James Albert Outland, Sergeant, Co. A 79th IL Infantry, U.S.

1846  February 25: Outland was born in North Carolina to Quakers, Thomas and Asenith Outland. ***Exact date from Quaker meeting notes.***

1850  August 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated Northampton County, NC showed 4-year-old James living with his parents and siblings.

1850-1855  The Outland family moves from North Carolina to Illinois.

1860  September 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Prairie Township, Edgar County, IL showed 14-year-old James living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer.


August 28: Mustered into Company A, 79th IL Infantry at Camp Anna, IL.

1863  September 19: Promoted to Corporal.

1864  August 10: Promoted to Sergeant.

November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin. He was in Conrad’s forward line to the East of the Columbia Pike. James was injured several times in the fierce fighting.

1865  June 12: Mustered out of the U.S. Army at Nashville, TN.

September 11: Applied for an Invalid’s pension from the U.S. Military.

1870  May 24: Admitted to the North-Western Branch National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers in Milwaukee County, WI. He was listed as receiving a $15.00 pension from the military because of a gunshot wound to the left thigh. He is listed as 23 years old.

July 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wauwatosa, Milwaukee County, WI showed James as a “disabled soldier in USM Asylum.”

1871  November 22: Discharged from the National Home by request.

Listed as a second year student at the Illinois Soldiers College. ***Opened September 15, 1866 as a home and school for soldiers with free board and tuition.***

1874  November: The Palladium pamphlet published by the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI for school year 1874-1875 listed James Outland as a law student.
1876  May 31: *The Inter Ocean*, Chicago, IL.

Gave a speech on Decoration Day at the cemetery he himself would be buried at in less than 5 years.

1879  May 15: Married Mary S. Peters in Vermilion County, IL.

1880  May 7: *The Inter Ocean*, Chicago IL

June 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Danville, Vermilion County, IL showed James, a lawyer, living with his wife Mary.

1881  March 5: James Albert Outland died in Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois. He was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery and Mausoleum.

March 8: *Decatur Daily Republican*
April 25: Wife Mary applied for a widow's pension from the U.S. military.