Alonzo Edwin Wade, Private, Co. H 129 IN Infantry U.S.

1843 February 12: Alonzo Edwin Wade was born in Kosciusko County, IN to William and Susan Wade.

1850 September 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Plain Township, Kosciusko County, IN showed 7-year-old Edwin living with his parents and siblings. His father, William, was a farmer.

1860 August 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Plain Township, Kosciusko County, IN showed 17-year-old Edwin living with his parents and siblings. His father, William, was a farmer.

1863 June 14: Married Caroline Larkin in Kosciusko County, IN.

1864 March 7: Enlisted in the U.S. Army. He mustered into Co. H 129 IN Infantry just a few days later.

November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin, his regiment placed west of the Carter House on the main line of entrenchment.

1865 August 29: Mustered out of the U.S. Army with his regiment in Charlotte, NC.

By 1869 the Wade family migrated to Kansas.

1875 The Kansas State Census enumerated in Franklin, Bourbon County, KS showed Edwin and his wife living with their children. Edwin was a farmer.

1880 June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Grans Pass, Jackson County, OR showed Edwin, a farmer, living with Caroline and their young children.

1890 June: Enumerated on the U.S. Census, Veterans Schedule in Grants Pass, OR.

August 13: Applied for and was granted a U.S. military pension for his service during the Civil War.

1900 June: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Grants Pass, Josephine County, OR showed Edwin, a grocery man, and Caroline living with their daughter Anna.

1903 September: The Rogue Rider Courier, Grants Pass, OR reported Edwin attended “An Old Soldiers Reunion”
1904  February 18: Weekly Rogue River Courier, Grants Pass OR ran an advertisement for Edwin’s grocery.

1906  March 2: Weekly Rogue River Courier, Grants Pass, OR.
1913  June 14: Edwin and Caroline celebrated 50 years of marriage. A newspaper article from the Rogue River Courier, Grants Pass, OR described a bit of their journey together.

1917  May 12: Edwin Wade died in Grants Pass, OR. He was buried at Grans Pass Masonic Pioneer Cemetery.
E. A. Wade

Edwin A. Wade was born in Kosciusko County, Ind., February 12, 1843, and died at Grants Pass, Ore., Saturday, May 12, 1917. He was the youngest of a family of thirteen children. He was married June 14, 1863 to Miss Caroline M. Larkin in the same county. To this union seven children were born, four boys and three girls. The boys all passed away in infancy but for more than forty years death had not entered his immediate family.

He enlisted in the war of the rebellion from Kosciusko County, Ind., in Co. H 129 Indiana, February 25, 1864. Was in all the engagements of his regiment beginning with the battle at Resaca, Ga. His regiment participated in the battle of Franklin in the two days battle of Nashville, Tenn. He was honorably discharged at Indianapolis, Ind., August 29, 1865. He was one of the charter members of Gen. Logan Post, Grand Army of the Republic, in which he served for fifteen years or more as quartermaster. At the time of his decease he was commander of the Post and had spent much time and thought in planning for the decoration day exercises this spring.

He had also been for many years a member of the Masonic order.

In the year 1866 with his wife and one child he moved from his old home in Indiana to the vicinity of Fort Scott, Kansas, where they lived for about 10 years. He then moved to Alpine county, California, residing there for a short time. In 1877 he came to Oregon and homesteaded a piece of land in Fruitdale, then called the Centennial district. He moved to Grants Pass 10 years later, since which time he has resided almost continuously in this city.

He became one of the well known merchants of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade’s golden wedding anniversary was celebrated June 14, 1913, making almost fifty-four years of joy and sorrow in each others’ companionship and love.

His wife and three daughters, Mrs. Louise W. Hood, Mrs. Edith M. Dukes and Mrs. Anna W. Harmon, all of this city, survive him. A brother James H. Wade, of Mullan, Idaho, and a sister, Mrs. Eva S. French, of Skidmore, Mo., are still living.

The funeral was conducted from the residence above the store by Rev. Melville T. Wire, Sunday, May 13, 1917, at 2:30 p.m. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery, the services there being in charge of the local lodge A. F. & A. M. and the Grand Army Post. Beside the two orders, a large number of people assembled to pay respect to the memory of Mr. Wade. He was highly respected and greatly beloved. His death removes an old landmark from our midst.
May 26: Caroline Wade applied for and was granted a U.S. widow's pension for her husband's service during the Civil War.

1917 September 7: Caroline wrote a letter published in the Rogue River Courier, Grants Pass, OR giving some history on her husband's store and thanking the public for their patronage.

“The little brick store building, No. 407 G street, is today vacated and closed for business for the first time since it was completed and entered on November 27, 1894, Edwin A. Wade and family thought it would be delightful to establish a home and business that might support us as we neared the sunset of life. We purchased the lot of J.O. Booth, at one time county judge and honored citizen of Grants Pass, and Mr. Depuy, perhaps the first brick mason here, erected the building. W.A. Hood and M.C. H Day completed the inside and a grocery and feed business was established, but after several years it became too laborious and in November, 1907, it was converted into a dry goods store. We have greatly enjoyed the friendship and kindly patronage of the good people of Grants Pass and the surrounding country, and appreciate their sympathy and assistance in our great sorrow. In our closing out days we have appreciated the generous patronage of the kind of people who brought to Grants Pass the sugar factory, the merchants who have assisted us and to all our friends we say, thank you, and God bless you. Mrs. E. A. Wade.”