

Another member of this family was the late Jerome Stahl. He was born in Ohio in 1845, and was about eleven years of age when his parents located at Auburn in Shawnee County, Kansas. Though only fifteen years of age when the war broke out, he soon afterward joined a Kansas regiment. While with that command he was captured, and for three days and nights his captors made him travel without food, and all the water he got was what he could dip up with his hands as the prisoners dashed through streams.

He was soon released from captivity, and later he joined the Kansas regiment commanded by his brother Col. Frank Stahl, who made a notable record as a Kansas soldier and as an Indian fighter on the Western plains. [webmaster note: This is not correct. He served in the 2<sup>nd</sup> KS Volunteer Militia, a state unit, not the 2<sup>nd</sup> KS Cavalry which was a U.S. Union unit.]

Jerome Stahl died April 22, 1915. He should be remembered as a good man, a good father, and a good citizen. He was always interested in athletics and outdoor life, was a Republican in politics, and a member of the Christian Church. An instance re-called concerning him shows the strength of character which apparently belongs to all the Stahl family. He was a total abstainer so far as liquor was concerned, but for many years he used tobacco. He often told how he awoke from sleep at midnight New Year's Eve in 1901 and made a vow that he would never use tobacco again, and such was his strength of will that he never did.

At the age of twenty-three Jerome Stahl married Miss Laura Johnstone of Auburn, Kansas. Seven children were born to them, four sons and three daughters: William Frank, Ralph R., Grace, Pearl, Myrtle, Leland and Elmer Guy. Frank, who owns the old homestead in Douglass County is a retired farmer. Ralph, who followed farming near Auburn, went to Portland, Oregon, in 1900, took up contracting, and later Joined the Portland police force and lost his life while on duty. The daughter Grace is now Mrs. Caldwell, her husband being an old and honored employee of the W. A. L. Thompson Hardware Company of Topeka, and Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell reside at 1161 Wayne Avenue in Topeka and have twin sons and one daughter. Pearl, who went to California in 1904, was married in that state to William Lawrence, a hotel proprietor at San Diego, and they have a son six years of age. Myrtle is the wife of William Gibson, a farmer at Auburn, and their only daughter Naomi died in 1911. Leland who deserves especial credit because of the success he has made in spite of a meager education, is assistant superintendent of the Telephone and Telegraph of the Illinois Central Railway Company at Memphis, Tennessee, and is married and has two daughters.