

OGDEN WHITLOCK (1839?-1911)

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Death claims veteran

Major Ogden Whitlock, 71 years old, died at the Deaconess hospital yesterday afternoon of heart failure. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the undertaking rooms of Fairleys and Law. The Ladies of the G.A.R. having charge of the service. Major Whitlock had lived here for about 26 years and homesteaded the land where Green Mountain Falls now stands. He was a member of the town board at that place for many years. He was a writer, editor and practical printer of the old school of journalism, and for many years edited a Chicago periodical. Major Whitlock's death was sudden. An hour before he died he was sitting up reading a newspaper. His army record is interesting. He enlisted in Illinois in 1862 and was mustered out in 1865. His company, together with others, formed the 105th regiment infantry, Colonel Daniel Dustin commanding. The regiment was a part of the first brigade, second division of the 20th Army corps. During the war he served in the capacity or rank of regimental postmaster, post printer, clerk court-marshal, clerk at district headquarters and sergeant-major. After the war he wrote a history of his regiment which was subsequently published. Major Whitlock left no immediate relatives, although he is survived by several nephews and nieces in California and Indiana.

Ogden Whitlock was born about 1839 in Illinois and shows on the 1850 census in the household of Seth Paine. It is assumed that his mother had married again and that she is the Frances Paine shown as Seth's wife. Also living in the Paine household in 1850 is Fayette A. Whitlock age 19. Ogden Whitlock became a printer and in the 1850s he is shown with his brother John Whitlock as editors of the Wheaton Illinoian. The Illinois State Historical Society Vol XX (1927) says "John was a shortman but Ogden was tall with blue eyes and handsome..." Strangely while Ogden shows in the 1870 census for Illinois, I have not been able to find him in the 1880 or 1900 census records. There is a John A. Whitlick shown in the 1880 census El Paso Co., Colorado. John is a printer age 42 born in Illinois and both his parents were born in Virginia. This could be Ogden's brother. It is strange that John does not show in the 1850 census with Ogden.

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