

Lewis Beard was born May 27, 1840, near Salem in Jay County and died at his home in Salamonia on October 2, 1906; aged 66 years, 4 months and 5 days. He was married October 31, 1869 to Elizabeth A. White by Jacob Bickle, J.P. To this union were born five children, 4 boys and 1 girl. He was preceded to the spirit world by one son and the only daughter.

Lewis Beard enlisted from Jay County September 4, 1861 and was mustered into the United States service at Columbus, Ohio, September 25, 1862 as a private of Co. F 40<sup>th</sup> Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain John L. Reeves and Col. Jonathan Cranor to serve three years during the war. He was honorably discharged on December 31, 1863 at Shell Mound, Tennessee.

He leaves a wife, three sons, they being Charles and Linus living at Salamonia and Warfield Beard, employed in the Wehrly Jewelry Store.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist Church at Salamonia Thursday, October 4, conducted by the Rev. S. A. Armstrong, assisted by the Rev. Pfeifer after which the remains were laid to rest on the hill in the Salamonia Cemetery only a few rods south of his home where he had lived for the past fifty years.

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