

Eagle Quill

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Sherman, William J.

4/26/1809 - 3/10/1908

**DEATH OF W. J. SHERMAN**

Some early settlers may remember that William Sherman came from Canada in 1836 and established a claim in the Township of Eagle.

The limestone wall, sometimes called the "Walls of Jericho" now marks the location.

The Sherman's had a large family and in 1862 built a new home and moved to the East side of the Village of Eagle.

The youngest son, W. J. or Job, was early attracted to railroading which he followed in Iowa, Missouri, Central America and Oregon.

He was the engineer who pulled trains without a single accident, for forty years over the tracks skirting the Columbia River from Portland to the Cascades, through the gorge.

His death occurred in Portland, on March 10, 1908. Z

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### Death of Capt. Wm. Sherman.

From The Sunday Telegraph we learn of the death of Capt. Sherman, brother of Prof. Louis Sherman, of Milwaukee, and withal one of the best and bravest soldiers that volunteered from Wisconsin. His home at the breaking out of the war was at Eagle, where his parents resided for many years:

"Died, at Melvin, Kansas, Sept. 23d, of paralysis of the brain, Capt. W. B. Sherman, in the 44th year of his age. Capt. Sherman served in three months service in Co. A, 1st Wis. infantry, being the first man to enlist from Waukesha county for the war, and afterwards enlisted in Co. A, 24th Wis. infantry, and was made 4th sergeant. After the battle of Stone River he was made orderly sergeant, in which capacity he served until after the battle of Chickamauga, when he was promoted to lieutenant in the 6th U. S. Co. I, and detailed on Gen. Roscrans staff as topographical engineer, afterward was made captain in the same regiment, and served on the staff of Gen. Thomas as topographical engineer, department of the Cumberland, until February, 1866, when he was mustered out of service. Since the war he has made his home in Colorado Springs, has been engaged in mining enterprises and civil engineering. For the past two years he was living temporarily at Topeka, engaged in contract work on the A., T. & St. Fe. R. R. was much interested in old army matters and always had a warm corner in his heart for all members of the G. A. R., and especially the 1st and 24th regiments."

## Article L. **WILLIAM SHERMAN**

Source: Lake Geneva Herald reprinted in Eagle Quill, April 10, 1908

William Sherman died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. D.S. Allen, corner of Geneva and Center Streets, last Saturday evening as a result of the fall on an icy walk he sustained a few weeks ago, in which his hip was broken. Mr. Sherman was the oldest man in this section, being born April 26, 1809, in the village of Dundas, near Hamilton, Canada.

In early life Mr. Sherman learned the tanner's trade near Dansville, N.Y. Later he worked in London, Canada, where he met and married Miss Louisa Parsons on the 5th day of February, 1835.

In 1836 he decided he would be a farmer and started for the then almost unknown west. He came to Chicago and then went to Milwaukee. Turning west again he passed through the Indian villages of Waukesha and Mukwonago and located a claim of 160 acres, built a log cabin, and in the fall returned to Canada to work during the winter. In the spring of 1837 Mr. Sherman started for his western home with two yoke of oxen and two cows. It took 37 days to make the trip. Mrs. Sherman and their eldest son joined him in Chicago, and together they proceeded on their journey.

Mr. Sherman was actively engaged in farming at Mukwonago, Eagle and at Whitewater until 1876, when he bought the Clarkson farm in the town of Linn, where he lived until five years ago, when he moved to this city, which has since been his home.

Mrs. Sherman died April 2, 1900.

Mr. Sherman is survived by three sons, L.M. of Minneapolis; W.J. of Portland, Oregon; and Charles, of Port Angeles, Wash.; and two daughters, Mrs. D.S. Allen and Dr. Alice Sherman Barber of this city, besides a large number of grand children and great grand children.

Short funeral services were held at the home Tuesday evening and the burial was by the side of his beloved wife in the little cemetery at Jericho, near Eagle, in Waukesha county, last Wednesday afternoon.