

Col. Bledsoe Desha Harman (1825 - 20 Aug 1882)

Harman. Suddenly, August 20th, 1882, in this city, Colonel Bledsoe Desha Harman, aged 57. The friends and acquaintances of the late Colonel Bledsoe D. Harman are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, which will take place tomorrow (Tuesday) the 22d inst., at 3 p.m., at No. 912 Pennsylvania avenue northwest.

Confederate Colonels By Bruce S. Allardice

Harman, Bledsoe Desha, Born c. 1828, Georgetown, KY. Reared in Scott Co., KY. Farmer there and in Memphis, TN. Mexican War veteran. Married Mary Jane Coffin. Authorized in January 1862 to recruit a regiment from the Memphis area. The companies he raised were siphoned off into (or eventually joined) other regiments, and his unit never formally organized, though some companies attempted to organize the regiment, and there is a service record for "Harman's Regiment." Commanded post at Grenada, MS, in 1862, as colonel. No record of service after 1863. Filed for postwar pardon as colonel, PACS. Died August 20, 1882, Washington, DC. Buried Congressional Cemetery, Washington. Gen. Ruggles praised him as "distinguished for his zeal, influence in our cause, and ability."

Nogues, DeWitt C., Desha Genealogy: A Survey, Austin, TX: Atex Austin, Inc, 1983, p. 72-73

Bledow Desha Harman (son of Alexander A HARMAN & Adelaide D'Armily DESHA), b. 1825 in KY, d. 20 August 1882 in Washington, DC; m. 8 February 1849 in Shelby County, TN, to Mary Jane LOFTIN, b. 1832 in TN, d. 23 December 1901 in Washington, DC.; children: a-Adelaide Desha, b-Irmasule Bledsoe, c-Helen, d-Kate, [Appeared in father's household in 1830 census of Mason Co., KY, and as head of household in 1850 census of Scott County, KY. Stepfather, William JOHNSON, served as his guardian, and made final report 22 May 1848, Scott County, KY. Pvt., 1st KY Cavalry Regiment, U.S. Army, 1846-47, in Mexican War. Colonel, Commanding Harman's Regiment, TN Infantry, Confederate Army. Widow applied for pension in Washington, DC, 24 April 1887.]