

Andrew Rhoads Obituary

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Who was a shoemaker, was a native of Pennsylvania, where he secured a common school education. He was a splendid mechanic. It is said of him that he could take a man's measure for a pair of boots one morning and have them ready to wear the next. In politics he was a Republican. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and took an active part in religious work; he was very conscientious and always endeavored to do what was right. At the beginning of the Civil War he closed his shop and volunteered his services, going at once to the front. He was killed December 31, 1862, at the Battle of Stone [sic] River, being the first man from Fairmount Township to lay down his life in defense of his country. His remains were buried in the Stone [sic] River National Cemetery. [Note: His plot is N-5460] Andrew Rhoads married Sarah Mann, born in Indiana, and a daughter of Andrew and Martha Mann. To this marriage was born John L. Rhoads and Jennie (Rhoads) Thorn. John L. Rhoads was born November 19, 1858. He was married November 14, 1887, and his children are Glen, Bessie, Alta, Blanche and Lillian. Their present home is at Fairmount. Jennie was born December 6, 1860; married August 17, 1889, and her children are Hassel, Walter and Lloyd, all of whom reside near Gaston, Indiana. Sarah (Mann) Rhoads had two brothers in the Civil War, namely John and Andrew. They contracted the measles while in the service and died. Andrew Jackson Mann, father of Sarah, John and Andrew, also served in the Union Army during the War.

[image-Andrew Rhoads in his uniform holding a rifle]