

Tombstone Tuesday: James Edward Murrell



James Edward Murrell-Mary E. Robinson headstone in Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, Henry County, Missouri. Used with kind permission of the Find A Grave photographer, LaDon Brennan. (Click to enlarge.)

[Roberts Family, Murrell Family](#) *(Click for Family Tree)*

James Edward Murrell filed for a Civil War Pension on 14 July 1890. He was granted the pension he had earned as a Union soldier, on account of his invalid status.

DEAL		Murrell, James E		
NAME OF SOLDIER:				
SERVICE:		Late rank, P Co. I. H. Regt Ill. Cav.		
TERM OF SERVICE:		Enlisted Mar 11, 1865 Discharged Sep. 30, 1865		
DATE OF FILING:	CLASS.	APPLICATION NO.	LAW.	CERTIFICATE NO.
1890 July 14	Invalid,	814988	J. 190.	573716
	Widow,			
	Minor,			
ADDITIONAL SERVICES:		See S. G. 788.948 Thomas K. Ross - 719 Iowa Inf.		
1-7-24	REMARKS:	See W. G. 826.664, S. G. 520.705 Wm Roat - D-1 Mich. E. - M.		
J. C. Card		Died May 24, 1926, at		

James E. Murrell, Military Pension Card, via Ancestry.com. (Click to enlarge.)

Health issues were a problem for James in later years, and it would help to get his pension papers to learn more about his service and any injuries that may have caused him to have ill health in later years. (Copies of pensions are expensive and time-consuming to get from the National Archives.) In 1912 his pension payment was \$12 (per month), then \$15 in 1915, \$19 in 1916, \$27 in 1921, \$32 in 1925, and then it was raised to \$50, and finally \$72, although no dates are noted for the last two rates.

James did move into the National Military Home for veterans that was in Leavenworth, Kansas. His first stay there was from 3 December 1912 to 22 April 1915, when he was admitted with a left arm injury and cardiac hypertrophy. He was in and out of the home for the rest of his life.

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James E. Murrell

MILITARY HISTORY

Date and Place of Birth	Rank	Company and Regiment	Date and Place of Discharge	Cause of Discharge	Disability when admitted to the Home
March 11, 1843 Massachusetts Ill.	S	11 Ill. Cav	Sept. 30, 1865 Memphis, Tenn.	D.O.	By Letter, Card, Hospital

DOMESTIC HISTORY

Where Born	Age	Height	Complexion	Color of Eyes	Color of Hair	Build and Weight	Religion	Occupation	Business Subsequent to Discharge	Married or single	Name and Address of Present Relative
Pa.	70	5-8	Fair	Blue	Brown	Slender	Methodist	Farmer	Coltman, Pa.	Mar.	Letter Murrell, Pa. Kansas City, Mo. Bellair, Pa.

HOME HISTORY

Date of Death	Date of Admission, No. Admission and Transfer	Conditions of the Admission	Date of Discharge and Transfer	Cause of Discharge	Date of Death	Cause of Death
1865	Apr. 3, 1865	Ill.	Apr. 22, 1865	D.O.		
1866	Oct. 14, 1866		June 17, 1866	D.O.		
1867	July 19, 1867		Dec. 21, 1867	D.O.		
1868	Feb. 25, 1868		Jan. 7, 1868	D.O.		
1869	Sept. 17, 1869		Apr. 17, 1869	D.O.		
1870	Apr. 14, 1870	Pa.	June 1, 1870	D.O.		

GENERAL REMARKS

PAPERS	Location of Grave and Remarks
Admission Paper	
Army Discharge	
Certificate of Service	
Pension Certificate	
EFFECTS	
Cash	
Pension Money	
Personal, Appraised at	
Total	
How Disposed of	

James Edward Murrell- National Military Home records, begun circa 1915, , via Ancestry.com. (Click to enlarge.)

His second marriage, to Dillie E. Fox in 1924, probably helped James get the care he needed but more of it at his own home, rather than the soldier's home.

James died in Finley Township, Webster County, Missouri, at 5:00 pm on 24 May 1926. He was 83 years, 6 months, and 9 days old. His wife Dillie was the informant for the death certificate, and stated that he was a farmer, born in Virginia, but she did not know the names or birthplaces of his parents.



Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, Henry County, Missouri. Used with kind permission of the Find A Grave photographer, LaDon Brennan.

James was buried with his first wife, Mary E. Robinson, in Liberty Cemetery (now called Calhoun Cemetery) near where they were living in Seymour, Missouri.



James Edward Murrell-Mary E. Robinson headstone in Calhoun

Cemetery, Calhoun, Henry County, Missouri- closeup. Used with kind permission of the Find A Grave photographer, LaDon Brennan. (Click to enlarge.)

A military stone was requested in 1939, but the stone on Find A Grave does not appear to be a military stone, although the government paperwork states that the stone was shipped.

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CHECK TYPE HEADSTONE DESIRED
 UPRIGHT MARKER
 FLAT MARKER

APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

Enrollment dates March 11, 1865
 Discharge dates Sept. 30, 1866
 Pension number 573,716 *CW* ORIGINAL

Name	Rank	Company	U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel	Date of Death
<u>Mr James E. Murrell</u> <i>Murrell</i>	<u>Pvt</u>	<u>Co I</u>	<u>11th Regt Illinois Cavalry</u>	<u>May 24, 1926</u>

Name of Cemetery	Located in or near		If World War Veteran		
	City	State	Division	State	Emblem
<u>Liberty Cemetery</u>	<u>near Seymour</u> <i>Liberty</i>	<u>Mo</u>		<u>Civil War</u>	<u>Christian</u> <u>Shrew</u> <u>None</u>

To be shipped to Mrs Dillie E. Fox at Seymour, Mo.
(Name of addressee) (Give R. R. station, county, and state)

Whose post-office address is Seymour, Mo.

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To A. G. O. JUL 5 1939

Ordered COLUMBUS, MISS 14 AUG 1939

R/L 2169496

Shipped 10-13-39

This application is for the UNMARKED grave of a veteran. It is understood the stone will be furnished and delivered at the railroad station or steamboat landing above indicated, at Government expense, freight prepaid. I hereby agree to accept promptly the headstone at destination, remove it, and properly place same at decedent's grave at my expense. NO FEE SHOULD BE PAID IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION.

Mrs. Dillie E. Fox Applicant.

Address Seymour, Mo. Date July 1, 1939

WAR DEPARTMENT Approved Aug. 13, 1918
 O. Q. M. G. Form No. 622 Revised May 15, 1931 Harvard Feb. 15, 1937

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James E. Murrell- Headstone Application for Military Veterans, 1923-1963, via Ancestry.com. (Click to enlarge.)



James Edward Murrell-Mary E. Robinson headstone in Calhoun Cemetery, Calhoun, Henry County, Missouri-side view. Used with kind permission of the Find A Grave photographer, LaDon Brennan.

Since we have just recently found that James married a second time, we have not fully researched his second wife, Dillie E. Fox. We do not know when she died or where she was buried, and have not found her listed as Dillie Murrell on Find A Grave in Missouri She was just 56 when he died, so may have remarried.

Notes, Sources, and References:

1. Sources as listed with images.

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