JACOB WISECARVER GOES TO HIS FINAL REST
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One of the Last of the Civil War Veteran Answers His Final Summons and Joins His Civil War Comrades Who Have Gone Before

Jacob Wise carver, one of Grinnell's four remaining Veterans of the Civil War, was called from this life Sunday morning, June 10, 1934, at his home, 1072 High Street, Grinnell, Iowa, to answer his heavenly reveille. He and his sister Sarah were born near Mayville, Iowa, January 29, 1854, children of Samuel and Katherine Schuck Wise carver, making Mr. Wise carver at the time of his death more than ninety years old. His education was obtained in the rural school where the equipment was of most primitive style. He often told his children and grandchildren of the small trees and hand held with pegs. There were no desks except the ones used by the teachers and on this they were taught to write and figure.

When not yet eighteen years of age Mr. Wise carver nears Lincoln's call for volunteers and, on October 1, 1861, he enlisted, and in that same month he was mustered into Company E, 15th Iowa Field Artillery. In February 1864, he was made Fourth Corporal. After the expiration of his first term of service, Mr. Wise carver again enlisted January 1, 1864, and at that time was made Second Corporal. On July 22, 1864, near Atlanta, Georgia, he was wounded and lay on the battlefield twenty-four hours before he was found by the stretcher bearer. Among the battles in which he fought were Shiloh, Tulla and Corinth. On July 21, 1865, at Louisville, Ky. he was mustered out having served almost the duration of the war. The privations and suffering which he endured, during that memorable period from 1861 to 1865, imbued him with a spirit of loyalty and love for his country, for the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, a spirit which seems to be in the heart of every Civil War veteran.

On January 22, 1886 Mr. Wise carver was united in marriage to Miss Frances Roseman, who was a loyal companion and helpmate for sixty-six years. Only two years go death separated them, but they are again united, this time in the presence of God and forever. Our children, Edward, William, George and Mrs. Jesse Dunham, all of Grinnell, survive their parents. Daughter, Mrs. Nettie Coop died in 1920 and a son, Alfred, died in 1936. Sixteen grandchildren and sixteen great grandchildren are left to reverie the memory of a noble generous grandfather. The son, Mr. Sarah Goold, of Kansas and Mrs. Rose Wenderly, a sister but two years younger, also survive their aged brother.
Jacob Wise carver, a twin, was born Jan. 29, 1844, near Maysville to Samuel and Katherine Schuck Wise carver. He was one of only two native Iowans to be represented among the 28 Civil War veterans photographed in 1922. Only ten of the 28 served in Iowa units with the rest serving in regiments from seven other states, showing the massive westward migration in the U.S. underway in the 19th century.

Wise carver attended a rural Iowa school. In his later years he loved to tell his grandchildren how the furniture was so primitive, how the seats were made of logs held together with pegs, and that only the teacher had a desk.

On Oct. 1, 1861, he enlisted in Company E of the 13th Iowa Regiment, known as the Crocker Brigade, at the age of 18. Two years later he was promoted to fourth Corporal, and he moved up to a second Corporal when he re-enlisted as a Veteran.

Wise carver participated in many of the battles in the Union's western and southern campaigns. Among the battles he fought were Shiloh, Juka and Corinth, General Grant's Mississippi Campaign, Grand Gulf, Port Gibson, Raymond, Jackson, Champion's Hill, Big Black River, Vicksburg, Monroe, the Meridian Campaign, Ackworth, Marietta, Kennesaw Mountain, Nickajack Creek, Chattahoochee River, Atlanta, Jonesboro, the pursuit of Confederate General Hood into Alabama, Savannah, March to the Sea, Carolinas, Raleigh, Bennett's House, and the surrender of Confederate General Johnston and his Roseman in Scott County. They had 66 years together. They were the parents of Edward Wise carver, William Wise carver, George Wise carver, Jesse Wise carver Dunham, Nettie Wise carver Coop and Alfred Wise carver who died in infancy.

After their wedding, the young couple went to their farm home near Blue Grass where they experienced the hardships of real pioneer life. In 1881 they ventured farther West and settled on a farm two miles east of the former Grinnell fairgrounds in Section 13 of Grinnell Township, later re-named Grant Township.

They concluded that pioneer life was too much of a hardship and moved to 1021 High St. in Grinnell. They were known to make a home for the homeless, college students or strangers.

Wise carver was one of Grinnell's four remaining Veterans of the Civil War when he departed this life on June 10, 1934, at the age of 90. He was buried at Hazelwood...