

## Orlando Wells Nash Military Records

### Civil War Soldier Headstone Dedication

The public is invited to attend a Memorial Service for dedicating the newly-installed headstone for Civil War soldier, Orlando Wells Nash. The Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 22, 2005, at 2PM at the Lake Avenue Cemetery, Crystal Lake.

Orlando Wells Nash was born October 22, 1839 in Ohio. He was the son of Enos B. and Catherine Keller Nash. The family moved to Illinois in the 1840's, and eventually settled in Crystal Lake, Algonquin Township.

In September, 1861, at the age of 22, Orlando left his family farm and enlisted for a three-year term in the Illinois 36th Infantry Regiment, Company H at the rank of Private. Company H was commonly known as "The Woodstock Rifles". The 36th Infantry Regiment wintered in Missouri, and proceeded into Arkansas to fight at the battle of Pea Ridge in March, 1862. The Regiment then moved on to Kentucky and was involved in several skirmishes, including the Battle of Perryville. On November 14, 1862, Orlando was promoted to the rank of Corporal.

By December, 1862, the 36th Infantry Regiment had moved to Murfreesboro, TN. And on December 26th became engaged in the Battle of Stones River. On December 31, 1862, Orlando Wells Nash was killed at the Battle of Stones River.

The following excerpt is taken from a letter written on January 10, 1863 by Pvt. John H. Sackett of Hebron, who fought in the same regiment and company as Orlando Nash. Pvt. Sackett recalls and describes the Battle of Stones River: "You have in all probability before this heard of the great fight at Murfreesborough [sic] or Stone's [sic] River, 27 miles from Nashville, Tenn. We marched the next day after Christmas and skirmished until Dec. 30 when the fight began in good earnest and there was heavy artillery fighting all day. We gained considerable ground but the next morning the rebs [sic] had been reinforced from Chattanooga and they overpowered us and drove us back and ent [sic] our men up pretty badly. Our men fell back to the heavy cedar timber and there made a stand and fought until the 2nd of January when they evacuated Murfreesboro and left the place in our hands."

Several weeks later, a small group of local citizens, led by Mr. John Brink, traveled to Tennessee to claim the body of Orlando Nash and bring him back to Crystal Lake for burial.

In February, 1863, church services for Orlando Nash were held at the First Congregational Church, and he was laid to rest at the Crystal Lake Cemetery (now known as Lake Avenue Cemetery).

It is unknown if Orlando Nash's grave ever had a headstone; but the new government-issued Civil War era headstone will now mark the final resting place of this Civil War soldier, who died defending the Union.

#### A GIRL OF THE CIVIL WAR

by Martha Josephine Buck Harwood

This diary was written by Martha Josephine Buck, who lived on a farm in Algonquin Township near Crystal Lake. The Buck family moved from Elmira, Chemung County, New York to Crystal Lake in 1944. Martha provides us with a genealogical record of the Buck family, as well as a description of her life in Crystal Lake between 1844 and 1863.

The Buck family were members of the First Congregational Church of Crystal Lake. In November 1863, Martha marries the church minister, Rev. James Harwood. Beginning with January 8, 1863, Martha begins to keep a detailed diary which provides us with an engrossing and lovely story of life in Crystal Lake over a century ago.

Her diary entry of February 5th 1863 provides some insight into the circumstances of the burial of Orlando Wells Nash, a Civil War soldier, who was killed at the Battle of Stones River at Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Entry dated February 5th, 1863

Thursday, February 5th 1863. It has been snowing nearly all day, -- and I think if we make a great deal of haste about [sic] it, we can manage to get a sleighride yet this winter. It can't be possible for it to last a great while. This has been a pretty busy week so far. I feel in my bones that it has. Tuesday the funeral of Orlando Nash took place. The corpse arrived the day before. It had been buried about 3 weeks when Mr. Brink got there. He gave \$90 for a metallic coffin and had the body taken up and brought home. It looked quite natural even after so long a time so those say who saw it. The coffin was not opened at the Church. There was a great crowd there. Mr. Harwood delivered an excellent discourse on the occasion.

