

[Thayer, William M.]

WILLIAM H. THAYER REMOVED BY DEATH
Civil War Veteran Passes at Home of Daughter
HAD BEEN RESIDENT HERE OR 62 YEARS
Saw Service With Infantry in War Between States

Taps sounded today for William M. Thayer, removing from the ever thinning ranks of Skillin Post, G.A.R., its oldest member. Mr. Thayer, 95, passed away early this morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. P. B. Inman of 703 N. Jay street.

A resident of this city since 1869, Mr. Thayer was born in Delta, December 25, 1835, a son of the late Nathan W. and Mary Ann Thayer. Prior to the Civil War he resided in Delta.

In 1862 he enlisted in the Union army and was assigned to the 117th regiment, U.S. Infantry. He served for the remainder of the war, seeing action in the James River sector in Virginia. He was stationed in Raleigh, North Carolina when General Lee surrendered.

A brother, Horace B. Thayer, a member of the 3rd U. S. Infantry, died in the Union service shortly after the Battle of Antietam.

Returning from the war, Mr. Thayer worked for a time in the old Walker and Warriner foundry here. [On] August 14, 1866, he married Harriet Manchester of Delta and three years later came to this city where he had since resided. Mrs. Thayer passed away in 1917.

Mr. Thayer had held every office in the Skillin Post except those of adjutant and chaplain. He was a member of the Universalist Church.

Surviving, besides the daughter at whose home he died, is a son, Charles of Toronto, Canada, who was a member of the Princess Pat Regiment of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in the World War. There are also four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

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