



# CIVIL WAR DEAD BURIED IN DODGE GROVE CEMETERY

The City Cemetery was authorized by the City Council of Mattoon on 7 April 1862. It was named Dodge Grove on 16 December 1862 and the first burial, a four-year-old girl, took place on 18 March 1863. Captain Abram C Van Buskirk, whose body was shipped home from the battle of Vaught's Hill, Tennessee, where he was mortally wounded, was the second burial in the new cemetery.

There are hundreds of Civil War Veterans buried in Dodge Grove Cemetery. Very few, however, died while on active service. The vast majority survived the War and lived out their lives in and around Mattoon.

The men listed below were buried in Dodge Grove during the war itself. Those names with Asterisk\* were killed in action and their bodies were shipped back to Mattoon.

Most of the men buried during the War, died in Mattoon, either as wounded convalescent or from disease. The many men from units outside of Illinois were taken off troop trains for treatment in Mattoon and perished here. A few of the Illinois dead succumbed to disease while at Camp Perry.

NAME	UNIT	DATE OF DEATH	NAME	UNIT	DATE OF DEATH
Akins, Thomas	27th Ind	25 November 1865	McNeely, Silas	23rd Ind	27 August 1863
Alexander, J P	19th NH	5 August 1863	Monroe, James*	123rd Ill	7 October 1863
Allington, William K	22nd Conn	12 August 1863	Nabb, John*	62nd Ill	28 September 1864
Bell, John H	59th Ind	5 September 1863	Pervier, D W	16th NH	Not Listed
Blanchard, O W	54th Ill	14 April 1864	Plumb, Alonzo	48th Mass	24 August 1863
Brown, Charles	43rd Ill	29 September 1865	Robinson, O C	21st Maine	4 September 1863
Candee, A B	24th Conn	27 August 1863	Ross, William	1st Ill Cav	29 November 1865
Farley, John	123rd Ill	Not Listed	Sanders, Thomas	Recruit	15 April 1864
Fisher, John*	62nd Ill	20 July 1864	Sinsabaugh, James*	17th Ill Cav	7 June 1864
Hanna, D R	54th Ill	11 April 1864	Skaggs, William	143rd Ill	22 September 1864
Hollan, Mordica	143rd Ill	15 September 1864	Stannton, John	143rd Ill	25 April 1864
Holt, Charles	5th Mass	8 August 1863	Tilton, James	48th Mass	14 August 1863
James, Thomas P*	54th Ill	24 August 1864	True, Edmund W*	41st Ill	13 February 1862
King, Michael	Gunboat	5 August 1863	Van Buskirk, Abram*	123rd Ill	20 March 1863
Mathews, J N	28th Maine	27 August 1863	Van Amberg, Charles	23rd Ind	5 August 1863

There is also 1 Confederate soldier buried in Dodge Grove. The narrative is that he was one of 1900 prisoners of war on a train passing through Mattoon and was taken to the hospital here because he was severely ill. He died of smallpox and was buried in an unmarked grave. About 50 years later, Herb Pennington, the owner of Pennington Monument Works, placed a small headstone on the grave.