

Herman Hilbert, Pvt, Co. B, 35 IN Infantry, US

- 1845 September 14: Herman Hilbert was born in Indiana to German immigrant parents John and Adelaide Fisher Hilbert.
- 1850 November 14: The US Federal Census enumerated Highland, Franklin County, IN showed four-year-old Herman living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer.
- 1860 June 5: The US Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin, IN showed fourteen-year-old Herman living with his parents and siblings. His father was a farmer and Herman was listed as being a farm hand.
- 1864 October 13: At the age of nineteen, Hilbert enlisted in the U.S. Army as a substitute for Michael Gies. Hilbert mustered into Co. B, 35 IN Infantry.
- November 30: In the army barely a month and Hilbert fought at the Battle of Franklin. He fought on the Western flank of the U.S. line in Kimball's division.
- 1865 September 30: Mustered out of the U.S. Army.
- 1867 October 8: Married Mary Charlotte Strasburger in Dearborn County, IN.
- 1870 July 15: The US Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin County, IN showed Herman, a farmer, and Charlotte living with their infant daughter, Katy. The young couple was living on a neighboring farm to his parents.
- 1880 June 26: The US Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin County, IN showed Herman, a farmer, and Charlotte living with their daughter Katy. They are again living next to Herman's parents.

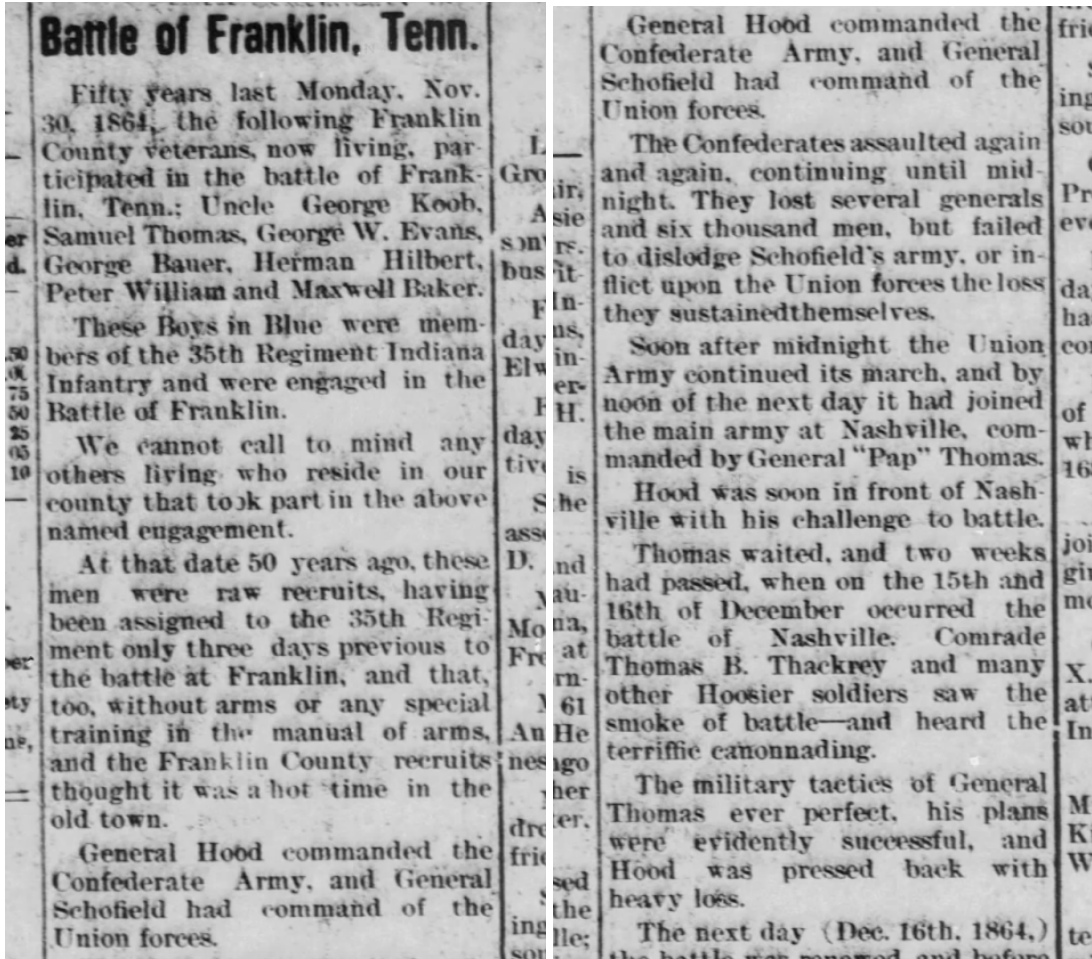
Family Photo of Herman and Charlotte:



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- 1888 August 18: Hilbert applied for and was granted a pension for his military service.
- 1900 June 19: The US Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin County, IN showed Herman, a farm laborer, and Charlotte living with their daughter and her family.
- 1902 April 7: Katy, Herman and Charlotte's only child to grow to maturity died in Highland Center, IN. She was only 32 years old.
- 1910 April 30: The US Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin County, In showed Herman, a farmer and Charlotte living with their three year old granddaughter. Charlotte was listed as having given birth to three children, with no children currently surviving.

