

## 15th Indiana Regiment Volunteer Infantry

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#### Date/ Location

April 20, 1861 Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 9, 1861 Camp Morton, Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 10, 1861 Camp Sullivan  
May 12, 1861 Camp Tippecanoe (1/2 mile from Lafayette, Indiana)  
June 25, 1861 Indianapolis, Indiana  
July 3, 1861 Camp Clay, Ohio (Near Cincinnati)  
July 10, 1861 Buchannon, [sic] (West) Virginia  
August 19, 1861 Elk Fork Camp, Tygret [sic] Valley, (West) Virginia  
August 28, 1861 Elk Fork Camp, Randolph County, (West) Virginia  
October 27, 1861 Berberly [sic], Berber County, (West) Virginia  
October 30, 1861 Hublerville [sic], Randolph County, (West) Virginia  
November 18, 1861 Huttensville, [sic] (West) Virginia  
December 4, 1861 Louisville, Kentucky  
December 8, 1861 Camp Buell (Near Louisville, Kentucky)  
December 15, 1861 New Haven, Kentucky  
January 1, 1862 Camp Wickliffe, Laue County, Kentucky  
February 27, 1862 Bowling Green, Kentucky  
March 16, 1862 Camp Andrew Johnston, (Near Nashville, Tennessee)  
March 16, 1862 Pittsburgh Landing, Tennessee  
March 22, 1862 Camped near battlefield, Pittsburgh, Tennessee  
March 25, 1862 Camped near Nashville, Tennessee  
May 12, 1862 Camped near Lick Creek, Mississippi  
May 25, 1862 Camped near Monterey, Mississippi  
May 30, 1862 Camped near Corinth, Mississippi  
June 7, 1862 Camped near Inca, Mississippi  
June 15, 1862 Tuscrumbia, [sic] Alabama  
July 6, 1862 Camped along railroad near Huntsville, Alabama  
July 11 1862 Pelham, Tennessee  
July 29, 1862 Wartrace, Tennessee  
August 5, 1862 Valahoma, [sic] Tennessee  
August 28, 1862 Camped near McMinnisville, [sic] Tennessee  
September 12, 1862 Camped near Bowling Green Kentucky (Marched three weeks from McMinnisville, [sic] Tennessee)  
September 26, 1862 Camped near Louisville, Kentucky  
October 11, 1862 Battle of Perryville, Kentucky Report of Colonel George D. Wagner, 15th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, Commanding 21st Brigade, 6th Division: "Both officers and men acted as cool as if on parade. My force consisted of the 15th Indiana Volunteers, Lieutenant Colonel Wood.  
October 17, 1862 Camped near Craborchard, [sic] Kentucky

October 28, 1862 Camped near Colombia, [sic] Kentucky (Marched from Camp Wildcat to this camp in 4 days. A distance of 80 miles)

November 2, 1862 Camped near Glasgow, Kentucky

November 12, 1862 Silver Springs, Tennessee (18 miles from Nashville)

November 23, 1862 Camped on Stones River, 6 miles from Nashville, Tennessee

December 3, 1862 Camped near Nashville, Tennessee (Captain Beatty, Lieutenant Dean, and Captain White)

January 6, 1863 Nashville, Tennessee – Stones River Battle Report of Brigadier General Thomas J. Wood U.S. Army Commanding First Division “During this attack the 15th Indiana Volunteers, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wood, counter-charged one of the enemy’s regiments and captured 173 prisoners. The capture was from the 20th Louisiana.

January 10, 1863 Camped near Murfreesboro, Tennessee This is a letter written after the Stones River Battle by Private Samuel T. Smith to his wife Lizzie.

