

Brief Synopsis
One Man's Ride through the Civil War

One Man's Ride through the Civil War is the story of Ben Drake, a young man who lived in rural Ohio on the family farm with his father. He was close to his father and loved working in the field and tending to the animals. He had just fallen in love with a young beauty in the region when he felt that internal call, his duty to sign up for and fight for the Union in the Civil War as the conflict was escalating. Many elements of this story are based on real people and true events.

Ben joined the cavalry and after extensive training he and his company were dispatched to many areas of conflict in West Virginia, Virginia and Pennsylvania through the next three years. Ben had many near-misses and grieved and was filled with angst when he experienced the loss of many of his fellow soldiers. It was something that he would never become accustomed to unlike some of the veteran soldiers who took it in their stride.

Despite the hardships that Ben endured and the danger that he faced, there was one thought that got him through it all. His dreams and prayers were filled only with hopes of returning home – to his father and family farm and particularly to his love. Near the end of the war, Ben sustains a serious injury and soon is heading home. He had withstood the challenges and the perils of the battlefield, but he was ill-prepared for the disappointments and heartaches that he would face when he finally made it back home.