

John Mahoney

Private

Company C

Born – May 31, 1845 (Cork, Ireland)

Died – July 27, 1918 (Sturgis, SD)

Grave location – St. Aloysius Cemetery, Sturgis, South Dakota

He enlisted on September 24, 1875 in St. Louis by Lt. John Thompson. He listed his previous occupation as laborer. He was discharged on September 30, 1880, at Fort Meade, Dakota, upon expiration of service, as a private of excellent character. He had blue eyes, dark hair, a dark complexion, and was 5' 7" in height.

Mahoney's life was spared on June 25, 1876 by the fact that he was detailed to serve with the pack train. His Company C was one of the companies that accompanied Custer and was wiped out during the Little Bighorn battle. He served with the packs and took part in the hilltop fight.

His obituary appeared in the Black Hills Press, Sturgis, SD, August 1, 1918.