Mrs. Smith: I am very happy to inform you that I am still among the land of the living and enjoying good health. And I thank God that such is the case. I have written you frequently that I had never fired a gun at the Rebs, [sic] but I can write you this time that I have fired several. I have seen the elephant, a big one at that. I could tell you things that would make your heart jump out of your mouth if such things could take place. I shall not try to tell you anything only to let you know that I am all right but don’t know how long it will be so. I should have written sooner but did not have the chance as I had no paper and we were moving round so that I could not have a chance to write. I hope that you have heard about me before this time. So that you will not be so uneasy. The 15th Regiment did some master fighting. They whipped three Rebel Regiments, took about 200 prisoners under fire of three batteries of artillery They made two bayonet charges; drove them back slaughtering them like hogs. But our loss was also heavy. There was upwards of 200 killed and wounded. I think the number killed was 45, which is very heavy for the first fight. It is no use to say the Rebels will not fight for they will shoot like devils but they got a good thrashing at this place. At least they left their dead on the field and that is enough to know that they were whipped, and that badly. I cannot tell what will take place in the next month, but I hope that there will be more signs of peace than at present. Some of the Rebs [sic] said that this would be the last fight if they could not hold this place but they are uncertain. We had to lay out without tents from the 26th of December to the 8th of January with our cartridge boxes, haversacks and knapsacks on our backs from morning until night, rain or shine. And rain there was a good deal of before the Rebs [sic] left. If you could have seen a worn out set of men although they were in high spirits and ready to pitch in for anything. We probably get some rest for a few days. Well Lizzie I will come to a close. Give my best wishes to all friends. I got a letter from Pete yesterday. He was well. I have received not one word from you since I left Nashville. So no more at present, I remain as ever your husband. May God bless you all, Samuel T. Smith

June 27, 1863 Camped in a Tennessee valley

July 5, 1863 Pellem, Tennessee

August 20, 1863 Camped in front of Chattanooga, Tennessee

September 13, 1863 Chattanooga, Tennessee

## Information on William Hartman

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According to the 1860 US Census of New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana, William (19) was not married and living with the John Walls' (Walz?) family. His occupation is listed as Shoemaker.

The John Walls family consisted of: John Walls (31), occupation Shoemaker. His Real Estate Value is \$2,000 and his Personal Estate Value is \$800. Born in Germany.

Wife Elizabeth (26). Born in Germany.

Daughters Josephine (7) and Rose (5), both born in Indiana.

Sons Jeany (3) (name could be misread or misspelled) and Charles A. (1 mo.) Ford (23), possibly John Walls' brother, was born in Germany and his occupation is also Shoemaker.

Also living with the Walls' is Bunning Barst (29) (first name could be misread or misspelled). He was born in Germany and his occupation is listed as Shoemaker.

According to the 1880 US Census of Posey County, New Harmony Township, Indiana, William (38) and Margaret (30), had two daughters Caroline (11) and Mary (9). His father Stephen (70) lived with them. William's occupation is listed as Shoemaker. Stephen is also listed as Shoemaker.

According to the 1900 US Census of Posey County, New Harmony Town, Harmony Township, Indiana, William Hartman's occupation is listed as a Florist and Farmer. William Hartman's family consisted of: William (57), his wife Margaret (51), his father Stephen (90), and son Paul (16) who is attending school. He owned a farm, free of mortgage. Hartman had come to the United States in 1852 with his father Stephen.

The following notes have been taken from articles found in the New Harmony, Indiana library, presumably from the New Harmony Times, a local weekly newspaper.

May 1918: Hartman, William, son of Stephen and Annie Marie Walz Hartman. William Hartman, of New Harmony, visited the Island last Monday, riding over with his brother-in-law, Frank Arnoldy. Some changes he found since he hunted squirrels and turkeys at the Ridge and Beaver Pond about 50 years ago. Though about 77 years of age, Mr. Hartman walked the 5 miles on return to his home in the afternoon, one of his longest "hikes" since his army services during the civil war of 1861-5.

April 1919: The Star (a Mount Vernon newspaper) says William Hartman, age 77, was granted full naturalization papers last week by Judge Clements. He was born at Baden, Germany, Feb 24th, 1842, and came to the United States in 1850 (1852) – soon going to New Harmony, where he has resided almost continuously about 65 years. He served four years with Union army in the Civil War, has a son serving through the war with Germany, and a grandson who entered the U.S. service last summer.

February 1927: William Hartman, one of the few surviving Civil War soldiers here, was 86 years of age yesterday. He has been in very feeble health for some weeks past, but lately recovered considerable strength.

