Benjamin E. Kirgan, Private, Co. F 44\textsuperscript{th} MO Infantry, U.S.

1821 (abt) Kirgan was born in Tennessee

1838 August 22: Newspaper article from the Alton Telegraph (Alton, IL) · offers $10 reward for the return of Benj Kirgan, after leaving his apprenticeship in Carrollton Illinois.

1840 Father, William, died in Greene County, IL.

1843 October 22: Married Dorothy Smith.

1850 November 12: The U.S. Federal Census taken in Brunswick, MO showed Benjamin, a farmer, and Dorothy living with their son Arthur, 3 yrs and Dorothy’s sons from a previous marriage: Joseph and John Cooley.

1851 May 7: Wife Dorothy died in Chariton County, MO.

1851-58 Married Frances E Gillespie

1860 United States Federal Census taken on June 7\textsuperscript{th} in Grand River, Carroll County, MO showed Benjamin, a carpenter, and Frances living with their children: Arthur, age 11 and James, 2.

1861 August 10: Enlisted in the United Stated Army, 7\textsuperscript{th} MO Calvary attached to the 18\textsuperscript{th} MO Infantry.

October 31: An article appeared in the Nebraska Advertiser, Brownsville NB. The article mentions a skirmish Kirgan fought in and that he was mortally wounded.
1862  October 15: Discharged from the U.S. Army.

1864  September 14: Commissioned as an officer in the 44th MO Infantry.

September 21: Mustered into the 44th Remarks: “Muster in from civil life by virtue of a commission from the Gov of MO. Dated St. Lewis MO Sept 14,1864 to fill vacancy vice original.”

October 23: Recommendation letter for Benjamin to be put in charge of the refugees in Rolla MO, written by Robert Bradshaw.


November 30: Killed in action at the Battle of Franklin.

November & December: Company Muster Roll. Loss. Remarks: “Killed in fighting at Franklin TN Nov 30/64 in consequence of our forces retreating his body fell into the hands of the enemy with his effects, papers, etc”

1865 March 31: Kirgan’s widow Frances filed for Widows Pension.

1887 November 13: Joseph Baker, Grandson filed for Pension.