

# THOMAS C. GALLAGHER

Publisher of the *Herington Tribune*, Herington's first newspaper

Born: abt 1841 in Logan, Hocking Co., Ohio

Died: March 10, 1897 in Webb City, Missouri

Thomas Gallagher, son of immigrant parents, was born around 1841 southeast of Columbus, Ohio in the town of Logan, a community of about 600 residents. In the mid 1850's the Gallagher family moved to Olney, Richland County, Illinois.

In Olney, Thomas was apprenticed to James Wright, a printer who owned a newspaper in Olney, Illinois.

At the onset of the Civil War, when President Abraham Lincoln issued a request for Volunteers to "put down the Southern Rebellion", Thomas C. Gallagher enlisted for a 3 year term in June of 1861. He was mustered into service in Springfield, Illinois as a Private with Company K, 21<sup>st</sup> Illinois Volunteer Infantry. He was described as 20 years old, height 5'6" with fair complexion, dark hair and blue eyes.

On April 21, 1864, Thomas was married to Sarah Morehouse in Olney, Illinois. Thomas and Sarah were the parents of 4 children; Walter Eugene Gallagher, Bartley Arthur Gallagher, Lemuel David Gallagher, and James Barr Gallagher. Thomas was mustered out of service with the Union Army in San Antonio, Texas in 1865 and returned home to Illinois and to his occupation as a printer. Thomas Gallagher moved to Webb City just outside of Joplin, Missouri around 1870 where he continued his occupation as a self-employed printer.

In 1875, Thomas was divorced from his wife Sarah Morehouse Gallagher. She remarried to Dr. Edward Richardson and Sarah and the Gallagher children moved to Lyons, Kansas. Thomas then married his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Sarah Turner, on May 5, 1877 in Webb City, MO and they also had a son, Thomas Gallagher Jr.



In 1882, Thomas Gallagher purchased the *Golden City Herald* in Golden City, Missouri where he published a weekly newspaper.

Around December of 1884, Thomas Gallagher and his family came to Herington, Kansas and began publishing the *Herington Tribune*, the first newspaper in the town of Herington. The newspaper became the *Herington Headlight* in 1888. The Herington Headlight continued publication into 1889 when Albert M. Crary began publication of the *Herington Times*.

Thomas Gallagher returned to Webb City, Missouri where he went to work for the Webb City Sentinel. On March 10, 1897, he became suddenly ill while at work and died later that same day at the age of 56 years old. He is buried in the Webb City Cemetery in Jasper County, Missouri.