



Samuel Sidlinger, Principal Musician, F&S, 125th OH Infantry, USA

- 1845 June 23: Born to John and Priscilla Sidlinger in Massillon, Stark County, OH. His father was a German immigrant and his mother was born in Pennsylvania.
- 1850 September 4: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Perry, Stark County, OH showed five-year-old Samuel living with his parents and siblings. His father was a plow maker.
- 1860 June 30: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Napoleon, Henry County, OH showed fifteen-year old Samuel living with his parents and siblings. His father, John, was a wagon maker.
- 1863 June: Sidlinger was listed on the U.S. Civil War Draft as living in Napoleon, OH. It was noted he had already served in and had been discharged from the 14th OH Infantry Band.

“When he was mustered out and was about to follow his father back home, the family physician, who was surgeon of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, made it possible for young Samuel to enlist in the hospital corps. He and his stretcher boys followed the army into every important battle in the Civil War. They were at Missionary

¹ Samuel Sidlinger is in the back row far left. Photo taken in 1865 in Nashville, TN.

Ridge, Shiloh, Atlanta, Appamatox, Lookout Mountain, all the major engagements of the Civil war.”

July 17: Re-enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. I, 125th OH Infantry. His rank was Principal Musician. He served in the regimental hospital as an assistant to the regimental surgeon.

1864 *“When still a soldier, around eighteen years old, Dr. Sidlinger cast his first vote. It was for Abraham Lincoln as president. The general of his corps told the youngsters that they were men fighting for their country and as such, were entitled to vote. For seventy years Dr. Sidlinger was a dyed in the wool Republican, proud of his party.”*²

November 30: Sidlinger attended to wounded at the Battle of Franklin.

1868 June 30: Married Lucinda Welty in Newton, IA.

1874 Sidlinger worked at a drug store in Michigan as he attended medical school. He graduated from the University of Michigan. After graduation he traveled to Kansas to aid the citizens after they were devastated by a grasshopper invasion that destroyed crops, homes.

*“The whole nation was aiding "stricken Kansas," Young Sidlinger came here on a visit, liked the region, and stayed. A few months later he brought his wife. Sixty years ago, in 1875, they built the house at the southeast corner of First and Poplar sts At the time of its construction the house stood on a spot where there was nothing but rolling prairie to the south, east and north.”*³

1879 December 29: Dr. Sidlinger applied for and was granted a military pension for his service during the Civil War.

1880 June 15: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hutchinson, Reno, KS showed S.H., a physician, and Lucinda living with their eleven-year-old daughter Leila.

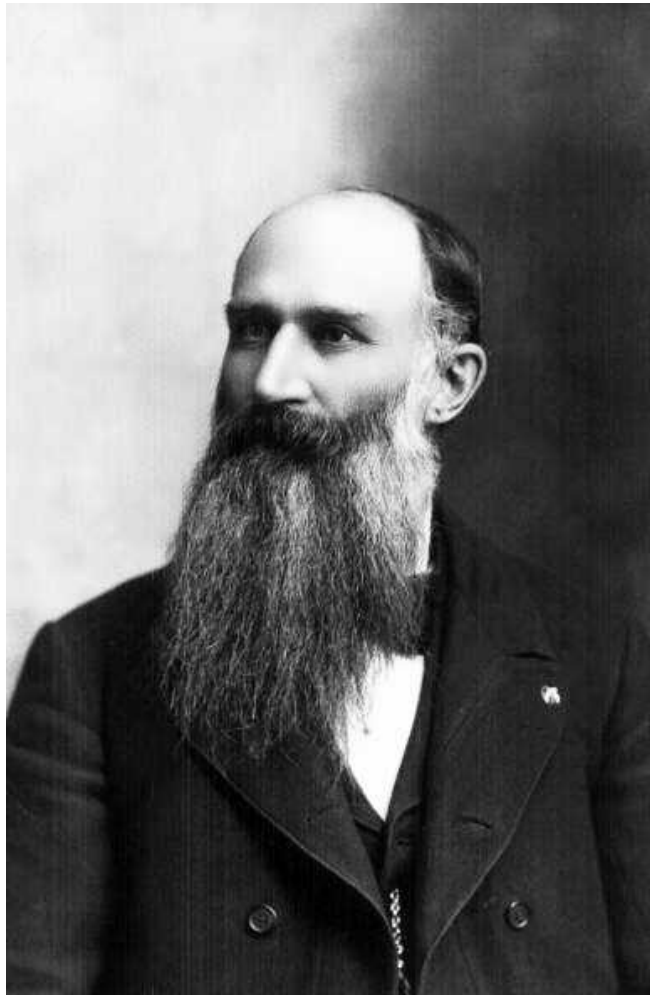
1881-2 Dr. Sidlinger served as mayor of Hutchinson, KS.

