

Mississippi, and placed in a parole prison until he left April 21 on the Sultana for Cairo, Illinois."

Mr. **Houston** went on to state that when the accident occurred, Samuel said he was in the Mississippi River from 3 a.m. until 7 a.m. If this is true, then perhaps he was holding on to some debris in the water and eventually floated down river until he came ashore or was picked up by rescuers. Medical reports show him unhurt except apparent injuries to his eyes - perhaps from the explosion, fire, or exposure over such a long time to the river water at that time.

Many floated down river for miles before being picked up - alive and dead alike.

One worker on the boat "Arkansas" reported seeing bodies floating like cord wood in a sea of blue uniforms of the northern soldiers. He was south of Memphis at the time.

Samuel S. **McGinness** was eventually mustered out at Rush County, Indiana and went first to Casey, Illinois in Clark County, IL and then to Clay County in Illinois where we find him listed in the 1900 Clay county, IL Census. He is shown as a 54 year old carpenter living in Louisville township with his wife, the former **Ella McGinness** (a cousin), and their five children: Maude, Fred, Myrtle, Ola and Frank.

Three older children, Kosciusko (Koss), Orville, and Antoinette Mae or "Nettie" as she was known, had already left home and married.



Standing L - R -Frank, Myrtle, Maude, and Antionette May (children of Samuel & Ella **McGinness** seated in middle - Fred (also a son) and mother Ella front **Lents** grandchildren - Leo, Lenora, Glen, & Edna on Samuel's lap