Andrew M. Colton, Private, Co G., 44 MO Infantry U.S.

1847  January 18: Colton was born in Council Bluffs, IA to Andrew and Fidelia Colton.

1850  The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in the Utah Territory showed 4-year-old Andrew living with his parents and siblings. His father, Andrew Sr., was a farmer. Andrew Sr. was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

1856  Andrew Colton Sr. and his family, including Andrew Jr. were listed on the Utah Statehood Census living in Provo City, Utah County.

1863  September 4: Colton’s father Andrew Sr. enlisted in the U.S. Army and was mustered into Co. I 15 KS Cavalry.


  September & October: Company Muster Roll. Present.
November 30: Wounded and captured at the Battle of Franklin. Colton spent four months in a Confederate Prison. He was erroneously listed as “killed in action” and as “perished on the Sultana.” In reality, he was wounded and captured and held in a prison camp in Meridian, MS till the close of the war. He survived the Sultana explosion.


July 5: The Kansas State Census enumerated in Doniphan County showed 18-year-old Andrew back from the war and living with his parents. The state census listed Civil War Service. Andrew Colton Sr. served in the army as well, Co. I 15 KS Infantry and Andrew Jr, Co. G 44 MO Infantry.

1868 March 15: Married Viola Howell in Doniphan, KS.

1870 June: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Council Grove, Morris County, KS showed Andrew, a farmer, living with his new wife. A couple households away were living Andrew’s parents and siblings.

1880 June 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Clear Fork, Marshall County, KS showed Andrew, a farmer, and Viola living with their three children.
1890  January 3: *Marshall County News*, Marysville, KS. Society columns showed Colton was going on a trip and his daughter Jessie was married.

1891  September 2: Applied for and was granted a military pension for his service during the Civil War.

1897 (abt)
1900  June: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Clear Fork, Marshall County, KS showed Andrew, a day laborer, and Viola living with two sons.

1910  April 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Clear Fork, Marshall County, KS showed Andrew, a stone mason, living with his wife Viola and adult son Ray.

1920  April 9: Andrew Myron Colton died in Marshall County, KS and was buried at Antioch Cemetery.

**OBITUARY**

Andrew M. Colton was born near Council Bluffs, Iowa, Jan. 18, 1847; and died at the family home in Bigelow, Kans., April 9, 1920.

The deceased came to Kansas in 1859, and to Marshall county in 1874, making his home in the Bigelow neighborhood.

He was a veteran of the Civil War, serving in the 44th Missouri Volunteer Infantry, and was wounded during the Battle of Franklin, Tenn. He was also captured and spent four months in a southern prison.

On March 15, 1868, he was united in marriage to Miss Viola Howell. To this union four girls and five boys were born, one girl and two boys dying in infancy, while one daughter Mrs. Robert Hale, died about twenty-five years ago.

He was a consistent member of Christ’s church for fifty years.

He is survived by his wife and the following children: Mrs. Jessie Hale of Bigelow, Kans; Mrs. T. A. Snook of Longford, Kans; Emery and Rex Colton of Bigelow, Kans; and Ray Colton of Fayette, Idaho, all of whom were at his bedside when the end came. One sister and one brother live at Aguilera, Colo.

The funeral services were held at the Bigelow Christian church at 11 o’clock Sunday morning, April 11th, with burial in the Antioch cemetery.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their help and many kindnesses during the illness and after the death of our husband and father.

Mrs. A. M Colton, Mrs. Jessie Hale, Mrs. T A Snook, E R., Rex and Ray Colton.
April 22: Viola applied for and was granted a widows’ pension for her husbands’ military service.