

## Isaac Meyers, Private, Co. H, 2 IA Cavalry, US

- 1841 September 26: Born to John and Susan Bair Meyers in York County, PA.
- 1860 July 5: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Penn, Johnson County, IA showed Isaac working as a farm laborer living with a Bouman family.
- Attended Cornell University.
- 1861 August 14: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co H, 2nd IA Cavalry.
- 1864 November 30: Wounded at the Battle of Franklin. Meyers was shot in his left thigh and spent four months recovering in the hospital.
- 1865 September 19: Mustered out of the U.S. Army in Selma, AL.
- 1868 February 20: Married Sarah E. Moreland in North Liberty, Johnson County, IA.
- 1870 June 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Penn, Johnson County, IA showed Isaac, a farmer, and Sarah living with their infant daughter, Mary.
- 1880 June 1: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Penn, Johnson County, IA showed Isaac, a farmer, and Sarah living with their children.
- 1900 June 2: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Penn, Johnson County, IA showed Isaac, a farmer and Sarah living with six of their children.
- 1903 September: Isaac was chosen as a delegate by his local GAR chapter to attend the National Encampment in San Francisco.<sup>1</sup>
- 1910 April 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Penn, Johnson County, IA showed Isaac, a farmer, living with his wife Sarah.

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<sup>1</sup> Iowa City Press-Citizen, Iowa City, IA, Friday 22 May 1903, pg. 8

December 25: Christmas Family Photo. Isaac Meyers is in the center of the photo.



1920 February 17: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Penn, Johnson County, IA showed a retired Isaac living with his wife Sarah.

July 5: Meyers wife, Sarah, passed away peacefully in her sleep.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Photo Source/ancestry.com/User/Patty Anderson

<sup>3</sup> Iowa City Press-Citizen, Iowa City, IA, Tuesday 6 Jul 1920, pg. 8

### **Isaac Meyers Is One Of North Liberty's Last Boys In Blue**

Special to The Gazette-Republican.

**NORTH LIBERTY, May 26.**—When the people of North Liberty and surrounding country meet at the cemetery Sunday afternoon to pay tribute to their war dead one of the honored persons present will be Isaac Meyers, who will be 81 years old next September. He with his parents, two brothers and two sisters, came to Iowa from Pennsylvania in 1849, coming all of the way except thirteen miles by boat on canal and rivers. The father contracted cholera on board boat, was removed at Muscatine (then Bloomington) where he died in a few hours. The widow came to Penn township but after a few months she returned with her children to their old home in Pennsylvania.

Isaac Meyers returned to Iowa when 18 years old, in 1859. He is among the oldest alumni of Cornell college at Mount Vernon. He left school to serve with the Union army, enlisting at Iowa City Aug. 19, 1861, in Company H, Second Iowa cavalry. He took part in numerous battles. During a fierce engagement at Franklin, Tenn., he was shot through the left thigh and was confined to a hospital for four and a half months. He was mustered out at Selma, Ala. Sept. 22, 1865, and returned home in ill health, being unable to work for nearly a year. He is a member of the G. A. R. and has never missed a reunion of his old company. He has been a member of the Masonic lodge for forty-six years. All but a few of these years he has served the lodge as treasurer. He is a member of Samuel J. Kirkwood Post, G. A. R. of Iowa City and he with Sergt. J. F. Ramsey, who is commander of that post, are the only remaining veterans in Penn township.

### **North Liberty Civil War Veteran To Be Honored On Birthday**

Special to The Gazette.

**NORTH LIBERTY**—The Daughters of Union Veterans of Iowa City will give a luncheon and the W. R. C. a banquet Wednesday in honor of Isaac Meyers, North Liberty Civil war veteran, who will celebrate his ninety-third birthday. Mr. Meyers, a native of Pennsylvania and a resident of Iowa since 1859, is one of the oldest living former students of Cornell college. Leaving school to go to war, he served in Company H, Second Iowa cavalry. He was wounded in battle at Franklin, Tenn.

Mr. Meyers has been a member of the Masonic lodge for fifty-eight years, much of the time serving as treasurer. He is a member of Samuel J. Kirkwood post, G. A. R., of Iowa City and is the only remaining Civil war veteran in Penn township. Mr. Meyers has kept a record of events as they have transpired since 1868. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. L. L. Lentz, of North Liberty.

<sup>4</sup> The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, IA, Sunday, 27 May 1928, pg. 9

<sup>5</sup> The Gazette, Cedar Rapids, IA, Tuesday, 25 Sep 1934, pg. 8

**Isaac Meyers, 96,  
War Veteran, Dies  
At North Liberty**



**ISAAC MEYERS.**

Special to The Gazette.

**NORTH LIBERTY** — Isaac Meyers, 96, the oldest resident of North Liberty and the last Civil war veteran here, died Wednesday evening of pneumonia at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Lentz.

Mr. Meyers was born in York county, Pennsylvania, Sept. 26, 1841, and when 18 years old came to Iowa on a second trip. He attended Cornell college at Mount Vernon, which he left to join the Union army, but was regarded as an alumnus of the institution, being one of its first students.

Enlisting in Company H, Second Iowa cavalry, under Major H. W. Love in Iowa City, he served throughout the Civil war, during which he was wounded. With the

closing of the war he was mustered out at Selma, Ala.

After the war he located on his grandfather's farm which had been obtained from the government. In 1868 he was married to Sarah E. Moreland and they made their home on the farm for many years, rearing a family of seven children who were educated in the local and Iowa City schools.

Mr. Meyers was an honored member of the Masonic fraternity which he joined 56 years ago, of White Marble lodge No. 238 of North Liberty and Chapter 2 of Iowa City.

Mrs. Meyers died in 1920. Surviving children are Mrs. Anna Albertson of Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Iowa Lentz of North Liberty, John G. Meyers of Gasport, N. Y., I. B. Meyers of North Liberty, Lewis Meyers of Colorado Springs. There are 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at the Methodist church in North Liberty with the Rev. J. A. Worrell in charge. Burial will be in Ridgewood cemetery, near North Liberty.

**Girl Injured While  
Riding In Car With  
State Agent Is Dead**

**FORT DODGE (AP)** — Miss Alma Schoepke of Pocahontas died in a local hospital Thursday from injuries received in an automobile collision near Rockwell City, March 10. She was riding in a car driven by Jerry Wood, recently resigned state agent, when it collided with one occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Berg of Manson. The others in the accident escaped serious injuries.

Wood resigned his position with the state bureau of investigation following an inquiry into the accident. W. W. Akers, chief of the bureau, announced that Wood had admitted driving a state-owned car in violation of bureau regulations.