

Sylvester and Clay Leaming Files

[image: photo of Sylvester Leaming in his uniform with caption: Born 9/30/1838 Died Civil War]

[image: photo of Sylvester Leaming's headstone with inscription: 9924 SYLVESTER LEAMING
CORP'L IND.]

Background Information

Sylvester Leaming was b 8.30.1838 in Tippecanoe, Indiana and d 6.14.1864 from wounds received at Stones River. He was 25. He is buried in the Nashville National Cemetery.

General Index Card

Leaming Sylvester

Co. A, 40 Indiana Infantry.

Corp Sgt

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GENERAL INDEX CARD.

This record must not be taken from the files.

The Leaming's were very much a patriotic family with all who were eligible to serve doing their part.

Sylvester served in the 40th Indiana Infantry, Co. A, holding ranks as a Corporal and Seargant [sic]. His brother Cyrus served in the Indiana 5th Cavalry Co. K, his brother Clay served with the 17th Indiana Co. B., David served with Co B of the 8th Indiana Cavalry, Enoch Co H, 142nd Indiana Infantry, George Co I, 11th Indiana Infantry, John Co A and E, 155th Indiana Infantry and Marshall 9th Indiana Light Artillery.

[image: photo of Cyrus Leaming with caption: Born 9/30/1835 Died 5/5/1913 5th Indiana Cavalry, Co. K, Sgt.]

[image: photo presumably of Clay Leaming with caption: Company B, Seventeenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry]

Clay Leaming

CLAY LEAMING - For fully two score years Mr. Clay Leaming has been representative citizen of McDonald township, Jasper county, Missouri and here he is engaged in general farming and stock-raising on a finely improved estate of two hundred and eighty acres of some of the finest land in this section of the state. He was the popular and

efficient incumbent of the office of judge of the eastern district of Jasper county during the years 1894 to 1896 and in every possible connection has contributed to progress and improvement.

Judge Leaming was born in Tippecanoe county, Indiana on the 2nd of September, 1840 and he a son of George and Juliet Leaming, who on coming to Missouri, settled on McDonald township. The father followed farming as a vocation during the major portion of his active career and he died on the 14th of March 1879, his wife passing away on the 11th of December, 1901. The judge passed his boyhood and youth in the place of his birth, where he availed himself of the advantages afforded in the district schools. At the time of the inception of the Civil War he was engaged in farm work in Tippecanoe county, Indiana, but he immediately gave evidence of his intrinsic loyalty to the cause of the north by enlisting for service as a soldier in Company B, Seventeenth Indiana Volunteer Infantry. He saw hard service in West Virginia, pursued the rebels after the battle of Phillipi and remained in West Virginia until December 1861. Later the scene of his military operations was in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi and Georgia, and some of the important engagements in which he participated were Perryville, Shiloh, Stone's River and numerous others. He was slightly wounded in a skirmish in West Virginia but was never seriously hurt.

He was mustered out of service at Columbia, Tennessee and received his honorable discharge at Indianapolis, Indiana in the year 1864. After the close of his military service Judge Leaming went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he took up and completed a commercial course in a prominent business college. In 1865 he went to Iowa, where he was engaged in farming until 1869.

Coming to Jasper county, Missouri in the latter year, he purchased a tract of eighty acres of land in McDonald township, where he has since maintained a high state of cultivation. In addition to general farming, Judge Leaming is greatly interested in the raising of thoroughbred stock and in both those connections he has achieved remarkable success.