

Pvt Joseph Southard Cornell

Born: July 14,1830

Died: July 1, 1921

Period of Service: Civil War
Sources: Jessie Miner,
Cemetery -block 15 lot 20,
the Cornell family book

Served in Illinois regiment Company B 105th Infantry from August 2, 1862 until discharged on July 7, 1865. From his first encampment at Fort Douglas, he went to Lewisville, KY. He was then detailed to Nashville, Ft Kagley, and then helped in the taking of Ft Resacky where a Confederate general had his head taken off by a cannonball. They then went on to Lookout Mountain, then Chatanooga, and finally Atlanta.

Lived on the Island from 1850 until 1911, and then moved to Sheboygan.

Married Rachel Hareen Steward in Naperville on February 4, 1857. His parents were James Cornell and Elizabeth Southard.

Someone who had fished on Rock Island for a number of years went to Illinois and told some Illinois men about the good fishing there including Henry Miner, James Cornell and a number of others. They became known as the Illinois Group. They bought his fishing rig and fished seasonally off Rock Island and then moved here permanently.

Joseph Cornell's military training took place at Camp Douglas, which became a POW camp, and after the Civil War, the Union Stock Yards on the south side of Chicago. Joseph Cornell marched with General Sherman on his march to the sea. He injured his leg tearing up railroad track, and was shipped off to Washington DC where he recovered, but he walked with a limp all his life. He tried to get pension checks but they never arrived till after he died.

He had nine children including Alfred, Newell (Noel), Edward, Ellsworth, Bert, Eva, James, Nora, Julius and Lillian (adopted).