Joseph D. Leavitt, Private, Co B, 57th IN Infantry, U.S.

1845 December 3: Leavitt was born in Fleming County, KY to Christopher and Eliza Leavitt.

1850 October 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in East Maysville, Mason County, KY showed 3 year old Joseph living with his parents and siblings.

1864 November 1: Enlisted in the U.S. Army as a substitute. (Residence Salisbury, IN)

November 16: Mustered into 57th IN, he was immediately sent to Pulaski.

November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin. His regiment fought in Wagner’s forward line.

1865 June 16: Mustered out of the 57th IN and appointed to serve as an orderly under General Elliott and General Conrad.

November: Discharged from the army in Victoria, TX.

1870 October 29: Leavitt swore to the service of Oliver P. Turley for his wife’s pension application.

“Joseph D. Leavitt, being duly sworn, says that he was mustered into service in the United States Army on the 16th day of November, 1864, that he belonged to Co. B of the 57th Indiana Infantry and that Oliver P. Turley with whom he had been acquainted for 3 years before, was in the same company, having been mustered in about the same time, and that on the 30th day of November of the same year at the Battle of Franklin in Tennessee, the said company B, with one other of the same regiment, was upon the skirmish line at a point where they were attacked by the enemy in full force and were driven in to the main line, that at the time of the attack, he was standing near said Turley and that Turley started a little before he did, but he recollects distinctly of passing Turley on the way to the main works and that he never saw the said Turley afterwards, although he remained at the works till the close of the battle and that there were a number of other
members of the company that did not get in to the main line, and among them was Oliver Turley, who ultimately reached home, but died soon after. He further says that the said Turley has a father, mother, brothers and sisters all living in this county, but he has never seen or heard anything of the said Oliver P. Turley since the day of the Battle of Franklin except a report that said Crocket left him sick in the hands of the enemy, and further says not.”

Joe D. Leavitt

1880 June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Richland, Greene County, IN showed Joe, a Carpenter, and his wife Julia living with their children: Frank, 7 and Gertrude, 4.

1887 October 7: Filed for an invalid soldier’s military pension.

1900 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Richland, Greene County, IN showed Joe, a Carpenter, and Julia living with their youngest children: Ninna, 11 and Herbert, 10.

1925 January 10: Joseph Doughlas Leavitt died in Greene County, IN.