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Joseph R. Crowell

Dear Sir

Dorcas Protexter the librarian gave me your letter to see what we could find out on Joseph R. Crowell. I found out who Joseph was but I think that you probably have most of the material that I found.

Joseph Ramsdell Crowell was born March 20, 1844, in Cattaraugus County, New York. He enlisted as Private on 08 of August 1862 at the age of 19. Joseph Enlisted in Company D, 154th Infantry Regiment New York on 24 September 1862. In his tour of duty during the Civil War he was a prisoner of war, on the 1st day of July 1863 at Gettysburg Pa., he was exchanged, on 01 February 1864, and then wounded on June 15, 1864 at Pine Knob GA. . Joseph was married to Josephine T. Losky at Clark, Clark SD. on December 25, 1889. and he died at Clark Clark SD., on April 22, 1891. Joseph's Parents were Lyman Spencer Crowell, and His Mother's maiden name was Julia Holmes.

The Census shows Joseph in 1860 at Freedom, Cattaraugus, New York, and was staying at Eber Holmes, this would be his Grandfather. In 1870 he was in Oronoco Olmsted Minnesota, (His father was in Olmsted Minn. at this time). Joseph's father died at Olmsted MN On October 05 1879, and was buried in the Oronoco Cemetery. Joseph was at Luverne Minnesota. In 1880. The Census records for 1890 were in a fire and most of them Damaged or destroyed. The next piece of information we have on him is his marriage. Joseph was married to Josephine T. Losky at Clark, Clark SD. on December 25, 1889. The next bit of information that we have is his burial, but there isn't a burial card for him, but that really doesn't mean much because most of those records are non existent up to 1900, and then they are limited. On one of my searches I found where he was buried in Lot 85 at Logan Cemetery, this a possibility because there are two Civil War Veterans buried in this cemetery, and the cemetery was originated in 1885, the only problem with this is that originally all of the Graves were marked with wooden crosses and as these crosses deteriorated they were just removed and threw them away, and didn't bother to remark them remark the graves. I have the names of 23 of the burials, but the only ones we know where they are buried have tombstones, and there are only 10 of those. We found the original plot map, but no one is marked on it, and we know that at one time someone had a record of who and where these people are buried but so far no one has come forward to help us out. Joseph should have been buried with a Civil War Tombstone, but I can see where it was possible, that this didn't happen. From what I have figured out going over the Census reports, he traveled alone, and in most cases he listed his occupation as a farmer, and at that time it could be anyone. There is one other thing, we have several unknown graves in most of these cemetery's, I wouldn't think that would be true in this case, because some place in Clark County some one wrote

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down the burial **someplace**. (which I haven't found yet) We have found that one entry, and we don't know where it came from or who put it down, because the records were quite limited back in 1891. We haven't given up, We would like to find out for sure if he is or isn't buried in Clark county.

I am sorry that I couldn't help you more, but we will keep looking , and I have some more sources to check out, if we come up with anything that might help we will let you know.

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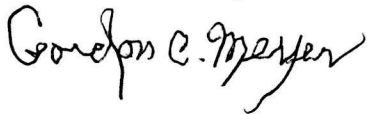
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