1886 Dr. Sidlinger and his brother, Ed, opened up a store/Doctor's office on Main St. in Hutchinson: The Sidlinger Drugstore. The street level store front was a drug store run by Ed and the upstairs was Dr. Sidlingers' office.

² Hutchinson Herald, Hutchinson, KS, 29 Dec 1935, excerpt from obit (accessed ancestry.com)

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1900 He was an active member of the Joe Hooker Post GAR for many years.



1910 April 16: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hutchinson, Reno County,KS showed Samuel H, a physician, living with his wife Lucinda.

1913 Retired from his private practice.

⁴ findagrave.com/user submitted.

1919 An article appeared in the local newspaper with Dr. Sidlinger comparing modern war to the Civil War.

If the Civil war had been fought with weapons such as the soldiers of the late war used, such as hand grenades, machine guns, automatic rifles, tanks, aeroplanes, and the like, it would have been a different war entirely.

"We didn't know what a hand grenade was," remarked Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, who served in the Fourth corps of the Army of the Cumberland, under Gen. Sheridan. "The rifles we used had to be loaded each time we fired. We would bite off a cartridge, then ram it down the rifle barrel each time we'd shoot the rifles.

"You couldn't hear the gun discharge, because of the noise all around, and some of the men would get excited and ram down several cartridges, and fill the barrel. After a few shots it was necessary to clean out the gun. We used a powder that was very smoky."

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1921

Dr. S. H. Sidlinger, of Hutchinson, a charter member of the Masonic organization here, made an imposing looking knight in his regalia. He is the only member left of the group of men who went in the order with him here. Dr. Sidlinger has been a Mason for fifty-four years, and has occupied the chair in all its various branches of the order in the local lodge. He is the only eminent commander now living of the early lodge men of Hutchinson.

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⁵ The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson, KS, Saturday, 27 Sep 1919, pg. 8 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁶ The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson, KS, Wednesday, 11 May 1921, pg. 14 (accessed newspapers.com)

1922 December 20: Wife Lucinda died.

There passed away at 1:10 o'clock this morning, in the home in which she had come as a young wife almost half a century ago, and where she has lived ever since, one of Hutchinson's most loved matrons and pioneer residents, Mrs. Dr. S. H. Sidlinger.

For eight or ten years Mrs. Sidlinger has been an invalid, attended throughout by her faithful companion, a constant sufferer, but ever cheerful, calm, courageous. Saturday morning she was taken with a severe spell, such however as she had frequently had, and so it was a shock to all when death came, quietly and peacefully, early this morning.

"I am going to rest," she remarked, with a smile, as she passed away. Her husband, her only child, a daughter, Mrs. Lila Innes, who lived with her and her grandchild, Miss Katherine Innes, also a member of the home, were with her at the end.

Probably nobody in Hutchinson was better known than Mrs. Sidlinger. And yet she had never been active in society or club circles. She was a home body, loving her own home, and taking little part in affairs outside.

But nobody had a kinder heart, a more loveable soul, a more Christian spirit than this splendid pioneer woman of Hutchinson.

It was 47 years ago that Dr. Sidlinger brought his young wife to Hutchinson. He had come here the year before, in the fall of 1874, and built their home, the brick residence at First and Poplar, where they ever since have made their home. Then he went back to Napoleon, Ohio, and brought Mrs. Sidlinger here in the following spring, 1875. And for 47 years she has lived here in the same residence. She loved the home too much to leave it for any other.

Mrs. Lucinda Sidlinger was 76 years of age. She was born in Tuscarowas county, Ohio, near New Philadelphia, in 1846, and was educated in the high school at Massillon, Ohio. In the '60s the family moved to Iowa, locating at Newton, Ia.

Dr. Sidlinger had been reared in the same county in Ohio, and after he had come home from the Civil war he went out to Iowa, and in 1868 was married to the young woman he had known in the home county, and took her back to Ohio as his bride. Dr. Sidlinger was engaged in the drug business and as a physician at Napoleon, until they removed to Hutchinson a few years after, where he continued his practice as a physician and druggist.

