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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

PERSONAL WAR SKETCH  
OF

Comrade Joseph A Dean

Who was born the nineteenth day of January A.D. 1839 in  
Fremont County of Faywell State of Illinois

I entered service August 15, 1862 at El Paso, Illinois as a private, Company D—124 Regiment Illinois Volunteer Infantry. My offices were Corporal, Sargeant, [sic] Acting orderly Sargeant [sic] Acting Sargeant [sic] Major, In Lieutenant and acting Quarter master, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant & acting quarter master

I was promoted November 26, 1864. My rank at the close of the war was First Lieutenant & Regimental Quarter master 5<sup>th</sup> U.S. colored Artillery, (Heavy) Was promoted to the rank of Captain by Brevet after I was mustered out. First discharged Dec. 3, 1864, at Vicksburg, Mississippi, for promotion. I was again commissioned. I was transferred to the 5<sup>th</sup> Reg. U.S. colored Artillery (Heavy), May 30, 1864. Was mustered out Feb 7, 1865 for promotion to First Lieutenant and was finally discharged May 20 1866 at Vicksburg, Mississippi by reason of close of the war.

My first battle was at Port Gibson Mississippi. I participated in engagements at Raymond Mississippi, Champion Hills Mississippi, Jackson Mississippi, Chunky Station Siege of Vicksburg. I was never wounded. Was in the Field Hospital for a time during the Siege of Vicksburg. Was never taken prisoner.

Some of my most intimate comrades in service was B. W. Goodhue, R.A. Hogaboom, Major Wilson, Lieutenant Col Owen, Adjutant Williams, Major Hissong, Col. Liel.

The most important event of my service, was at the battle of Champion Hills, where after charging the enemy, acting as Orderly Sargeant [sic] I formed the company in place, in line, and took it off the field, the 3 com. officers having fallen out during the engagement.

I certify that Sketch of my War Service as above written is true as I verily believe

Date Oct 23d 1905 Signed Orville James

We certify that Comrade \_\_\_\_\_ Joined \_\_\_\_\_

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Held Offices of \_\_\_\_\_

Adjutant.

Commander.