proceeded a short distance, then halted, fearful he might have proceeded too rapidly and scare the deer before his brother would reach the desired spot, and whom he expected to drive the deer towards him; but John had proceeded beyond his expectation, as he afterwards found—and as Beckwith advanced, (not seeing his brother John,) to where he supposed the deer were, saw something crawling in the grass and willows, which he supposed to be a deer—he fired—a scream followed! he ran to the spot and found his brother John already a corpse! The ball it is supposed pierced his heart. Beckwith went home, told his father of the accident, reloaded his gun and desired his father to shoot him. he had no desire to live any longer; and with difficulty was persuaded to show where the remains of his dead brother were.

The brothers, had always been kind and affectionate to each other; and the feelings of the unfortunate Beckwith, and the Parents and relations of the young men, can better be imagined than described.

This is truly a sad warning to persons in the habit of using firearms; and how forcible the warning, 'that in life we are in death.'

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<sup>1</sup> The Plymouth Pilot, Plymouth, IN, Wednesday 7 May 1851, pg. 3

- 1860 June 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in White County, IN showed Beckwith, a farmer, and Eliza living with their young children.
- 1862 August 29: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. G 63 IN Infantry.  
August 30 to October 31: Company Muster Roll. Present. Remarks "Fined \$5.00 for leaving camp without permission."
- 1864 November 13: Promoted to Corporal.  
November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.
- 1865 June 21: Mustered out of the U.S. Army in Greensboro, NC.
- 1870 August 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in White County, IN showed Beckwith, a farmer, and Eliza living with their four children.
- 1880 June 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in White County, IN showed Beckwith, a farmer, and Eliza living with their four children.
- 1882 January 23: Beckwith Rogers died in White County, IN and was buried in Dobbins Cemetery.



- 1888 September 10: Eliza applied for and received a military pension for her husband's service during the Civil War.

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<sup>2</sup> Findagrave.com/userBobNielsen