

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.

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| DEAL | | | | |
| NAME OF SOLDIER: <i>Murrell, James E</i> | | | | |
| SERVICE: <i>Late rank, 1 Co. D, 11 Regt Ill. Cav.</i> | | | | |
| TERM OF SERVICE: <i>Enlisted Mar 11, 1865 Discharged Sep. 30, 1865</i> | | | | |
| DATE OF FILING: | CLASS. | APPLICATION NO. | LAW. | CERTIFICATE NO. |
| <i>1890 July 14</i> | <i>Invalid,</i> | <i>814988</i> | <i>J.</i> | <i>573716</i> |
| | <i>Widow,</i> | | | |
| | <i>Minor,</i> | | | |
| ADDITIONAL SERVICES: | | | | |
| <i>See I. O. 788, 948</i> | | | | |
| <i>Thomas K. Ross - 719 Iowa Inf.</i> | | | | |
| REMARKS: | | | | |
| <i>See W. O. 826, 664, & I. O. 520, 705</i> | | | | |
| <i>Wm. Root - D. 1 Mich. E. - M.</i> | | | | |
| <i>J. C. G. O. D. Died May 24, 1926, at</i> | | | | |

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

| Title and Place of Birth | Rank | Company and Regiment | Title and Place of Discharge | Grade of Discharge | Qualities when admitted to the Home |
|--|------|----------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| March 11, 1845 Merrimack, Mass. Ill. | S | 11 Ill. Cav | Sept. 30, 1862 Memphis, Tenn. | H. O. 21 | By Law, Col. 34, 2nd |

DOMESTIC HISTORY

| When Born | Age | Height | Complexion | Color of Eyes | Color of Hair | Build and Weight | Religion | Occupation | Residence Subsequent to Discharge | Married or Single | Name and Address of Married Relative |
|-----------|-----|--------|------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1845 | 70 | 5-8 | Fair | Blue | Gray | Slender | Presbyterian | Farmer | Colham, Mo. | Mar. | Lillian Murrell Fox Kansas City, Mo. Bellevue, Mo. |

HOME HISTORY

| Year of Entrance | Date of Admission to Association and Title | Condition of the Admission | Date of Discharge and Title | Grade of Discharge | Date of Death | Cause of Death |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1862 | Apr. 3, 1862 | | Apr. 22, 1865 | O. R. | | |
| 1865 | Oct. 14, 1865 | | Jan. 17, 1866 | O. R. | | |
| 1866 | July 19, 1866 | | Dec. 21, 1866 | O. R. | | |
| 1867 | Jan. 25, 1867 | | Jan. 7, 1867 | O. R. | | |
| 1868 | Sept. 25, 1868 | | Apr. 17, 1868 | O. R. | | |
| 1869 | Apr. 14, 1869 | P. S. 1st | June 1, 1869 | O. R. | | |

GENERAL REMARKS

| PAPERS | Location of Copies and Remarks |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Admission Paper | |
| Army Discharge | |
| Certificate of Service | |
| Pension Certificate | 272716 |
| EFFECTS | |
| Cash | \$ |
| Pension Money | \$ |
| Personal, Appraised at | nil \$ |
| 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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APPLICATION FOR HEADSTONE
(PLEASE MAKE OUT AND RETURN IN DUPLICATE)

CHECK TYPE HEADSTONE DESIRED
 UPRIGHT MARKER
 FLAT MARKER

Enlistment dates March 11, 1865
 Discharge dates Sep 30, 1866
 Pension number 573,716 ORIGINAL

| Name | Rank | Company | U. S. Regiment, State Organization, or Vessel | Date of Death |
|--|------------|-------------|---|---------------------|
| <u>Mr James E. Murrell</u> <u>Murrell</u> | <u>Pvt</u> | <u>Co I</u> | <u>11th Regt 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> <u>Liberty</u> | <u>Mo</u> | | <u>Civil War</u> | <u>Christian Hebrew None</u> |

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

Whose post-office address is Seymour, Mo.

DO NOT WRITE HERE

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 Jan. 15, 1919
 O. G. M. G. Form No. 628 Revised May 15, 1931
 Revised Feb. 12, 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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