William Hartman: b. 1841 d. 1928

Married: Margaret Arnoldy

Had 3 children: Paul – married Anita (a German girl) Maymie – married James Haynie  
Caroline – married Clarence Miller and J. C. Miller

CIVIL WAR VET TAKEN BY DEATH (newspaper clipping): New Harmony, June 15, 1928 – William Hartman, 87, veteran of the Civil War, died at his home on Main street at 10 o'clock this morning, following a lingering illness. Funeral services will be held at the home at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon with the Reverend C. H. McKnight officiating. Burial will be in Maple Hill cemetery.

Hartman was born in (Baden) Germany and came to this country with his parents when nine years old. He has been a resident of New Harmony since that time, with the exception of the years spent in the war. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James Haney of Milwaukee, Wis., and Mrs. Carrie Miller of this city, which whom he made his home, and one son, Paul, of Princeton, N.J.

1928: WILLIAM HARTMAN

Near Oldest New Harmony Man Passed Away.

William Hartman, said to be oldest man in New Harmony with one exception (John Woods) died Thursday night June 14th at his home on south Main street, after many months of failing health and illness.

Deceased was a native of Baden, Germany, born February 23rd, 1841, and came to the United States in 1850 from Havre, France, later to this place, where he has since resided except during four years Civil War service and a short time in Evansville.

At the age of 20, he went with 15th Regiment Indiana Volunteers to the Civil War, and re-enlisted at expiration of his term. He took part in some of the hardest conflicts, and at battle of Stone's [sic] River was badly wounded, lying helpless for hours on the field without surgical attention. From this wound he recovered, but its effects gave him considerable pain and trouble during the remainder of his life. April 28th, 1868, he married Miss. Margaret Arnoldy, who passed away some 11 years ago. Three children survive them: Mrs. Carrie Miller; Mrs. James Haney, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Paul Hartman, of Princeton, N.J. The latter was in the World War, and went to France with the first U.S. soldiers across the sea.

Mr. Hartman was a shoemaker by trade, and followed that business here for many years. In 1902-1904 he was a member of town council.

Funeral took place from the home Sunday afternoon, 2 o'clock, with interment at Maple Hill. Services conducted by Reverence C. H. McKnight, of St. Stephen's Church.

Attending the funeral from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Emil Niednagel, Mr. and Mrs. John Denninger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Denninger, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Gentry, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pfobl, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Paul Lee and family of Evansville, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bartel

Miller, and Mrs. Ralph Mann, of Mt. Carmel. Mr. and Mrs. John Gempler, Alvin Gempler and Will Gempler, of Mt. Vernon. Miss Meadow, Fred Miller, of Chicago. Stephen Hartman (father of William Hartman) was also oldest man in New Harmony at time of his death in 1902 – in his 93rd year.

1928: Death came to William Hartman, aged citizen, Thursday night at 11 o'clock and removed from New Harmony a familiar figure. He had been ill for several weeks, and for the past two years the weaknesses incidental to advanced years had kept him confined to his home where the ministrations of a faithful and loving daughter had made his last days comfortable and his continued existence possible. At the time of his death Mr. Hartman was aged 87 years, 3 months and 19 days. The deceased was born February 23, 1841 in Baden, Germany. When nine years of age he came to this country with his parents, landing at the port of New Orleans. The family settled in Evansville for a short time but soon removed to New Harmony where the deceased has lived ever since. When the Civil War broke out in 1861 Mr. Hartman was one of the first to join the Union's cause, enlisting in Company B 15th Indiana. At the end of three years his enlistment expired when he again enlisted, this time in Company K 19th Indiana. He was in the siege of Chattonooga [sic] and was wounded at Missionary Ridge. Mr. Hartman was united in marriage April 28, 1869 to Miss Margaret Arnoldy who departed this life March 30, 1917. From this union three children survive, these being Mrs. Carrie Miller of this place, Mrs. James Haney of Milwaukee and Paul J. Hartman of Princeton, New Jersey. Also one grandson, Dr. Elmer Hartman Miller of Jasonville, Indiana.

The deceased was endowed with industrious habits and great integrity. He was a staunch friend, a good neighbor and a useful citizen.

For several terms he was a member of the town council. The funeral of this respected citizen occurred Sunday afternoon with interment at Maple Hill. His active pallbearers were members of the American Legion with the remaining members of his comrades in arms serving in the capacity of honorary pallbearers.