

# *Algonquin Civil War Veterans*

## **David Cummings, Jr.**

**Date of Birth:** 1838

**Nativity:** Bellows Falls, Winchester County, Vermont

**Parent (Father):** David Cummings, Sr. (born in New York)

**Parent (Mother):** (b. in Vermont)

**Enlistment Record:** 15th Illinois Infantry, Co. F

**Residence:** Algonquin, McHenry County, Illinois

**Enlistment Date:** 24 May 1861 (3 years)

1 March 1864 (3 years) Reenlisted<sup>1</sup>

**Age at Enlistment:** 24 years old

**Discharge Date:** 16 September 1865

**Name of Spouse:** Mrs. Malinda McCracken (Divorce in 1868)

**Marriage Date:** 28 April 1870 in Kane County, Illinois

**aka Name:** Hannah Melinda Thompson (maiden name)

**Marriage Date:** 28 April 1870

**Spouse Parents:**

**Spouse Death:**

**Spouse Burial:**

**Date of Death:** 30 May 1886

**Location of Death:** Elgin, Kane County, Illinois

**Burial Location:** Bluff City Soldiers Reserve, Elgin, Kane County, Illinois

**Children Info:** Jennie McCracken (about 1863)

Ella Henrietta McCracken (1866-1909) b. in IL

Clara Viola McCracken (1857-1873)

Catharine B. (b. 1876 in IL)

**Employment:** Farmer (1861), Well Digger (1880),

**Other Info.:** Father served in Civil War, Co. I, 95th IL Inf.

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1835 Father, David Cummings came to Illinois about 1838 from Vermont.

1850 David Cummings (b. 1801 in Vermont) and Betsey (b. 1804 in Vermont) with Mary (17 b. VT) and David (b. 1838 in Vermont), Sarah (10) and Lydia (5) both born in Illinois. David Sr. owned a farm valued about \$500 (average size) Johnson, Moore, McGee and Curday were neighbors.

1860 David Cummings, Sr. (Cummings) (b. 1805 in NY) and Lorena (b. 1804 in VT) lived in Algonquin Township, McHenry County, Illinois with **David Jr. (b. 1833 in Vermont)** and Lydia (b. 1845 in IL).

1862 Enlisted in Co. I, 95th IL Infantry on 15 August 1862 and discharged on 4 September 1862.

1870 Married Divorcée Malinda McCracken on 28 April 1870

1875 Father, David Cummings, Sr. died on 27 February 1875. Burial in Algonquin Cemetery.

1880 David, Jr. lived in St. Charles, Illinois with wife Melinda Hannah (43) b. in Vermont along with Ella H. (McCracken) Cummings (14), Catharine B. Cummings (4)

1886 David Jr (48) died on 30 May 1886 and burial in Bluff City Cemetery, Elgin, Illinois.

1890 David, Jr. Widow filed for pension on 4 August 1890

**Bluff City Cemetery Entrance and GAR Monument**



David Cummings grave site,  
Bluff City Cemetery,  
Soldier Burial Section  
Elgin, Cook County, Illinois

***David Cummings, Jr.***

David Cummings aged 48 years died the home of Mr. Rogers, Mill Street on the west side yesterday. The deceased was a member of Company E, 15th Illinois infantry. The funeral will occur at 6 o'clock this afternoon, from the house, conducted by Veteran Post, G. A. R.

**Source:** *Elgin Daily Courier*  
1 June 1886

***David Cummings, Jr.***

The funeral of David Cummings will be held at 6 o'clock this evening at the residence of Henry Rogers, Mill Street, West Elgin.

**Source:** *Elgin Daily News*  
1 June 1886

***G.A.R.***

Veteran post No. 19 will meet at Pythian Hall, this, Tuesday evening, June 1st, at 7 o'clock to attend the funeral of Comrade Cummings. Regular encampment will be held at the conclusion of such services. George D. Sherman, commander: D. R. Beebe, adjutant.

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