**Hiram Francis Sloop**

Hiram Francis Sloop was born about 1843 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He

was the son of Hiram H. Sloop and Anna Maria Shute Sloop.

Only he and two sisters survived childhood out of l0 siblings.

He enlisted as a Private on 12 August 1862 at the age of l9 in

Company A, 4tn Cavalry Regiment, Ohio. Letters he wrote to

family have survived in the pension claim his mother made after

his death. He states in one letter that he felt it was better to enlist

than be drafted and he preferred going into an older regiment.

He speaks of a large funeral for Col. McCooks in Cincinnati, a city

full of men enlisting to keep from being drafted, being kicked by a

horse and a bad injury to an ankle, and a case of diarrhea that had

his partner in the war, Eugene Wulsin caring for him like he was a

baby. His last letter is from 3 Dec 1862. He is captured at

Chickamauga, GA and sent to a Confederate Prison in Florence,

SC, then is transferred to Salisbury Prison and dies in route. The

exact cause of death and his place of burial are unknown.

Should he have lived, he had planned to go to California. An older

sister was living in San Francisco. He had been supporting his

mother and younger sister prior to the war so his death was

especially hard on his mother and younger sister. His father died in

I869. Family friends raised enough money to send his mother and

sister to San Francisco after his death. Hiram Francis Sloop was

dead by the age of 2l years.