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# **John Jefferson Williams**

## The Final Casualty of War

Williams fought in the May 13, 1865 battle of Palmito Ranch, Texas as a member of the 34th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. One of more than 100 Union casualties in this battle near Brownsville, Texas, he is believed to be the last soldier killed on a battlefield of the Civil War.

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