

## Death of David Emery

The Adjutant General Office submitted a report to The Commissioner of Pensions in Washington, D.C. dated July 22, 1865 confirming the service of David Emery in Company B of the 109<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry and in Company G of the 11<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. This report also states that David Emery was a Sergeant in Company G of the 11<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry. In the Pension file there are several references to David Emery being a Sergeant.

Also in the pension file, William Martin presented the following statement concerning David Emery:

“I was acquainted with David Emery in his lifetime who was a Sergeant in Co. G 11 Regt Illinois Vols. In the month of October 1864 and about the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the month I brought his body from Mound City Illinois to his home in Union Co. Illinois for internment. He had been dead then for some four days. He died on board a steamboat on the Mississippi River and his dead body was put off at Mound City. I am not interested in the claim of the widow of said soldier for a pension.” Signed William Martin

There is no mention in the Petition as to where David Emery is buried.

Cynthia Ann Emery made the statement in her Widow's Petition for Pension that Sergeant David Emery died October 17, 1864 on a steamboat on the Mississippi River somewhere between the mouth of the White River, Arkansas and Cairo, Illinois.

Terry Smith, June 2015