Lorenzo Morris, Private, Co. D 6 IL Cavalry U.S.

1849  February 2: Morris, and his twin sister Martha, were born in Hamilton County, IL to Joshua and Sarah Morris.

1850  October 10: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hamilton County, IL showed one-year-old Lorenzo living with his widowed mother and siblings.

1852  October 12: His mother married John White.

1860  July 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hamilton County, IL showed 11-year-old Lorenzo living with his mother, stepfather and siblings. His stepfather, John White, was a farmer.

1862  August 7: Renard Napper, Lorenzo’s brother, enlisted in the U.S. Army. He mustered into Co. B 23 IA Infantry U.S.

1864  April 12: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. D 6 IL Cavalry. He gave his age as 18 to join the army. In reality, he had turned 15 two months before enlisting.

Muster and Descriptive Roll.
May to December: Company Muster Rolls. Present.

November 30: Morris fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1865


May 20: Discharged upon surgeons’ certificate of disability. Official discharge from army took place on June 12th.

1875 Married Martha Jane Smith.

1880 June 29: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Knights Prairie, Hamilton County, IL showed Lorenzo, a farmer, and Martha living with their two young children.
1881  May 28: Morris applied for and was granted a Military Pension for his service during the Civil War.

1895  Wife Martha died. She was buried in Knight’s Prairie Cemetery.

1900  June 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Flannigan, Hamilton County, IL showed Lorenzo, and his second wife living with their children. Interesting note: Morris was listed as being married for a year with no wife living in the household. His neighbor Margret Morris was also listed as being married for one year with no husband living with her.

1910  May 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Flannigan, Hamilton County, IL showed a widowed Lorenzo, a farmer, living with his daughter Rosy.

1920  January 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Twigg, Hamilton County, IL showed Lorenzo living with his daughter and son-in-law. He was retired by this time.

1923  May 24: Lorenzo J. Morris died in Hamilton County, IL. He was buried in Digby Cemetery.

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