The Sidlingers had a prominent part in the early history of Hutchinson. The death of Mrs. Sidlinger is mourned by many who knew and loved her.

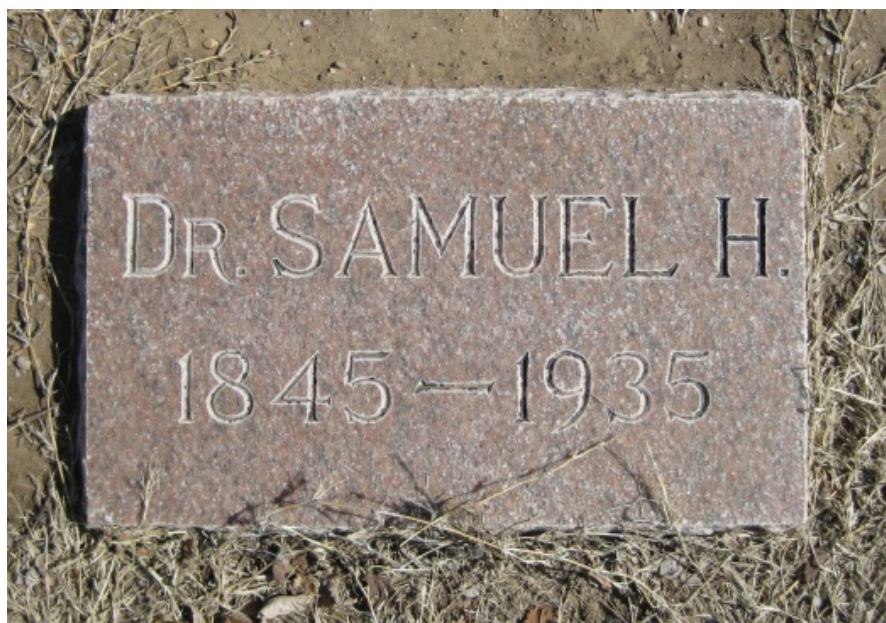
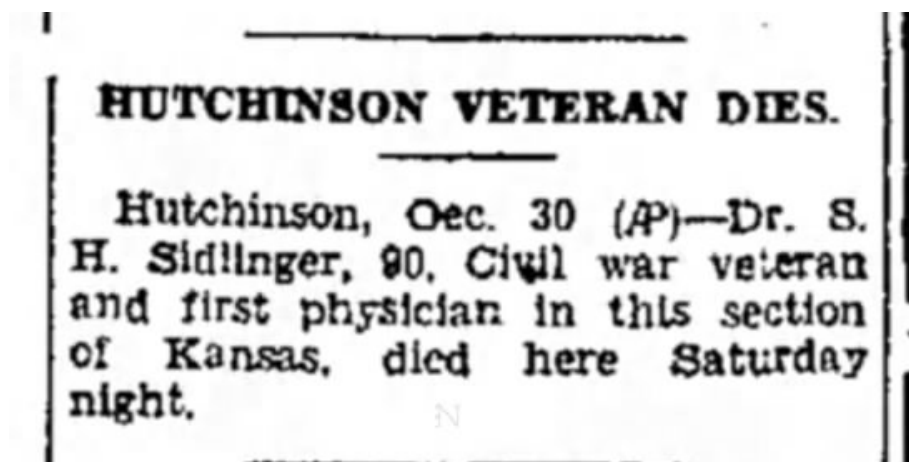
The funeral arrangements will be announced later. The deceased is survived by only one near relative besides the immediate family, a brother, Isaac Welty, living near Memphis, Tenn., on a rice plantation in southeast Arkansas.

⁷ The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson, KS, Wednesday, 20 Dec 1922, pg. 11 (accessed newspapers.com)

⁸ The Hutchinson News, Hutchinson, KS, Friday, 27 Jan 1922, pg. 3 (accessed newspapers.com)

1930 April 18: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Hutchinson, Reno County, KS showed a retired Samuel, living with his widowed daughter Leila and granddaughter, Katherine.

1935 December 28: Dr. Samuel Sidlinger died in Reno County, KS.



⁹ The Emporia Gazette, Emporia, KS, Monday, 30 Dec 1935, pg. 2 (accessed newspapers.com)

¹⁰ findagrave.com