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**After Action Report  
Burial by the City of Plattsmouth, Nebraska of  
Civil War Private Benton Kinkead  
30 Oct 2021**

The unclaimed remains for this service were identified by Washington State MIAP volunteers as Benton Kinkead at the Butterworth Funeral Home in Seattle WA.

Evidence of Kinkead's Civil War service was researched. He served from the age of 16 in Co D, 77<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry.

The grave of Kinkead's wife Cynthia was identified in the Oak Hill cemetery, Plattsmouth, NE (pop 6500). Contact was made with the City of Plattsmouth and it was determined that Pvt Kinkead's purchased a plot near his wife in 1910. The city agreed to waive the \$200 burial fee for MIAP.

Buttterworth funeral home released the remains to Missing in America Project volunteers. The urn was shipped to Nebraska for interment.

Months after receiving the private's cremains, the City of Plattsmouth chose to arrange a large ceremony involving media and local veterans groups.

The First Nebraska Volunteer Brass Band, the Plattsmouth High School Choir and the Men's Minstrel Chorus provided period music.

Military Honors were provided by the American Legion, VFW posts and the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully,

Jim deLucia

MIAP Washington volunteer

