

Captain Griffin Frost 2nd Missouri Infantry

Born March 14, 1834.

Enlisted in August, 1861 in the Missouri State Guard, age 27.

Griffin is involved in the 1862 battles at Lexington, MO; Pea Ridge, AR; Farmington and Corinth, MS. On June 8, 1862 from a camp near Tupelo he writes, "*No shade except our tents. Sun disagreeably hot, but still we are rejoicing, we are going back to Missouri – the Garden Spot of the Confederacy. . . . Genl. Price will return in eight or ten days, when he will carry us back. God bless "Old Pap" we all love him . . . and we don't allow any but Missourians to call him "Old Pap." . . . We are full of hope and confident of gaining our independence.*"

On November 8, 1862 he is captured at Marion, Arkansas while recruiting.

On December 31, 1862 Griffin is received at Gratiot Military Prison in St. Louis, Missouri. On April 22, 1863 he is transferred to Ft. Delaware Prison and paroled on April 25 and sent to City Point, VA.

Captured October 18, 1863 in Ray County, Missouri while recruiting and received at Gratiot Prison on October 23, 1863. Transferred to Alton, Illinois prison on January 30, 1864. Spent time in both prisons for the next 15 months and received his amnesty at Alton Prison on April 11, 1865.

While at Gratiot on January 29, 1864 he wrote, "*One of our Lieutenants fell in the sink [latrine] today, and had to be drawn out with ropes, and several attempts were made before his friends extricated him from his miserable situation . . . the filth was 5 or 6 feet deep. Some think he went down . . . exploring . . . for a way to escape . . . it strikes me the remedy was worse than the disease.*"

Postwar moved from Palmyra, Missouri to Quincy, Illinois and worked on the *Quincy Herald* as a typesetter. He left to found the *Quincy Morning News* which he ran till he sold it in 1873.

In 1874 he moved to Edina, Missouri and opened *The Knox County Democrat*. In 1905 after 30 years as owner and editor he sold the paper and moved to Siloam Spgs., Ark.

Died April 4, 1909 at the age of 75. Buried in Edina, Missouri beside his wife Elizabeth.

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