

Robert Lanning was born June 6, 1817 and was the son of Ezekial and Louise Lanning. He was a farmer. On Feb. 5. 1848 he married Mary Eloisa Schoonover. Together they had 8 children. Mary died in 1864, and Robert remarried to Dorcus Johnson (had 1 daughter) and then Mary Barnes (had 4 children) whom he spent the rest of his life with.

Robert Lanning served in the Civil War, story goes he went in another man's place who was drafted. He served in the 88th Indiana Union Infantry, Company F, Private. The 88th was organized out of Fort Wayne, Indiana and Mustered in August 29, 1862. Robert was taken prisoner on December 31, 1862 at Murfreesboro, Tennessee during the Battle of Stone River. He was held until February 1863. He was not treated well, took sick and suffered the rest of his life from the injuries or sickness he obtained while in captivity. This resulted in an invalid pension from the government. Robert died October 17, 1905.

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