

Alexander Caruthers	Trf to 37th IL July 1865
George W. Cassell	Deserted 18 June 1865
Henry F. Cloyd, St. Joseph	Trf to 37th IL July 1865
James H. Elsberry	Died at Vicksburg 18 July 1864
Lawson P. Greggs	Trf to 37th IL 19 July 1865
Eldad Hardy	M/o 22 July 1865; wounded
Ezekiel Hebern	Deserted 10 June 1865
John H. Holland, Tolono	Trf to 37th IL July 1865
Amos Lund	M/o 2 June 1865
Charles H. Osborn	Trf to 37th IL July 1865
McKendree H. Smith, St. Joseph	Died at Vicksburg 25 June 1864

As with most companies raised in a small community, many of the men appear to have been related. Four men in Company B were named Busey, and three were named Smith. There were also two each named Badgley, Brown, Cassel, Hively, McClellan, Munhall, and Schlorff.

Biographical Sketches

Homer W. Ayers was born in Ohio in 1836 and studied law at Hayesville College, Hayesville, Ohio. Before April 1858 he moved to Urbana, Illinois, and established a law practice, becoming a personal friend of Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln attended Ayers's wedding to Lorinda J. McConnekey on 23 April 1858. Captain Ayers assisted in the formation of Company B, 76th Illinois Infantry, and served with that company until he resigned his commission on 19 February 1864. He moved to Chicago in 1893 and for many years served as attorney for the Big Four Railroad. Ayers died in Chicago on 20 January 1909.⁸

Frederick E. Eubeling was born on 18 November 1841 in Prussia. He came to Urbana in 1853 and worked as a clerk in a drugstore. In 1862, at the age of twenty-one, he enlisted in Company B, 76th Illinois, and served more than three years, eventually becoming the regimental hospital steward. After the war Eubeling became an Urbana merchant and was elected Urbana Township

supervisor in 1897. He was a founder and benefactor of The Urbana Free Library. Eubeling died on 23 July 1911 and is buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Urbana.⁹

John Frey, Jr., was a farmer from Somer Township. He enlisted in Company B of the 76th Illinois and was seriously wounded at Vicksburg. He died on a boat transporting the wounded back to a hospital in Memphis.¹⁰

Albert Nofftz was born in Prussia on 28 December 1844 and came to America with his family in 1856. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in Company B, 76th Illinois. He contracted rheumatism at Vicksburg from exposure and was also slightly injured by a shell fragment at Fort Blakely. After the war, Nofftz became a farmer in Pesotum Township. He died on 6 February 1929 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Urbana.¹¹

J. W. Shuck was born in Bedford County, Pennsylvania, on 24 January 1839. He came to Champaign County before the war and in 1861 was elected deputy county clerk. In August 1862 he enlisted in Company B of the 76th Illinois, where he was eventually promoted to regimental quartermaster sergeant. He was discharged due to poor health in June 1865. After the end of the war, Shuck was reelected deputy county clerk, and then county clerk. In 1874 he entered the hardware business. He also became the owner of a 320-acre farm near Urbana. Shuck is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Urbana.¹²

James N. Smith, born in Champaign County on 20 November 1836, enlisted in Company B and served in that unit throughout the Civil War. After the war he became a prominent Urbana Township farmer and the owner of 240 acres of land. He died on 23 September 1926 at Capac, Michigan, and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Urbana.¹³

Frank M. Snyder, born in Wayne County, Pennsylvania, on 19 November 1834, came to Urbana with his family in 1850, where his father practiced as a physician. Snyder learned the printing trade before enlisting in Company B, 76th Illinois. He was an excellent musician, and for a time was detailed to the regimental band. He spent seven months on detached duty at Paducah. Snyder was aboard the steamer *George Peabody* when it foundered, and he helped dump all the regiment's mules overboard, an act he always regretted. After the war, in 1869, he started a printing office, and in 1871 he was one of the founders of the *Urbana Republican*. Snyder

died on 23 June 1923 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Urbana.¹⁴

George W. Terry was born in Darke County, Ohio, on 13 October 1817. At the age of fifteen he became an apprentice to a saddler and harnessmaker in Logansport, Indiana. He came to Champaign County in 1847 and subsequently purchased eighty acres in Somer Township. He served three years in Company B of the 76th Illinois, rising to the rank of sergeant. In 1869 he moved to Urbana and built a home on the corner of Main and Coler Streets. Terry died on 28 February 1898 and is buried at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Urbana.¹⁵

Company G

At the same time that Company B was being raised in Urbana, another company of the 76th Illinois, later designated Company G, was being raised by three Urbana men – Joseph Park, Joseph Ingersoll, and James R. Dunlap – who were elected captain, first lieutenant, and second lieutenant. Company G was mustered in at Kankakee on 22 August 1862, the same day as Company B.

Company G suffered heavily during its term of service. Of the ninety-eight Champaign County men who were members of the company, three were killed in battle, twenty died of other causes (including wounds), five were listed as wounded, twelve were discharged due to disability, two were transferred to the Invalid Corps, and one deserted. Therefore, 23 percent of the Champaign County men in Company G died, and another 19 percent were wounded or disabled. In addition, one other man in Company G, Seth Nelson of Urbana, a recruit, was determined to be a deserter from the 29th Wisconsin Infantry, and was returned to that regiment.

All men in the original company, with the exception of one, are shown in the *Report of the Adjutant General* as being from Champaign County. Although the majority were from Urbana, four men in the company were from Sidney, two each from St. Joseph and Mahomet, and one each from Philo and Rantoul. All the men listed below were from Urbana unless otherwise indicated.

Captains

Joseph Park
Joseph Ingersoll

Resigned 5 Jan 1863
M/o 22 July 1865