

Information Sheet

R Sharp, Preston T., 1831-1915.
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Two folders.

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These are an annotated Civil War diary and a biography of Preston T. Sharp, a resident of Harrison County, Missouri, and Fall River County, South Dakota, and first lieutenant of Company H, 12th Missouri Cavalry. Edited and compiled by Chuck and Nova Sharp Bolton, the collection includes the story of Sharp's life, and his diary covering the Nashville campaign, December 1864—January 1865, and the Powder River Expedition in Wyoming and Montana in 1865.

Preston T. Sharp was born in Claiborne County, Tennessee, on 2 February 1831. By the 1840 and 1850 censuses, respectively, he and his family were in Macoupin and Morgan counties in Illinois. Sharp married Elizabeth Nunns in Morgan County in 1853. They moved to a farm near Eagleville in Harrison County, Missouri, in 1856. During the Civil War, Sharp served as sergeant of the Harrison County Home Guards, lieutenant in the Harrison County Battalion of six-month militia, and captain of Company G, 57th Enrolled Missouri Militia. In 1864, he enlisted in the 12th Missouri Cavalry then being organized at Benton Barracks near St. Louis and was commissioned First Lieutenant of Company H in February 1864. Sharp spent most of his time in the 12th Missouri Cavalry as acting company commander. He was appointed captain of Company M, but was never officially commissioned. As a first lieutenant, Sharp was mustered out with the regiment at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, in April 1866. After the war, he lived in Harrison County, Missouri and Fall County, South Dakota. He spent the last ten years of his life in the State Soldier's Home in Yankton, South Dakota, where he died in 1915.

The material concerning Preston T. Sharp was compiled by Chuck Bolton and Nova Sharp Bolton (a great grandchild of Sharp). The collection consists of a biography of Sharp, with reproductions of salient documents, and his diary of service in the 12th Missouri Cavalry, "copied in its entirety from the original" owned by Bill Slade, another great grandchild of Preston T. Sharp. The diary includes a record of Company H's "company fund" from May 1864 to February 1865, and brief daily entries concerning the company's activities during the Nashville campaign, 15 December 1864—19 January 1865, and the Powder River Expedition in Wyoming and Montana, 1 July-26 September 1865.

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Folder 1: A Short Biography of Preston Sharp. With Some Copies of Public Documents to Support Our Claims.

Folder 2: 1st Lt. Preston T. Sharp, Company "H" and Company "M" 12th Regiment Missouri Cavalry Volunteers. A Copy of His Civil War Diary, with our interpretation added.
Company Fund account: 9 May 1864—2 Feb 1865
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