

Orson G. Reeve, Private, Co. G, 8 IA Cavalry, US

1846 July 4: Born to James and Adeline Riggs Reeve in Ashtabula County, OH.

1850 August 8: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Trumbull, Ashtabula County, OH showed four-year-old Orson living with his parents and siblings. His father, James, was a farmer.

1853 September: The Reeves family migrated from Ohio to Iowa.

*"I can well remember the gradual progress of the white man westward. Altho only a small boy of seven years, I can clearly recall when our family traveled westward by rail to Rockford, Ill., started in a covered wagon on the long trek to Franklin county. I can also still recall the beauties of Iowa's virgin prairie and its patches of forest as we passed along the route. We arrived in Franklin county Sept. 15, 1853, and there were then three cabins standing. All settlers assisted my father in building a cabin for us and three days after our arrival, we had a home. Since that time, Franklin county has always been my home."*¹

O.G. Reeve

Reeve's father served multiple terms as a judge and treasurer of Franklin County, IA.

1860 June 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Reeve, Franklin County, IA showed 13-year-old Orson living with his parents and siblings.

1861 September 18: Brother, Fernando, enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into 9th IA Infantry.

1862 August 14: At 47-years old Reeve's father, James, was commissioned as an officer in Co. H, 32nd IA Infantry.

*"When the South rebelled against the old flag, and the country was in peril, Mr. Reeve [James] raised a company, of which he was made captain."*²

¹ Globe-Gazette, Mason City, IA, Thursday, 28 May 1931, pg. 1

² History of Franklin and Cerro Gordo Counties, Iowa, Union Publishing Company, 1883



Captain James B. Reeve

1863 June 15: Joining his father and brother Reeve enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. G, 8th IA Cavalry at only 18-years-old.

June 24: Father, James, died of congestive fever at Fort Pillow, TN.

1864 March 14: Brother, Fernando, was captured in Alabama and sent to Andersonville.

September 21: Brother Fernando died at Andersonville, GA of debilitas.

November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1865 August 13: Mustered out of the U.S. Army in Macon, GA.

1870 August 3: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Reeve, Franklin County, IA showed Orson, a farm laborer, living with his mother and siblings.

³ U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles, 1861-1865, ancestry.com (accessed 14 Apr 2020)

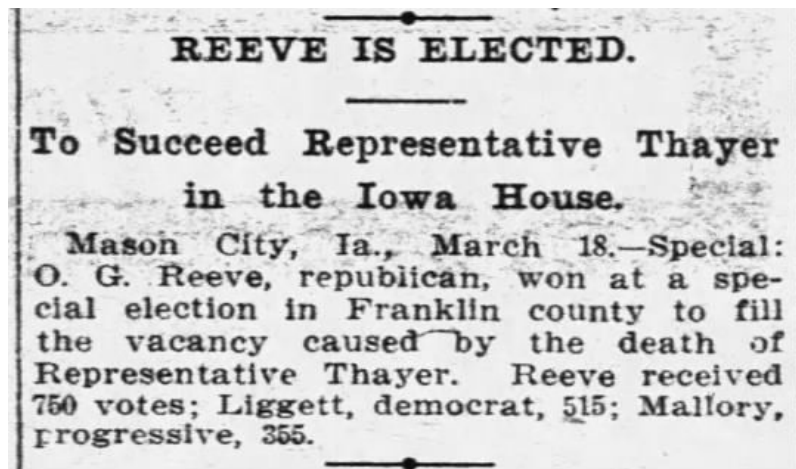
1872-3 Married Sarah Parks.

1880 June 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Reeve, Franklin County, IA showed Orson, a farmer, and Sarah living with their two young daughters.

1900 June 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Reeve, Franklin County, IA showed Orson, a farmer, and Sarah living with their many children.

1910 April 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Reeve, Franklin County, IA showed Orson, a farmer, and Sarah living with several children.

1913 March 18:



1919 February 2: Wife, Sarah, died. She was buried at Hampton Cemetery in Franklin County, IA.

1929 June 13: Married Xenia Belle Mulkins Winegard in Franklin County, IA.

⁴ Sioux City Journal, Sioux City, Iowa, Wednesday, 19 Mar 1913, pg. 3

HAMPTON CIVIL WAR
VETERAN, 82, WEDS.

HAMPTON, June 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Orson G. Reeve have announced their marriage which took place Thursday, June 13, at the Congregational parsonage, the Rev. H. L. Michael, officiating. Mr. Reeve is a Civil war veteran and is 82 years old while his bride is 63. Mrs. Reeve was formerly Mrs. Xenia Belle Winegard and she is a native of Franklin county. She has been living in Washington until about two years ago when she came to Hampton. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Job Mulkins.

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1932 May 3: Reeve died and was buried at Hampton Cemetery in Franklin County, IA.



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⁵ Globe-Gazette, Mason City, IA, Saturday, 22 Jun 1929, pg. 6

⁶ Photo source/ancestry.com/user/mulkins

Oldest Franklin County Settler Dies in Hampton

**Orson G. Reeve, 86,
Will Be Buried
Thursday.**

HAMPTON, May 4.—Orson G. Reeve, 86, oldest settler of Franklin county and Civil war veteran, died at 6 o'clock last evening from heart disease, following an illness of three weeks. Previous to his last illness, he had been quite active.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the home in charge of the Rev. H. L. Michael, pastor of the Congregational church.

Mr. Reeve was born in Ashtabula county, Ohio, July 4, 1846. He came to Franklin county with his parents when he was 7 years of age. His parents settled in Reeve township, which was named after them. A town which developed there was Mayfield, for a time the county seat of Franklin county.

Served With Sherman.

On June 15, 1863, he enlisted in Company G, eighth Iowa cavalry, with which he served two years and three months. He was discharged Aug. 30, 1865. Mr. Reeve served in Sherman's army until it reached Atlanta and then was sent to Nashville.

For 66 years Mr. Reeve was an Odd Fellow and was the oldest Odd Fellow in Franklin county in point of service. He was also a member of the Rebekah lodge and the G. A. R.

Leaves Six Children.

Surviving Mr. Reeve are his wife, Mrs. Zenia Reeve, and the following



ORSON G. REEVE

children: John Reeve, Macy, Nebr., superintendent of the Omaha area reservation of Winnebago Indians; Dr. Orilla M. Reeve, Mrs. Bert McNitt and Mrs. W. L. Johnson, all of Mason City; O. L. Reeve of Panama, and Lou Reeve of Austin, Minn.

There are six remaining old soldiers in Hampton. Mr. Reeve took a prominent part in the Franklin county diamond jubilee last June. He was chairman of the invitation committee.