

**David McWilliams**

**Private**

**Company H**

**Born – 1849 (Edinburgh, Scotland)**

**Died – December 28, 1881**

**Grave location – Post Cemetery, Fort Meade, Sturgis, SD**

His second enlistment was on August 29, 1871, in Louisville, Kentucky by Lt. William Cooke. He was discharged on August 29, 1876, at Fort Rice, Dakota, upon expiration of service, as a private of good character. He re-enlisted and was transferred to Company A. He had blue eyes, brown hair, a fair complexion, and was 5' 5 ½" in height. He is listed elsewhere as Daniel McWilliams.

Mark Kellogg, reporter from the Bismarck Tribune who was along on the 1876 Sioux Campaign, kept a diary. The entry for June 6<sup>th</sup> read: "Private McWilliams accidentally shot himself with a revolver today; ball took effect calf leg ran down tendon and lodged just under the skin top of foot, flesh wound lay him up a month." The accident happened on the west fork of O'Fallon's Creek, Montana Territory. He was transported to Fort Abraham Lincoln on the steamboat *Far West*.