

Hiram Frances Sloop was born about 1843 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was the son of Hiram H. Sloop and Anna Maria Shute Sloop. Only he and two sisters survived childhood out of 10 siblings.

He enlisted as a Private on 12 August 1862 at the age of 19 in Company A, 4th Cavalry Regiment, Ohio. Letters he wrote to family have survived in the pension claim his mother made after his death. He states in one letter that he felt it was better to enlist than be drafted and he preferred going into an older regiment.

He speaks of a large funeral for Col. McCooks in Cincinnati, a city full of men enlisting to keep from being drafted, being kicked by a horse and a bad injury to an ankle, and a case of diarrhea that had his partner in the war, Eugene Wulsin caring for him like he was a baby. His last letter is from 3 Dec 1862. He is captured at Chickamauga, GA and sent to a Confederate Prison in Florence, SC, then is transferred to Salisbury Prison and dies in route. The exact cause of death and his place of burial are unknown.

Should he have lived, he had planned to go to California. An older sister was living in San Francisco. He had been supporting his mother and younger sister prior to the war, so his death was especially hard on his mother and younger sister. His father died in 1869. Family friends raised enough money to send his mother and sister to San Francisco after his death. Hiram Frances Sloop was dead by the age of 21 years.