

**CHARLES WADE**

**Company "C" 6th Regiment West Virginia Infantry**

Submitted by Richard S. Clark



**Martin Creek Cemetery - Lamard Twp. (Wayne County), IL**

Charles Wade was born in Loudoun County, Virginia on 18 February 1847. He enlisted at Grafton, West Virginia on 4 September 1864, and mustered in the following day as a Private in Company "C" of the 6th Infantry. He gave his age as 18 years old, but was actually just 17. He was soon attached to a detail repairing government telegraph lines, and received a promotion to Corporal on 1 October 1864. He mustered out as a Corporal at Wheeling, West Virginia on 10 June 1865.

Shortly thereafter, he moved to Indian Prairie Township, Wayne County, Illinois with his parents and younger brother. They moved to Nebraska for a time before returning to Wayne County,

Illinois, settling this time in Lamard Township, near Jeffersonville. He died at his home near Jeffersonville on 11 February 1915, and was buried in Martin Creek Cemetery (a.k.a. Dunkard Cemetery).

The State of Illinois mandated that burial information of veterans be compiled and published in their "Roll of Honor" in 1929. Unfortunately, they listed Charles as a Private in Co. A of the 113th Illinois Infantry. He has a private marker (see attached photo) which did not list his service, so it is not clear where they received the erroneous information. The 113th Infantry was composed of residents of Cook County, Illinois (Chicago area). I do have a copy of Charles service record, his pension record, and his obituary, all of which list his service as a Corporal in Company C, 6th WV Infantry.

Please note - the attached photo was provided by A. Kemp of Wayne County, Illinois, with permission to copy the photo. Charles was buried next to his widow's parents, and his headstone included a space for her information, along with a traditional symbol of marriage (the holding of hands). His widow remarried, but was later buried next to Charles in an unmarked grave.

#### **Wayne County Press, Fairfield, Illinois - 18 February 1915**

Charles Wade, son of John and Susan Wade was born in Loudon county, West Virginia [Loudoun county, Virginia], February 18th, 1847; passed away at his home near Jeffersonville, Illinois after a short illness, February 11th, 1915, aged 67 years, 11 months and 24 days.

Mr. Wade was a veteran of the civil war and served in Company C, Sixth Regiment of West Virginia Infantry Volunteers. At the close of the war he moved with his parents to Illinois. After residing here a number of years he with his parents moved to Nebraska, driving overland. They lived there a number of years and helped to develop the wild western prairie into what is now one of our most prosperous states. In the year 1883, Mr. Wade with his parents returned to Illinois locating near Jeffersonville, where he has since lived. He was married to Emma Ashenfelter, March 7th, 1906. Mr. Wade will be sadly missed by his loving wife and friends. Suffering afflictions, he was not permitted to mingle with his friends as much as he would like to have done, but all his old friends and neighbors were always welcome at his home. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Hogue, assisted by Brother Gruber. Burial at the Martin Creek Cemetery.