

William J. Rennaker – Last Soldier of Miami County Indiana

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William J. Rennaker with his Wife
Converse, IN - Date Unknown

Taps sounded for Miami County's Last Union Soldier, William J. Rennaker on January 12, 1940. He was born in Ross County Ohio. While young his family moved to Wabash County Indiana.

When he was eighteen, he enlisted as a substitute for David McClure in the 25th Ind. Inf., on October 13, 1864. As a private in Co. A he served in Sherman's "March to the Sea". William was discharged on July 17, 1865.

After the war he settled in Indiana and was a farmer and carpenter. Around 1880, he moved to Converse, Miami County Indiana where he built his house and lived the rest of his life.

He was a member of the Wabash G.A.R. post and later transferred to the Peru G.A.R. post where he held almost every post, including commander.



Grave of William J. Rennaker – Converse City Cemetery, Grant County Indiana