George Black, Sergeant, Co. I, 118 OH Infantry U.S.

1842  March 17: Black was born to James and Eliza Black in Sidney, OH.

1850  July 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Sidney, Shelby County, OH showed eight-year-old George living with his parents. His father, James, was a painter.

   “George Black was reared in Sidney, Ohio, where he attended the public school and later entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, where he was a student when the Civil war broke out.”

1860  July 27: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Sidney, Shelby County, OH showed 18-year-old George living with his parents. His father was a house painter.


   “His regiment was first sent to Kentucky and spent the winter guarding the Kentucky Central railroad. His command then went into east Tennessee and had a number of small engagements and skirmishes from Loudon, Tenn., and back. After the close of the east Tennessee campaign they started from Buzzard’s Roost and went south and during that campaign they had continual fighting and took part in many important engagements. They then joined Sherman on his famous march through Georgia and to the sea, and took part in the battle of Resaca, Kingston, Mossy Creek, December 29,

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1 The Olathe Register, Olathe, KS, Thursday 8 Mar 1917, pg. 1
1863, Monstown, March 10, 1864, Buzzard’s Roost, March 9, 1864, Dallas, Ga., Mary 29, 1864, Lost Mountain, June 15, 1864, Pine Mountain, June 9, 1864, Kennesaw Mountain, July 1, 1864, Chattahoochee Heights, June 9, 1864, Decatur, July 19, 1864, Atlanta, July 20, and August 2-6, 1864, Lovejoy Station, September 4, Rome, Ga., October 13, 1864, Columbia, Tenn., November 27-28, 1864, Spring Hill, Tenn., November 29, 1864, Franklin, Tenn., November 30, 1864, Nashville, December 15-16, 1864. After the fight at Nashville, Tenn., they marched over to the Tennessee river and were taken to Cincinnati on a river transport from there were sent to Washington, D.C., by rain, then by water to Fort Fisher, N.C. They then went up the Cape Fear river through the swamps to Greensboro, N.C., and joined Sherman’s army again, and were there when the war closed.”

1863 June: Black was listed on the U.S. Civil War Draft Registration in Shelby County, OH. He was a painter, single and currently serving in the 118 OVI.

1864 November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1865 June 24: Mustered out of the Army with his company.

“Mr. Black during his military career had some very narrow escapes, but is a man who is not inclined to talk war. It seems that the war was mostly over with him when Lee surrendered.”

1869 March 9: Married Maud H. Ryan in Shelby County, OH.

1880 June 11: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Olathe, Johnson County, KS showed George, a farmer, and Maud living with their daughter and George’s mother Eliza.

1900 June 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Olathe, Johnson County, KS showed George, a farmer, living with his wife, Maud.

1910 April 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Olathe, Johnson County, KS showed George, an insurance agent, living with his wife and his mother.

“Mr Black is a member of the Grange and the Grand Army of the Republic. He is a liberal supporter of churches as well as other local movements for the public good, but is a member of no denomination.”

1913

A TRIBUTE TO BLACK.

George Black a Faithful Servant of the Kansas Grange.

A finer tribute to service is seldom paid to a man than that given by the Kansas Farmer to George Black, who has just retired from the office of state master of the Kansas Grange. Moreover, every word of it is justly deserved. It says:

"To few men has there been permitted a service so long and so faithful as that which has been rendered by George Black of Olathe, who retires from the master's chair with the close of this meeting. Mr. Black was a pioneer in the activities of the Grange and is still at the head of its great insurance department. He served as secretary of the State Grange for 26 years and has been its master during the past six years, thus making a continuous official service in the Kansas State Grange of 32 years. The history of Kansas State Grange has practically all been made during George Black's official connection with it, and no history could be written which did not give him credit."

1917 Appointed to board of managers for National Soldiers Home.

His Appointment Confirmed

George Black, of Olathe, Member of Managers Old Soldiers Homes

The resolution appointing George Black, of Olathe, a member of the board of managers for National Old Soldiers Homes passed the United States Senate last week. Mr. Black was informed of the fact in a telegram from Congressman Guy T. Helvering. This insures Mr. Black of the appointment, and gives him one of the most influential positions at the disposal of his country.

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3 The Olathe Register, Olathe, KS Thursday 17 Apr 1913, pg. 2
4 The Olathe Register, Olathe, KS, Thursday 8 Mar 1917, pg. 1
1920 June 2: George W. Black died. He was buried in the family vault at the Olathe Memorial Cemetery in Johnson County, KS.

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5 The Olathe Mirror, Olathe, KS Thursday 3 Jun 1920, pg. 1
6 Vault photo from findagrave.com