

Jacob S. Craul

Battery A 3rd PA Heavy Artillery
Co. E 188th Regt. PA Vol. Inf.

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CIVIL WAR VETERAN, 83 AND BLIND, DIES

Jacob Craul expired from influenza at daughter's home at Mt. Washington.

Mt. Washington, June 3---Jacob S. Craul, blind Civil War Veteran, died at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel A. Brenneman, near this place. He was aged 83 years, 10 months, and eight days. Besides the daughter with whom he resided, Mr. Craul leaves two sons, John Craul of York and William Craul of New York.

During the Civil War, he served with the 188th regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The funeral will be held from the late residence on Tuesday, with a short service at the house at 9:30 am and further services at the Evangelical church at Manchester. Rev. Ralph Smith, pastor. Interment will be in Union cemetery at Manchester. Arrangements are in charge of Funeral Director C. Henry Quickel, of near Dover.

June 5. The funeral of Jacob S. Craul, blind Civil War Veteran, who died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Samuel Brenneman, near Mt. Washington, Saturday afternoon, was held from his late residence at 9:30 today. After brief services at the house, concluding services were conducted at St. Paul's Evangelical church, Manchester, with the pastor. Rev. Ralph Smith, officiating. The pallbearers were: Clayton Fink, Peter Strine, E. C. Harkett, Wilbert Ort, Latimor Crone and Charles Brandt. Interment was made in the Union Cemetery.

The son of John & Catherine (Slothower) Croul, in 1860 he was a miller and farmer living in Dover Township, York County, Pennsylvania. He stood 5' 10" tall and had brown hair and gray eyes.

A Civil War veteran, he enlisted and mustered into federal service at Philadelphia February 4, 1864, as a private with Battery A, 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery (152nd Pa). On April 1, 1864, responding to orders of Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, much of the 3rd Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery transferred to the 188th Pennsylvania Infantry with Jacob assigned to Co. E. He honorably discharged with his company December 14, 1865.

He married Mary Ellen Books and fathered John I. (b. 04/30/71), William Books (b. 10/13/74), and Laura F. (b. 05/03/78 - married Samuel Brenneman). He died at age 83-10-8 near Mt. Washington, Conewago Township, York County, from "influenza" with "old age" a contributing factor. His surname was also spelled "Krall" and "Crowl."