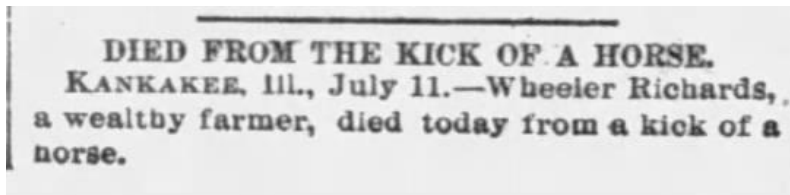


Jared Wheeler Richards, Captain, Co. D, 42 IL Infantry, U.S.

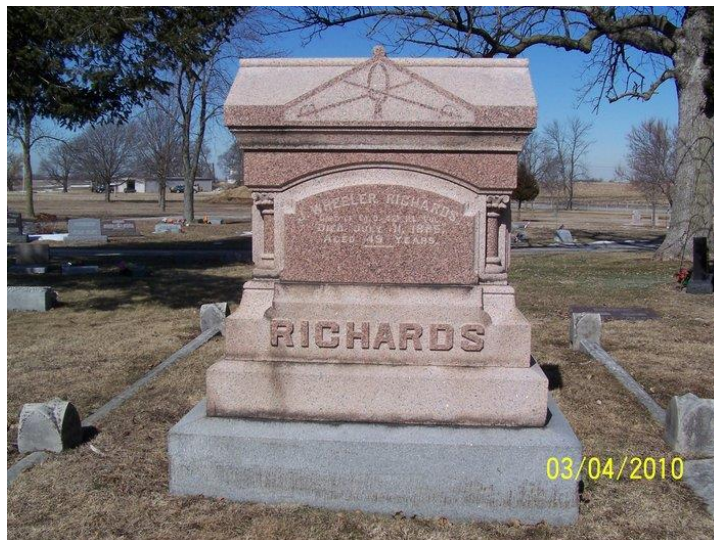
- 1835 September 13: Born in Lysander, Onondaga Co, NY to Samuel and Sarah Corkins Richards.
- 1839 His mother Sarah died when he was four years old.
- 1850 October 31: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Tippecanoe County, IN showed Jared living with father, step-mother, Mariah, and siblings. His father was a farmer.
- 1860 June 29: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Kankakee County, IL showed Jared, a farmer, living with W. C Richards and his family. Also living in the household was a young school teacher named Lydia Platt, who became his wife.
- 1861 July 22: Enlisted at Camp Douglas, IL. He mustered in as 2nd Lieutenant.
Promoted to 1st Lieutenant.
- 1862 Promoted to Captain.
- 1864 March 15: Married Lydia Platt.
November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin, TN. He was shot in thigh.
- 1865 February 20: Mustered out of the U.S. Army at Huntsville, AL.
- 1870 June 13: taken in Kankakee County, IL showed Jared, a farmer, living with wife Lydia and Alfred and Alice Whitmill and their one-year-old son Charlie.
- 1880 June 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Kankakee County, IL showed Jared, a farmer, living with wife.
- 1885 July 16: Died in Kankakee County, IL. He was buried in Momence Cemetery.



¹ Chicago Tribune, Chicago, IL, Sunday, 12 Jul 1885, pg. 2 (accessed ancestry.com)
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Wheeler Richards, of Momence, was kicked by a horse, in the lower pelvis, one day last week and so severely injured that after intense suffering for several days died on Saturday. He was a prominent farmer, residing two miles west of Momence and leaves a widow to mourn his loss.

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(16 Jul 1885) Died at his residence in Ganeer on the 11th day of July, of injuries received from a kick by a horse, Capt. Jared Wheeler Richards in the 50th year of his age. Mr. Richards was born on the 13th day of September 1835, in the town of Lysander, Onondaga County, New York. His father, Samuel Richards, emigrated to Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in the fall of 1837, where the deceased lived until he was 21 years of age. He then made the purchase of the land in Ganeer where he has since resided, except during the time spent in the service of his country, in which he enlisted as a private Sept. 1st, 1861. He was among the first to volunteer his services at the call for 75,000 men, but the quota was filled before the acceptance of his company. When the next call was made, he joined Co. D 42nd Illinois infantry and was selected second lieutenant, and subsequently promoted to first lieutenant for meritorious conduct. After the resignation of Captain Clark, he was promoted to captain of his company. At the end of 3 years service he veteranized with the majority of his command. He was wounded at the battle of Franklin, Tennessee.

Mr. Richards was married March 15, 1864, to Lydia A. Platt, of Wisconsin, who survives him. Snatched away in the prime of manhood and usefulness, his death was a sad blow to all. Clad in the uniform in which he loved to honor his country and surrounded by friends and neighbors so suddenly bereaved, he was borne to his resting place by comrades with whom he had fought so gallantly, three of the six being members of his company. Mr. Richards was a man who had the confidence and respect of all who knew him and his loss will be mourned by the entire community.

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² The Paxton Record, Paxton, IL, Thursday, 23 Jul 1885, pg. 1 (accessed newspapers.com)

³ Findagrave.com/user/Gayle Williams

⁴ Findagrave.com/user/MomenceGenealogyCorner