Muster and Descriptive Roll of Company H

[note: The table has the following columns: NAMES.; Rank; Age.; DESCRIPTION, Feet, Inch, Hair, Eyes, Complexion, Married or Single; Occupation.; NATIVI[rest is cut off], TOWN., COUN[rest is cut off], State; JOINED FOR SERVICE AND ENROLLED. WHEN., WHERE., BY WHOM., Period.; MUSTERED INTO SERVICE, WHEN., WHERE., BY WHOM.; RESIDENCE, TOWN., COUNTY., STATE., [illegible]; LAST PAID., BY PAYMASTER., TO WHAT TIME.; Travelling., To place of [illegible text], From place of discharge [illegible text]; SUBSISTENCE AND FORAGE. [illegible text plus 2 illegible column headings]; AMOUNT for clothing in kind or in money advanced; VALUATION IN Dollars of, Horses., Horse equipments.[sic]; MUSTERED OUT.,

WHEN., WHERE., BY WHOM.; REMARKS. The information for Orlando Nash will be written in a line in the above order, with semi-colons between the various columns of information.]

Nash Orlando W; Private; 22; 5; 8; Brown; Blue; Light; Single; Farmer; [blank]; [blank]; [illegible]; Augt [sic] 14; Woodstock; [blank]; Three; Sept 23 1861; Aurora; Capt [sic] Brackett; Algonquin; McHenry; Ills; [blank]; check mark in this column; Killed in action at Stone [sic] River Dec 31.62 (Corporal)

Card Numbers Form

Nash, Orlando W

Co. H, 36 Illinois Infantry.

Private Corporal

CARD NUMBERS.

1 27785616

2 27785714

3 27785809

4 27785902

5 27785995

6 27786089

7 27786179

8 27786265

9 27786305

10 27786375

11 27787477

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Number of personal papers herein 2

Company Muster Roll Form for January and February 1862

N 36 Ill.

Orlando W. Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Jan. and Feb., 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill. [see footnote below]

Period 3 years [see footnote below]

Present or absent

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks: [blank]

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark: [blank]

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Company Muster Roll Form for November and December 1861  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W. Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Nov. and Dec., 1861. [see footnote below]

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill. [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

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Company Muster Roll Form for September and October 1861  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W. Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Sept 21st to Oct. 31, 1861. [see footnote below]

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill. [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

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Company Muster-in Roll Form for September 1861  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W. Nash

Pvt, Capt. Joslyn's Co., 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Inf. [see first footnote below]

Age 22 years.

Appears on Company Muster-in Roll of the organization named above. Roll dated Cp.  
Hammond regr [sic] Aurora Ill. Sept 23, 1861.

Muster-in to date Sept 23, 1861.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see second footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill. [see second footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see second footnote below]

Bounty paid \$[blank]; due \$[blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: This organization subsequently became Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois [illegible]

[footnote: Muster-in roll shows enrollment of all men of this company as of same date. See enrollment on subsequent card or cards.]

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Company Muster Roll Form for May and June 1862  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for May and June, 1862

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark:

Bethel

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Company Muster Roll Form for July and August 1862  
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Orlando W Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for July and Aug, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill. [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark:

Bethel

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Company Muster Roll Form for September and October 1862  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Company Muster Roll for Sept and Oct, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark:

Bethel

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Company Muster Roll Form for March and April 1862  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W. Nash

Pvt, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Mch [sic] and Apl. [sic], 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug. 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill. [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks:

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark:

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Company Muster-out Roll Form for October 1865  
N 36 Ill.

Orlando W Nash

Copr, [sic] Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Inf.

Age 22 years.

Appears on Co. Muster-out Roll, dated New Orleans La, Oct 8, 1865.

Muster-out to date [blank], 186[blank].

Last paid to [blank], 186[blank].

Clothing account:

Last settled [blank], 186[blank]; drawn since \$[blank]

Due soldier \$[blank]; due U.S. \$[blank]

Am't [sic] for cloth'g [sic] in kind or money adv'd [sic] \$[blank]

Remarks: Killed at Stone [sic] River Tenn [sic] Dec 31 1862 Final statements forwarded.

Book mark:

Webster

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Company Muster Roll Form for November and December 1862  
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Orlando W. Nash

[blank], Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Nov and Dec, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When [blank], 186[blank]. [see footnote below]

Where [blank] [see footnote below]

Period [blank] years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent [blank]

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$[blank] got [blank]

Remarks: Killed in action at Murfreesboro Dec 31/62

[footnote: See enrollment on card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark: [blank]

Bethel

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Company Muster Roll Form for November and December 1862  
N 36 III.

Orlando W Nash

Corp, Co. H, 36 Reg't [sic] Illinois Infantry.

Appears on Company Muster Roll for Nov and Dec, 1862.

