

Burdine was one of the earliest members of the Salamonia Christian Church, being listed on the membership roll as of 26 Jan 1854.

Burdine (probably William Burdine) Isenhardt was the son of William Isenhardt and Mary (Glassford) Isenhardt, being born 22 Dec 1832 (date from Greg Sommer).

On 7 Dec 1854 Burdine married Nancy Oehler (Nancy Allen in online marriage record) in Jay County. They had at least 5 children: William, Elias, Harvey Wilson, John Oliver Perry Morton, and Hosea T. Burdine was a farmer by trade.

According to his military record, "Berdine" was drafted as a Private into the Union Army on 22 Oct 1864: Co. C, Indiana 40th Inf. While on furlough from the Army the following incident is recorded in the Journals of Josiah V. Thompson:

In the interview with John Oliver Perry Morton Isenhardt on November 26, 1926, "Mort" recalls how his father, Birdine died. "When home from the Civil War on a furlough . . . from damp gas in digging a well and has a soldiers marker in the old graveyard at Salamonia."

Also mentioned in Wayne Co. Indiana Archives Bible Records - William Isenhardt Family Bible (extracted from Josiah V. Thompson Journals), "Birdine was killed by being overcome by gas in digging a well for his brother, George, west of Salamonia and he is buried there. He had about six children."

According to his military record, Berdine was mustered out of the Army on 13 Jun 1865. This should be his death date.

On 12 Oct 1873 Nancy Oehler Isenhardt married second David Immanuel Sommer.

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