William B. Rogers, Captain, Co D, 44\textsuperscript{th} MO Infantry, U.S.

1835  February 8: Rogers was born to Joel and Priscilla Beals Rogers in Fayette County, OH.

1863  April 14: Married Cynthia Ann Buren.

1864  September 13: Mustered into the 44\textsuperscript{th} MO Infantry by order of a commission received.

   November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin.

1870  August 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Trenton Township, Grundy County, MO showed William, a state senator, and Cynthia living with their young daughter Carrie.

1880  June 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Trenton Township, Grundy County, MO showed William, an editor, and Cynthia living with their 3 children. Also living with the family is Cynthia’s mother and sister.

1900  June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Trenton Township, Grundy County, MO showed William, a journalist, and Cynthia and two of their adult children.

1910  April 21: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Trenton, Grundy County, MO showed William, an editor and publisher, and Cynthia living with their daughter, Carrie.

1913  August 21: Wife, Cynthia, died.

   August 22: \textit{The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune}, Chillicothe, MO
1921  March: Applied for a passport to travel to Cuba. His occupation was listed as “politician.”

1924  February 9: The Chillicothe Constitution-Tribune, Chillicothe, MO
March 22: William Beals Rogers died in Grundy County, MO. He was buried at the Masonic Cemetery in Trenton. His occupation on his death certificate was listed as “publisher.”
March 27: *The Lathrop Optimist*, Lathrop, MO

*Veteran Editor Dead.*

Col. W. B. Rogers, veteran editor of the Trenton Daily Republican passed away at his home Saturday evening. Death followed a two days' coma, during which time the end was momentarily expected. In part the Republican tells of the death of its editor as follows:

“Col. Rogers died in his 89th year, ending a career as citizen, soldier, statesman, churchman, editor and publisher that for length of service and record of accomplishment has no peer in Grundy county and surrounding section of the country. Active until the last, Col. Rogers succumbed following the illness which overtook him on the day after his 89th birthday, February 8th, 1924. When the approach of death became known all Trenton turned in sympathy and homage to the man who lay on his bed overcome by the weakness of years and suffering from cancer, which ailment developed about nine months ago.”

Col. Rogers was the editor of the Republican for almost 55 years.

March 28: *The King City Chronicle*, King City, MO
Biographical Sketch:

The History of Grundy County Missouri: An Encyclopedia of Useful Information...etc. by Birdsall & Dean, 1881

William B. Rogers was born in Fayette county, Ohio, February 8, 1835 where he remained with his father until his eighteenth year, his mother dying before he was six years of age, and accompanied him in his removal to Noble county, Indiana. He received a common school education in Fayette and Noble counties, which was afterward supplemented by one year’s attendance at Grand River College, at Edinburg, this county. Leaving Indiana. Mr. Rogers settled near Ravenna, Mercer county, Missouri, in 1856, and secured a position as school-teacher, and was subsequently engaged in the same work in Andrew county, Missouri and Wayne county, Iowa, and also officiated as assistant instructor while pursuing his studies at the Grand River College. His last work in this capacity was a Princeton, Mercer county, where he taught school for fifteen months. This brought him up to the year
1861, when the country was thrilled by the prospect of war, and in August he enlisted in the State service, serving six months under Lieutenant-colonel Jonas J. Clark. Returning home, he was elected sheriff and collector of Mercer county, in the fall of 1869, and while acting in that capacity was commissioned colonel of the enrolled militia of that county, by Gov. H. R. Gamble. Before the expiration of his term as sheriff, he raised a company for the United States service, which became company D of the Forty-fourth regiment of Missouri volunteers, of which he was elected captain, Col. R. C. Bradshaw (now of St. Joseph) commanding. He received his commission from Gov. W. P. Hall, and served until the close of the war, participating in the battles of Franklin, Spring Hill and Nashville, in Tennessee, and the capture of Mobile, Alabama. He was mustered out of the service in 1865 and returned to Mercer county and engaged in the mercantile business at Ravenna until 1868, when, he was elected to the State senate, from the Fifth senatorial district, composed of the counties of Livingston, Grundy, Mercer and Carroll, and honorably acquitted himself of the duties of the position during his term of four years. In September, 1869, he moved to Trenton and purchased the Grand River Republican, which name he changed to Trenton Republican, July 25th, 1872.