Joined for duty and enrolled:

When Aug 14, 1861. [see footnote below]

Where Woodstock Ill [see footnote below]

Period 3 years. [see footnote below]

Present or absent x Present

Stoppage, \$[blank] for [blank]

Due Gov't \$ [blank] for [blank]

Remarks: promoted from the ranks to corp [sic] Nov 17/62 Killed Dec 31/62

x so on roll

[footnote: See enrollment card from muster-in roll.]

Book mark:

Bethel

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Casualty Sheet Form  
CASUALTY SHEET

No. [blank]

O.W. Nash

Corporal of Company H 36 Regiment of Ill State Volunteers.

NATURE OF CASUALTY.

F.S and Ind Death Dec 31/62 Papers [crossed out] sent to Ill Auditor April 18th 1863.

No Effects.

Inventory of Effects Form

INVENTORY OF THE EFFECTS

Of Orlando W Nash late of Company (H), Thirty Sixth Regiment of Ills Vols who died at Murfreesborough [sic] the 31st day of December 1862.

Casualty Sheet Form

CASUALTY SHEET

Name: O.W. Nash

Rank: Corp Company: H Regiment: 36

Arm: Infantry State: Ills

Nature of Casualty: Death

CAUSE OF CASUALTY – (NAME OF DISEASE, etc.)

Killed in Action

DEGREE OF DISABILITY. [blank]

BY WHOM CERTIFIED.

Sergt [sic] Ford

DATE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, etc.

Dec 31st 1862

PLACE OF DISCHARGE, DEATH, etc.

Murfreesboro Tenn.

BY WHOM DISCHARGED. [blank]

FROM WHAT SOURCE THIS INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED.

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REMARKS.

T.W. Dalton

Clerk.

Inventory of Effects of Deceased Soldiers Form  
ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES.

[image: eagle holding a US flag]

INVENTORY OF EFFECTS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.

Orlando W Nash late of Captain T L Griffins [sic] Company (H), of the Thirty sixth Regiment Ill Vols Infty [sic] was enlisted by [illegible initials] Joslyn on the 14th day of August 1861, to serve Three years; he was born in [blank] in the State of Ohio is Twenty Two years of age, five feet Eight inches high, light complexion, Blue eyes, Brown hair, and by occupation when enlisted a Farmer Killed died [crossed out] in Battle at Murfreesborough [sic] the Thirty First day of December 1862. Cause of death [blank]

INVENTORY.

[note: The table for the inventory has the following columns: ARTICLES., Hat., Cap., Forage Cap., Great Coat., Uniform Coat., Uniform Jacket., Flannel Sack Coat., Stable Frock., Fatigue Overall., pr. Trousers., pr. Flannel Drawers., pr. Cotton Drawers., Flannel Shirts., Cotton Shirts., pr. Boots., pr. Shoes., pr. Socks., Blanket., \$. \$. The next line says NO in the first column and Specie and Bank Notes in the last two. There is nothing entered into this table.]

I CERTIFY, on honor, that [crossed out: the above named articles were] all the effects of Orlando W Nash deceased, [crossed out: and are in store at] were lost in the Engagement [crossed out: to be disposed of by a Council of Administration.]

Murfreesboro Tenn [sic] Jan 21st 1865.

Porter C. Olson Capt [sic] 36th Ill Vol.

Commanding Regt

[illegible initial] H Ford 3rd Sergt [sic]

Comd Co H 36th Ill Vols

NOTE 1. – The inventories of the Effects of Deceased Enlisted Men, required by the 95th Article of War, will be forwarded, as soon as practical [illegible], by the Company, or other Commander, to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., and to the Headquarters of the Regiment or Corps to which the Soldier belonged at the time of decease, [illegible] Article 17 of regulations.

NOTE 2 - With the Inventory of Effects, there will be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Army, Washington, D.C., duplicate Final Statements of the Deceased Soldier's Accounts with the United States.

### Genealogy of Orlando Nash

Orlando Wells Nash was born on October 22, 1839, in Ohio. He died on December 31, 1862, at the Battle of Stones River, Tennessee. He was buried in February, 1863 in Crystal Lake Cemetery, Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Orlando's parents were Enos Nash and Catherine Keller. Enos Barnard Nash was born July 13, 1809 in Massachusetts, and died in 1894. He married Catherine Keller on November 6, 1838. She was born about 1818 in Pennsylvania and died in 1893.

Orlando's grandparents on his paternal side were Enos Wash and Sarah Wells. Enos was born on February 10, 1775 and died November 3, 1823. He married Sarah Wells on February 21, 1797. She died in August of 1848.