¹ Ancestry.com, original owner unknown.



1920 January 8: The US Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin County, IN showed a retired Herman and Charlotte living with their grandson. Their grandson, Xavier, was doing the farm labor. Also living with the family was a sixteen-year-old servant, Blanche Hoffman.

² The Brookville Democrat, Brookville, IN, Thursday, 3 Dec 1914, pg. 4 (accessed newspapers.com)

Family Photo: Herman later in life.



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1926 September 28: Herman's wife Charlotte died.

Obituary

Charlotte Hilbert (nee Strausburger), wife of Herman Hilbert, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 3 p. m. following a long illness at the age of 77 years, 7 months and 26 days.

Mrs. Hilbert was born February 2, 1849, in Dearborn County and died at her late home near St. Peters, Ind.

Surviving relatives are her husband and two grandsons, Xavier and Ed Knecht, and four granddaughters, Ela Knecht, Mrs. M. J. Brearton, Mrs. J. A. Roell and Emery Busch. Funeral services were held at St. Peters Church Friday morning at 6:45 o'clock. Burial in St. Peters Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

The bereaved family of Herman Hilbert wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the many friends for their sympathy, kindness, spiritual offerings, and letters of sympathy at this time of grief in the loss of our dear wife and grandmother, Charlotte Hilbert. Special thanks to Rev. Kohlman and Undertakers Moster for their kindly ministrations.

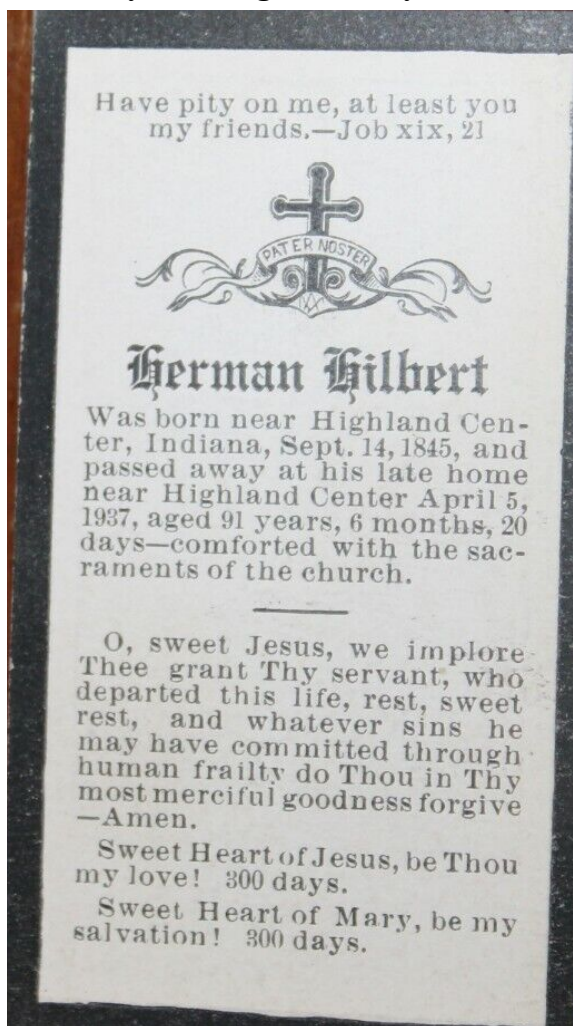
Herman Hilbert and Grandchildren.

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³ From ancestry.com, multiple users.

⁴ The Brookville Democrat, Brookville, IN, Thursday, 7 Oct 1926, pg. 7 (accessed newspapers.com)

- 1930 April 28: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Highland, Franklin County, IN showed a widowed Herman, living with his grandchildren. Herman was listed as the farm owner, with his grandson listed as a farmer.
- 1937 April 4: Herman Hilbert, the last Civil War veteran living in his county, passed away at the age of ninety-one!



Last Surviving Franklin County Civil War Vet Dies

BROOKVILLE, Ind., Apr. 5.—
"Taps" sounded Monday for Franklin County's sole surviving veteran of the Civil War, Herman Hilbert, 91 years old, at his home in Highland Center. He had resided all his life in the community.

Funeral services will be held at St. Peter's Church at 9 A. M., Wednesday and burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are six grandchildren, Mrs. Ida Roell, Gaston, Miss., Mrs. Anna Busch, Cleveland, Mrs. Phyllis Brearton, Milwaukee, Edward J. Knecht, Cleveland, Xavier Knecht, Highland Center, and Miss Ella Knecht, at home.

⁵ The Richmond Item, Richmond, IN, Tuesday, 6 Apr 1937, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)



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