



# Kinchen Artis

## Facts about Kinchen Artis:

- Died when he was 74 years old, 2 months, 3 days on 9/18/1905
- Died in Macomb county, Romeo, Michigan
- Kinchen was born in Ohio on July 15, 1831
- He was a black male veteran
- He worked as a farmer outside of being a veteran
- Had gotten married when he was 30 years old
- He got mustered out at Charleston, South Carolina
- He enlisted on December 19, 1863 at Battle Creek.

## Battles Kinchen Fought In:

- Raid on Central Florida Railroad
  - A Civil War operation involving the 102nd United State Colored Troops.
  - The operation was part of a series of actions around Baldwin and Magnolia, Florida in August 1864
  - The raid lasted from August 15 through August 19, 1864
  - Following the raid, the regiment moved to Magnolia until late August before relocating to Beaufort, South Carolina
- Battle of Honey Hill
  - A confederate victory in Jasper County, South Carolina
  - The Union force included many African American troops (United States Colored Troops). The Confederate force included Georgia militia and regulars.
  - Part of Sherman's Savannah Campaign, Union forces aimed to destroy the railroad to prevent Confederate reinforcements and supplies from reaching Savannah

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## Cause of death and other injuries

- Enlargement of the heart with mitral regurgitation (heart valve doesn't close fully causes blood to flow backwards to the left atrium)
- Deafness in left ear (due to war)
- Chronic diarrhea (due to war)

## More Facts About Kinchen:

- Kinchen was in the Infantry.
- Kinchen's Enlistment Rank was a Private then promoted to Corporal.
- Kinchen did not die in the war.
- Kinchen was a Union Soldier
- Kinchen journals are a rare view from the perspective of a black soldier. Some are currently in African American Civil War Museum.
- Kinchen stood at about 5'4 had black hair and eyes.
- Kinchen was in Company H, First Michigan Colored Infantry (a unit of African American soldiers from Michigan and Canada who fought for the Union Army in the Civil War)

## Definitions:

- Infantry - Soldiers who specialize in ground combat, fighting on foot (dismounted) or using armored vehicles for transport to engage the enemy directly.
- Mustered - to be formally discharged or released from active service
- Enlisted - members of the armed forces below the rank of officer, who have voluntarily signed a contract to serve, specializing in specific technical or operational jobs.