

William Francis Hudelson [Nov 1832-Sept 1898]

William Francis Hudelson was born November 1832 in Pike County, Illinois, out of Mary Ann Dickerson [1811-1845] by William Long Hudelson [1808-1882]. Their primary residence was Perry, Pike county, Illinois.



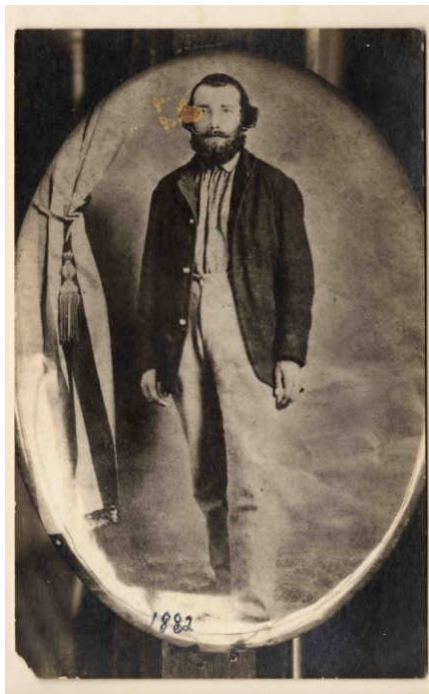
(William Long Hudelson [1808-1882])

At the age of 25, He married Elizabeth Hodges [31 Oct, 1836-20 Sept, 1905] of Morgan county, Illinois on 2 April, 1857. They had 1 son, Levi Sherman Hudelson [Abt 1866- ?] Levi, after Elizabeth's half brother, Levi Thomas Hodges. Middle named Sherman after the famous Union Civil War General with whom William served during the "march to the sea", and the siege of Atlanta.

Elizabeth was the daughter of Elizabeth James [1820-1845] and Thomas Hodges [1811-1886]

By July 1859 William was in the great mountains prospecting for gold with the Stokes boys according to a letter from Levi Hodges and Thomas Hodges [probably Colorado rockies but possibly the Dakota's] Anyway someplace relatively civilized since he was able to receive mail , love letters from Elizabeth and news of his farm being looked after by his brother-in-laws,. Thomas indicated he would "start to Kansas in about a week to look at the country"

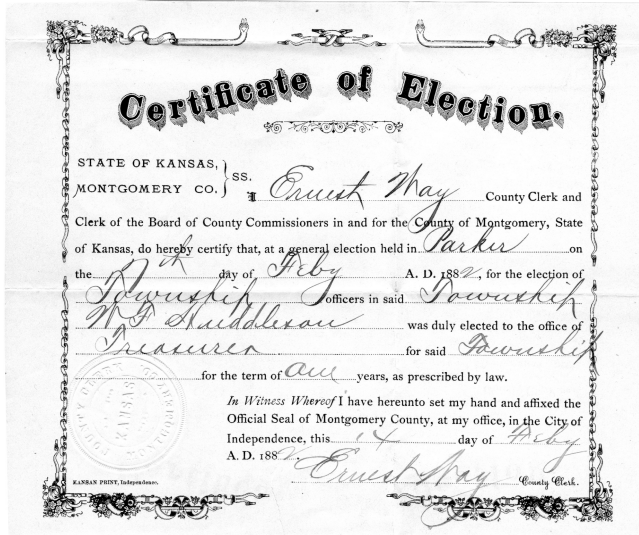
After their marriage, on 10 Aug, 1861 he was enlisted in Meridosia, Illinois along with his Brother-in-law William [Henry] Harrison Hodges, [1842-1896] into a Civil War Regiment: 27th Ill infantry, company B and served with distinction. Both were a Sergeants in service as a Wagoneer in the Western Theater until near the end of this little misunderstanding; mustered out 20 Sept, 1864.



William

Elizabeth

Following the war, William as a and Elizabeth settled in Coffeyville Kansas which at that time was a frontier town where their only son, Levi, was born. They began to accumulate property and likely became quite successful, a gentleman farmer , As well respected citizens, he was elected to the office of Township Treasurer in Parker County in 1882. He would have served in that office during the Wild West 1880's "cowboy" days.



William Francis Hudelson passed away in November 1898 in Coffeyville Kansas at the age of 65. His widow, Elizabeth lived a comfortable, prosperous life until 1909, at the age of 73.