

To keep our country united Local men fought in Civil War

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Most men in the Civil War were identified by their state, and the type of unit they served in — such as Infantry. They were also part of a numbered regiment which was subdivided into companies with letter names. Companies were organized locally, so men often started off to war with their relatives and neighbors. Our area was well represented in Company F and Company K of the 74th Regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

United States Government records show that Thomas Morgan, of Sevastopol enlisted August 27, 1862 as captain in Capt. Morgan's Company (Which was later called Company K) of 74th Regt., and a few weeks later he was taken as prisoner of war.

In describing William H. Cattell, who was also a member of Co. K, the Tri-County Gazette tells us, "In his first battle, he was captured at Munfordsville, Ky., by General Bragg. He was paroled and returned to his home before being in the Civil War service six weeks. In November, 1862, he returned to his company and remained at the front during the entire Atlanta Campaign."

Allen Bybee, along with his brother Levi, enlisted in Co. F of the 74th at Fort Wayne, and

was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He saw active and bloody service from that time forward. At Chickamauga, Mr. Bybee saw his brother give up his life for his country in the thickest of the battle.

In describing John C. Smith's service with Co. F, Allen Bybee wrote that they crossed the Tennessee River on rafts constructed by the Army and marched all night before the battle of Chickamauga. "He also participated in the famous march through Georgia to Savannah, arriving in the city on the 25th day of Dec., 1864."

Some of the other members of the 74th Regiment were: David W. Brown, Lyman Borton, Moses Herron, Amor Jeffries, Charles G. Wileman, John K. Elder, John Raber, William Raber, and Joseph Turner.

One of my recent projects has been compiling a card file of the Civil War men buried in the Mentone Cemetery from records of Mentone Post 425, The American Legion; Adam Bowen's cemetery list, shared by Lois Perry and Hazel Linn; and materials at the Bell Memorial Library. This information is now available at the library.

CIVIL WAR MEN BURIED IN THE CEMETERY AT MENTONE, INDIANA

Aaron Baker
Abraham Baker
William T. Baker
George W. Baxter
Benjamin Blue
Samuel Blue
Lyman Borton
James P. Bonnell
David W. (or N.) Brown
Nathaniel Brown
Henry Brown
Allen Bybee
George W. Carey
William H. Cattell
William S. Coomley (or Coomler)
John I. Cox
William Dale
William B. Doddridge
Samuel W. Dunlap
Levi Eaton
John K. Elder
William Fifer
Jacob Fifer
Zimri Finch
McNeal Forst
Benjamin Fore
Aaron Hawk
Moses Herron (or Heron)
William Hickman
David H. Hubler
Amor Jeffries
Isaiah Katherman
Albert B. Ketterman
William L. Kintzel
John M. Laird
James W. Lee
William Lehman (or Layman)
John Maggart
John Metzger
Oscar Metz
Austin Millbern
Henry Mollenhour
Philip McNeal
J.H. (or S.H.) Nelson
Stephen P. Overstreet
John G. Owen
John Raber
William Raber
Henry Clark Riner
William H.E. Robbins
W.H.H. Robbins
Frederick Shull
Benjamin F. Smith
John C. Smith
Joseph Turner
David Warren
H. H. Wharton
William (B. or R.) Wharton
Charles Wileman
Joseph J. Yantiss
William Young
Seth Henderson
Lorenzo Jenkins