

Audrain County

Thompson, William Erskine, (15 Oct 1843- 14 Jun 1939) Pvt Co B 137th Pennsylvania Inf. Buried Laddonia Cemetery.

Freyer, Jacob (30 Jan 1843 - Jan 1938) Martinsburg Monitor, (Martinsburg, Audrain County, MO), Thursday, 3 February 1938, Vol. 19, No. 16, p.1, col. 2.;

JACOB FREYER, 95, DIES

Was Oldest Man and Last Audrain Civil War Veteran

In the death of Jacob Freyer, which occurred at his home in Laddonia Friday, this part of the county lost it's oldest citizen and last surviving Civil War Veteran. Mr. Freyer was buried on his 95th birthday.

Jacob Freyer was born in Württemberg, Germany, Jan. 30, 1843. At the age of four years he came with his parents to the United States and they located on a farm at Cottleville, St. Charles County. He enlisted in Krekel's Company, 1st Battalion, at the age of 19 years and was honorably discharged on Dec. 20, 1862. He then located at Jerseyville, Ill., where he was married to Miss Rosa Ghlox (Glohr), in 1867. To this union two children were born, William of near Laddonia and Helen, deceased. Mrs. Freyer died in 1871. On April 28, 1875 he married to Miss Estamonia Birkenmeyer and they located on a farm between Martinsburg and Laddonia where they lived for many years. Seven children were born to

this marriage, Etta, Grace, George, Maud, Pearl, Charles, and Leslie. Of these children three survive, Mrs. Pearl Morris of Centralia, Leslie and Charles who live between Martinsburg and Laddonia. The second Mrs. Freyer died September 11, 1890. On June 11, 1892 he was married to Mathilda Zimmerman, who survives and is almost 92 years old. Besides his wife and children he leaves 18 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

In April 1913 he retired from farming and bought a home in Laddonia where he lived until his death.

The funeral was conducted at the Laddonia Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and burial was in the Laddonia Cemetery.

Mr. Freyer was an outstanding citizen of this community for many years. He was a successful farmer, and excellent neighbor, and a man devoted to his family and his home. He remained active until a few years ago when enfeebled by the infirmities of age he was obliged to give up all activities. For the past months he had been seriously ill, with no hopes for his recovery. He will be long remembered in this community where he lived since 1875.

The Monitor joins in extending heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family.