

Civil War Union veteran, 19th Indiana Infantry, Company F. He was mustered into the service on July 29, 1861 and discharged early in the war because of disability. In 1863, he served three months as a Corporal in Company I of the 54th Indiana Infantry. He filed for and started to receive a pension in 1878.

OBITUARY

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About fifteen years ago Mr. Sharp came to Portland and for a time was employed on the Inlander and the Jay County Republican as a printer and some two years later accepted a like position on THE SUN where he remained until his death. He was of a quiet disposition and devoted to his duties. In 1895 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Martha Morehous, who survives him.

He also leaves one son who is engaged in the newspaper work at Lincoln, Illinois, but was unable to attend the funeral.

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T. J. Sharp, the veteran printer who had been employed on THE SUN for more than thirteen years, died suddenly Friday evening from a hemorrhage of the lungs, while in pursuit of his daily work. About five o'clock he left this office with a basket of papers enroute to the post office. When in front of the courthouse, he was seized with a hemorrhage of the lungs and setting down the basket, he made his way to the curbing where the hemorrhage became more severe, the rush of blood suffocating him before medical aid could arrive.

Deputy Coroner Perry was summoned and the body taken to Hines & Stolz's Undertaking Parlors and from there to his home on East High Street. The funeral services were conducted from the East Main Street Christian Church, Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. O. A. Harris officiating.

Mr. Sharp was a member of Stephen J. Bailey Post, No. 59, GAR of this city; Olive Branch Lodge No 2, K of P and Center Lodge F&AM, both of Indianapolis. The Portland members of all three of these orders attended the funeral in a body, the burial ceremony at the cemetery being conducted by the Masonic Order.

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