## Cape Girardeau County

**Meier, William Fredrick** (13 May 1841 – 9 Jun 1940). A resident of Jackson, MO, who according to the Sikeston Herald dated 13 Jun 1940, was the last soldier of Cape Girardeau County. There is no unit information about him yet. He was the son of Frederick & Fredericka Meier and the husband of Wilhelmina. He was buried at Russell Heights.

From the Sikeston Herald, page 12: Jackson – W.F. Meier, oldest citizen of Cape Girardeau county and its last Civil War veteran, died Sunday at the home of a son, H.R. Meier. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Meier, who was born in Braunschweig, Germany, on May 13, 1841, was more than 99 years of age at the time of his death. He came to this country at the age of 8 years, and had lived most of his life in Cape county.

From the Sikeston Herald, 16 May 1940, page 7 Jackson- W.F. Meier, known as "Boss Meier," of Jackson celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary Monday. Meier, who is said to be the only living Civil War veteran in Cape Girardeau county, served with the Missouri Militia during the Civil War and also saw service as driver of "government wagons" hauling supplies south from the terminus of the Missouri Pacific or Iron Mountain road at Pilot Knob, Mo. **Kistner, Henry C.** (7 May 1840 - 7 Nov 1932). Enlisted in September 1862 in the 29th Missouri Infantry Co F. Wounded November 27, 1863 at Taylor's Ridge near Ringgold, GA. Buried Egypt Mills, MO.