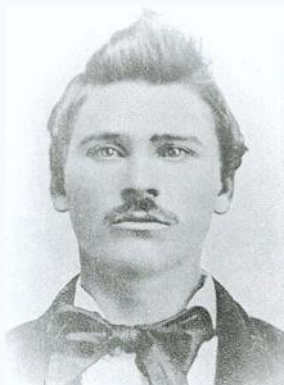


John Morehead Scott



Born	January 1, 1839 Stark County, Ohio
Died	June 18, 1862 (Aged 23) Atlanta, Georgia
Allegiance	 United States of America
Service/branch	 United States Army
Years of service	1861 - 1862
Rank	Sergeant
Unit	 Company F, 21 st Ohio Infantry
Battles/wars	Great Locomotive Chase
Awards	 Medal of Honor

John Morehead Scott (January 1, 1839 to June 18, 1866) was a Civil War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient. He served during the Civil War as a Sergeant in Company F, 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment.

Scott was born in Stark County, Ohio the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Scott. One of three children, Scott was mustered into service on September 19, 1861 in Findley, Ohio at age 22. He married Rachel M. Davis five days later on September 24, 1861

He was one of 24 men who volunteered to take part in what became known as the "Andrews' Raid" or the "Great Locomotive Chase" on April 12, 1862.

Due to the rainy weather and the pursuit by Confederate authorities, forcing the locomotive to run out of fuel after a 90 mile chase, the "Andrews' Raid" failed. Sergeant Scott was captured along with the rest of the group. Andrews and seven of his men were tried by Court Martial, condemned and hanged. James J Andrews was hastily executed on June 7, 1862 and seven others, including John Scott, were executed on June 18, 1862.

After the end of the war, his remains and the remains of his comrades were recovered and re-interred in what became Chattanooga National Cemetery. They are side-by-side.

On August 4, 1866, Sergeant John Morehead Scott was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery in the service of his Country. His widow accepted the award.

After years of it being in the possession of his family and descendants, the Medal was donated to the Southern Civil War and Locomotive History Museum in Kennesaw, Georgia (the former Big Shanty), where it can be seen today on display.

Family links:

Parents:

Thomas B. Scott (1814 - 1894)

Elizabeth Moorehead Scott (1816 - 1889)

Spouse:

Rachel M. Davis Waggoner (1843 - 1911)

Siblings:

James E Scott (1842 - 1912)

Mary L. Scott Arnold (1848 - 1921)

Citation

One of the 19 of 22 men (including 2 civilians) who, by direction of Gen. Mitchell (or Buell), penetrated nearly 200 miles south into enemy territory and captured a railroad train at Big Shanty, Ga., in an attempt to destroy the bridges and track between Chattanooga and Atlanta.