Robert David Shields, Sergeant, Co. G., 7 OH Cavalry, U.S.

1840  Shields was born in Milton, Jackson County, OH to John and Mary Ann Smart Shields.

1850  September 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Milton, Jackson County, OH showed 10-year-old Robert D. living with his parents and siblings. His father, John, was a carpenter.

1856  January 23: Shields' mother, Mary Ann died.

1860  June 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Bloomfield, Jackson County, OH showed 19-year-old Robert, a carpenter, living in a structure on his father’s property. His father was at this time Justice of the Peace.

1862  June 1: Married Catherine Aldridge in Jackson County, OH.

1864  November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin

1865  June 22: Mustered out of the U.S. Army

1870  July 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jackson County, OH showed Robert, a day carpenter, and Catherine living with their children. His brother, John, lived with the family and was also a “jour carpenter.”

1873  July 10: The Jackson Standard, Jackson, OH. The newspaper listed Shields as attending the Jackson County Prohibition Convention. He was nominated to a “central committee.”

1875  February 26: Robert Shields died. He was buried at the Salem Cemetery in Jackson County, OH.