Mahlon Bond, Private, Co. I, 84\textsuperscript{th} IN Infantry, U.S.

1818 November 2: Bond was born in Wayne County, IN to Joseph and Sarah Bond, Quakers. 

1839 March 28: Bond married a young woman Susan Mullin in Union County, IN. He met her at a yearly meeting of Friends at Waynesville, OH. Susan was not a Quaker, but converted upon her marriage.

1840 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wayne Township, Wayne County, IN showed Mahlon Bond as the head of a household of 3 individuals: himself, one female aged 15-19 (Susan) and one male under 5 (son Ezra.)

1850 September 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wayne Township, Wayne County, IN showed Mahlon, a carpenter, and his wife, Susan, living with their children: Ezra, Mary, Diadama and William. Also in the same household was Mahlon’s brother Peter Bond, 25 years old, also a Carpenter.

December 1: Bond’s first wife Susan died less than a week after giving birth to her youngest child, John. She was only 28 years old. John died just two months later.
1851  October 30: Married Martha Bennett in Wayne County, IN.

1860  July 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wayne Township, Wayne County, IN showed Mahlon, a farmer, and his second wife Martha living with Mahlon’s children spanning the ages of 4 through 18.

1862  August 7: Bond’s son, Ezra W. Bond enlisted in the U.S. Army. He was mustered into Co. H of the 84th IN Infantry.

August 16: Just nine days after his son, Bond, a Quaker, enlisted in the U.S. Army. He mustered into Co. I of the 84th IN Infantry.

1864  November 30: Bond and son Ezra fought in the battle of Franklin.

1865  June 14: Mustered out of the U.S. Army in Nashville, TN. He returned to Indiana and practiced carpentry. He was well known throughout his region for his skill at not only carpentry but brick laying and mechanics. He was a builder.

1870  August 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Franklin Township, Wayne County, IN showed Mahlon, a carpenter, living with his wife, Martha.

1880  June 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Franklin Township, Wayne County, IN showed Mahlon, a farmer, living with his wife, Martha.

1882  May 29: Applied for a military pension for his service during the Civil War.

1891  March 21: Mahlon Bond died. His funeral was in the Goshen Church, which he had helped to build.

March 23: The Richmond Item, Richmond, IN. Obituary was printed.

October 23: After his death Bond’s widow, Martha, applied for a widow’s military pension.

Bond was mentioned in a biographical sketch in The History of Wayne County, Indiana: Together with Sketches of Its Cities, Towns and Villages V.2, 1882:

“Mahlon H. Bond was born in Wayne Township, Wayne Co., Ind., Nov. 2, 1818, the third son of Joseph and Sarah (Mendenhall) Bond, who were natives of Guilford County, N. C.
Joseph Bond was a son of Edward Bond, who came to Wayne County about 1809 on a prospecting tour, and the following year Joseph moved with his wife and purchased a farm of eighty-six acres of uncultivated land in Wayne Township which he cleared and soon had a fine farm. He built a saw-mill a few years later which he operated in connection with his farming till his death in 1864. He had nine children, of whom only four survive. Mahlon H. Spent his youth in helping his father clear the frontier farm and running the saw-mill. He was educated at the subscription schools. On reaching his majority he engaged in carpentering and building for several years. He was married in 1839 to Susan, daughter of Ellis and Rachel Mullen. They were the parents of five children, three of whom survive. In 1849 his wife died, and in 1851 he was again married to Martha P. Bennett, a native of Pennsylvania, who came with her father to Wayne County, Ind., in 1837. To this union were born four children, two of whom survive. After his marriage with Miss Mullen Mr. Bond resided on his father’s farm about three years, after which he was engaged in farming and carpentering in Huntington County, Ind., for four years. He then returned to this county and is now engaged in farming and manufacturing lumber. He has also invented a derrick for raising large buildings. Mr. Bond enlisted Aug 16, 1862, in Company I, Eighty-fourth Indiana Infantry. He participated in the battle of Franklin and served till the close of the war, when he returned home. He settled on his present home in 1871. He is a member of the Society of Friends.”