

Algonquin Civil War Veterans

Elias M. Thomas

Date of Birth: 3 August 1847

Nativity: Illinois

Parent (Father): Elias Adams Thomas (b. 11 August 1811 in Woodstock, Vermont)

Parent (Mother): Hester Ann Snow (b. 23 February 1817 in Pomfret, Vermont)

Enlistment Record: 52nd Illinois Infantry, Co. G

Residence: Algonquin Township, McHenry County, Illinois

Enlistment Date: 22 February 1864

Age at Enlistment: 16 years old

Discharge Date: 12 July 1865 in Chicago, Illinois

Name of Spouse: Ruth Henion of Michigan

Marriage Date: 1868

Spouse Parents:

Spouse Death:

Spouse Burial:

Date of Death: 4 December 1916

Location of Death: South Dakota

Burial Location: Riverside Cemetery, Huron, Baegle County, South Dakota

Children: Clare, Ella, Ruth,

Employment: Farmer (1864), Bookkeeper (1871), Register Pharmacist (1879)

Real Estate (1886), Teacher in Boys School (1991), Hotel Operator (1894)

Deputy Treasurer of Beadle County,

Other Information: Grandfather Revolutionary Army, Captain, help capture Burgoyne's Army

Education in McHenry County where father settled and had pioneer farm

Member of G. A. R. (Asst. Adjutant of the state)

Union Veterans Union (Senior Vice Commander & Colonel)

Presbyterian Church, Knights of Pythias, Republican

Advocated High license for control of liquor

Fought with 52nd IL Infantry-

1864 February ~ Regiment moved to Pulaski, Tennessee

1864 May ~ Campaign around Atlanta, Kenesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Jonesboro

1864 July ~ Siege of Atlanta

1864 October ~ Sherman's March to the Sea, marched to Savannah, Georgia

1864 December ~ Marched into Savannah, Georgia

1865 February ~ Carolinas Campaign

1865 March ~ Battle of Bentonville and Goldsboro

1865 April ~ Johnson's Surrender

1865 May ~ Grand Review in Washington, D.C. on May 24th

1865 July ~ Discharged in Chicago, Illinois

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Elias M. Thomas Biography

This biography is from “Memorial and biographical record; an illustrated compendium of biography, containing a compendium of local biography, including biographical sketches of prominent old settlers and representative citizens of South Dakota...” Published by G. A. Ogle & Co., Chicago, 1899. Pages 599-600.

ELIAS M. THOMAS, ex-soldier and deputy county treasurer of Beadle county, South Dakota, residing in Huron, comes of Revolutionary stock. His great-grandfather, who bore the same name as our subject, fought in the Revolution as captain of an independent company of Vermonters. He brought home as a souvenir of the capturing of Burgoyne’s army, an old flintlock rifle, which our subject has in his possession. Our subject, who represents the fourth generation of the family who bore the name of Elias Thomas, was a native of McHenry county, Illinois, and was born August 3, 1847, the third of a family of six children born to Elias A. and Hester A. (Snow) Thomas. Our subject is the only surviving member of the family. The father opened a pioneer farm in Illinois, and it was here our subject was reared and received his education. After service in the Civil war he resided with his father until 1871, when he went to Chicago and was employed as bookkeeper. In 1875 he established a drug business in Arlington Heights, a suburb of Chicago, and became a registered pharmacist. In the spring of 1883 he went to Dakota, and with J. B. Weeks embarked in the real estate business, in which he was engaged until 1886. He worked with the American Investment Company, and in 1891 became a teacher in the Indian Industrial School for boys, at Fort Bennett, South Dakota. He afterward run the Windsor Hotel, in Huron, and in 1896 he was chosen deputy treasurer of Beadle county, which position he is filling in an able manner. He was married in 1868 to Miss Ruth Henion, a native of Michigan. To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have been born three daughters: Clare, now Mrs. A. C. Voss, of Iowa; Ella, now Mrs. C. O. Loring, of Michigan; and Ruth S., who resides with her parents.

Mr. Thomas enlisted for his country’s cause February 22, 1864, in Company G, Fifty-second Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He at once moved to the seat of activity and was engaged in the campaign around Atlanta, and joined in the siege of Atlanta, afterward going with Sherman to the sea, thence up through the Carolinas, to the Grand Review at Washington. He was mustered out at Chicago, July 12, 1865, having been in the fiercest of the fight, and standing at his post with a fortitude remarkable in one so young in years. He is a member of the G. A. R. and the Union Veterans Union. In the former commandery he was assistant adjutant of the state, and in the latter he is senior vice commander and colonel. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, and the Knights of Pythias. In political views he favors equal suffrage, is a Republican, and advocates high license for control of liquor.

Source: <http://files.usgwarchives.net/sd/biography/memor99/thomas.txt>

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Elias M Thomas, Patent #SDMTAA-142026

This homesteading patent in Beadle, South Dakota is currently . It is a timber culture case type. It is owned by Elias M Thomas. Ownership and use of this patent is overseen by the Bureau of Land Management's South Dakota Field Office under the serial number SDMTAA 142026. The last action for this patent—patent issued—occured on August 31, 1894. Information on the patent was last updated on July 19, 2011.

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Case Type Timber Culture

<http://thelandpatents.com/patents/sdmtaa-142026>

1120N township

0640W range

undefined section

44.5021° N 98.5191° W Latitude and Longitude of

Elias M Thomas is a Private entity with a interest relationship in Beadle County, SD. Elias M Thomas holds 2 patents in South Dakota.

