

38TH ILLINOIS INFANTRY REGIMENT



James M True

The 38th Illinois Infantry Regiment was organized at Camp Butler, Illinois, on 15 August 1861, Colonel William P Carlin, commanding.

Captain James Milton True led a company of Mattoon volunteers to Camp Butler and they were enlisted into the 38th Illinois Infantry, forming the nucleus of Company E. Approximately 80 men from Mattoon served in Company E during the war.



1st Lt. William
Gwinn, Company E

The 38th Illinois Infantry participated in the following campaigns:

Atlanta, Chickamauga, Corinth, Franklin, Jonesborough, Kennesaw Mountain, Nashville, Resaca, Spring Hill, Stones River and Tullahoma.

The 38th Illinois Infantry was one of the units that spent its Veterans Furlough at Camp Grant in Mattoon, in May of 1864.

The Regiment mustered out on 31 December 1865.

Losses for the 38th Infantry were: 7 officers and 107 enlisted men killed or mortally wounded and 3 officers and 177 enlisted men by disease.