Conrad Hamer, Private, Co. I, 51 OH Infantry, US

1841 October 5: Hamer was born to Jacob and Mary Eva Hamer in Coshocton County, OH.

1850 August 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jefferson, Coshocton County, OH showed nine-year-old Conrad living with his parents and siblings. His father, Jacob, was a farmer.

1860 July 6: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Jefferson, Coshocton County, OH showed 17-year-old Conrad living with his parents and siblings. Conrad was listed as being a farm hand on his father’s farm.

1864 February 1: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. I 51 OH Infantry. He was trained at Camp Chase, OH.

November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

December 10: Transferred to Co. D of the 51 OH Infantry.

1866 April 24: Married Magdaline Losh in Knox County, OH.

1882 (abt) Hamer and wife adopted a little girl named Anna Hickey after her mother died.

1888 August 13: Hamer applied for and received a military pension for his service during the civil war.

1894 March 23:

Seriously Injured.

Mr. Conrad Hamer, an old and well known resident of this city, fell from an elevated platform in the ware room of the Ricketts’ hardware store, last Tuesday, to the floor and from thence to the bottom of the cellar beneath. He was rendered unconscious for a few minutes, after which he was removed to his home on north Eighth street. His injuries are of a serious nature.

1906 June 7: Wife, Magdaline, died.

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\(^1\) The Democratic Standard, Coshocton, OH, Friday 23 March 1894, pg. 1
1910 April 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Coshocton, Coshocton County, OH showed a widowed Conrad, a carpenter, living in the household of his daughter and son in law.

1913 August 3: Hamer’s only child, Anna, died.

1919 September: G.A.R. Reunion held in Columbus, OH. Hamer attended along with many comrades.

1920 January: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Coshocton County, OH showed a retired Conrad living with his niece and nephew.

1929 June 2: Newspaper article.

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The Tribune, Coshocton, OH, Sunday, 2 Jun 1929, Pg. 1
April 7: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Coshocton County, OH showed Conrad living with his nice Lina and her husband.

Hamer attended a reunion and some of his recollections were printed in the local newspaper.

Conrad Hamer enlisted in Company I, 51st regiment, in 1864. He described the hardships soldiers encountered during the Civil war. Men had to rely mostly upon themselves for sleeping quarters, he said, and meals were sometimes scarce.

Mr. Hamer fought in the battle at Nashville, Tenn., and was standing beside Benjamin Burklew when the latter had an arm shot off. He was never wounded during the year he spent with the Union army, but had a close call when a bullet pierced his hat.

He also fought in the bloody battle at Franklin, Tenn., in which the rebels were decisively defeated. For a mile, he stated, one could hardly take a step without stepping on the body of a slain soldier.

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3 The Tribune, Coshocton, OH, 11 September 1930, pg. 14
1932  November 17: Conrad Hamer died and was buried with his wife at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Coshocton County, OH.

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Conrad Hamer, Aged 91, Civil War Veteran, Taken by Death; Funeral Services to be Monday

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4 The Coshocton Tribune, Coshocton, OH, Friday 18 November 1932, pg. 1.
5 Photo from findagrave.com