

This collection of Civil War letters are from John H. Mills to his family in Guilford Township, Hendricks County, Indiana (near Mooresville, Morgan County, Indiana). The letters were written between August 1862 and June 1865. John Mills was in the 12<sup>th</sup> Regiment Indiana Volunteers. He enlisted as a private and was discharged as a Corporal. Most men in that regiment were mustered in from the Mooresville, Indiana area. His letters come from several notable locations, including Chattanooga, TN; Grand Junction, TN; Jackson, MS; Scottsboro, AL and Atlanta, GA.

John Mills survived the war and returned home to marry Harriet Kellum (Hattie). Their adventures continued until John's death in 1923. He and wife Harriet are buried in the Mooresville (IN) Cemetery.

The composite portrait of oval photograph is of the Mills family. They are identified as:

William Clarkson Mills and Rebecca Hadley Mills (parents, bottom of picture)

The girl in the center is Mary Ellen Mills Macy.

The boys (from l-r): Charles H., Oliver, Aaron, Amos and John H. Mills.



John Mills  
(Civil War)



John H. Mills

Harriet Kellum Mills (Mathe)

## OBITUARY.

John H. Mills, oldest son of William C. and Rebecca Mills, was born on the farm where his parents first settled three and a half miles northwest of Mooresville, Sept. 14, 1849. Entered into rest January 3, 1923, aged 73 years, three months and 19 days. His parents were among the pioneers in the White Lick Friends Church and an inheritance which he always prized was a birthright membership in the church. His earlier school days were spent in the White Lick school, west of town, maintained by Friends, and he was a student in the Friends Academy, now the Mooresville High School until he answered his country's call and enlisted in Co. E., 12th Regt., Indiana Volunteers. He entered the army as a private and received honorable discharge as a corporal June 5, 1865, after which he continued his studies in the Mooresville school. On October 15, 1868 he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Kellum, who survives him after more than fifty-four years of almost constant companionship. All their married life was spent in or near Mooresville except a period of near four years spent in Texas. While there they experienced a great sorrow, in the death of their first born, a daughter, Laura. The surviving children are one daughter, Mrs. Luke Creven and an only son Arthur at home with his parents and one little granddaughter. Another daughter, Mrs. Bertha Johnson died several years ago. The remaining members of his father's family are four brothers, Charles, of Manatel, Florida; O. H. Mills and Amos Mills Mooresville and Aaron of California. His only sister, Mrs. Wayne Macy, died many years ago.

John Mills was a man among men. He was not only the worthy head of his family, a devoted husband and father, but public spirited, and every trust imposed in him was handled conscientiously and efficiently. He was elected and served four years as township trustee and afterward made a member of the school board, where he served six years, and in all matters in connection with his official duties he sought the advancement and careful training of the youth of the community. He was a member of the Library Board and attended the last regular meeting in October a short time before he became ill. He had for many years been a member of the S. K. Harryman Post, G. A. R., for which he kept the honor roll and some historical records of his comrades in arms. Although valiant as a soldier and a citizen who supported all organizations that raised the standard of citizenship he at all times considered the church as the highest of orders and from the time of his conversion when a mere youth, his integrity and his careful deliberations before expressing an opinion, his genuine sincerity and faithfulness in giving first things first place, brought blessings to himself in such measure that he was a blessing to his church and to the community. And now that his earthly career is ended, the spirit that permeated and guided his daily life, like the descending sun, when he scatters his beams at eventide, will leave a beautiful afterglow of precious memories and wholesome influence.

(Source unknown)

**John H. Mills**, son of William and Rebecca Mills, passed away Wednesday morning, Jan. 3, at his home on east Harrison street, in his eightieth year. He has been in failing health for two or three years, but had been confined to his room about two mo. Death was caused by cancer of the liver and other complications. He was a veteran of the Civil War, a member of Co. E. 12th regt. of the Indiana Volunteers. He served under Capt. S. M. Rooker. He was a member of the S. K. Harriman post and for years has kept a complete record. He was a birthright member of the Friends church, has always been active in church and civic affairs. He was an efficient member of the school board for a number of years, and was a member of the Library board at the time of his death. Funeral services were held at the Friends church this afternoon at 1:30 and will be reported next week. Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter Mrs. Earl Craven, and one son, Arthur Mills, of the immediate family. He has four brothers, Charles, of Manatee, Floriad, A. H. (Richard), of California, Oliver H. and Amos H. Mills, of this place.

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