

George William, third son of Silas and Malinda Starkey, was born near Newcomers Town, Coshocton County, Ohio, Dec. 11th, 1843. When about one year old he removed with his parents to a farm in Franklin Township adjoining the Muskingum Co. line. He grew to manhood in said Township.

He united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in his 16th year and was elected Superintendent of S. School two years later but the rebellion being then in force, he volunteered in Co. I. 97th O. V. I. on Aug. 10th, 1862 and served until the reg't was mustered out June 10th 1865. He Rec'd a buckshot in right wrist, also a minnie ball through the right leg fust below the knee in the battle of Missionary Ridge, Nov. 25th 1863. This left him slight crippled but he again joined the ranks of his company and remained on duty until mustered out of the Service.

He was married to Catharine A. Piper on Sept. 21th 1866. To this union was born one child, now Mrs. Lily E. Hood of Greenville, Illinois. He removed to Martin Co. Ind. in the summer of 1868 where his wife died Nov. 10th 1868. He then returned to Ohio with his little girl and made his home with his Parents until April 4th 1871 when he was united in marriage to Sophia C. Rachel. They removed to LaCleda, Ill. on April 19th 1871. To this union were born two sons. The older one, Homer, now lives in Jefferson City, Mo. The younger, Luther, died when three years old. His wife, Sophia C. died Sept. 29th 1883.

He was again united in marriage to Clive A. Littleton Jan. 31st 1884. To this union was born one son, George A., living at present in Lone Grove, west of Farina. Clive Augusta Vincent Starkey died Feb. 11th 1905.

On Nov. 28th 1907, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Bethena Bundy who is still living, at this writing.

After moving from Ohio, he did not settle near any Evangelical Lutheran Church but took part in whatever church was near at hand, have served as Bible Class teacher in the M. E. Church, the Presbyterian Church and also in the Christian Church. He also served as superintendent of Sunday School as well as Church and S. S. Chorister near 20 years. He became firmly fixed in the belief that is the love and Grace of God was not in control of the heart, being identified with an organization was of little value.

Written by G. W. Starkey  
at Farina, Ill. Feb. 18, 1919.

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George William, third son of Silas and Lalinda Starkey, was born near Newcomestown, Coshocton Co. Ohio Dec. 11th 1843. When about one year old he moved with his parents to the southern part of the county on a farm adjoining Muskingum Co.

When in his 18th year, he enlisted in Co. I, 97th O. V. I., was mustered into service Aug. 10th 1862. With his regiment he was placed in the army of the Cumberland, 2nd Brigade, 2nd Division, 4th Corps, where he took part in the marchings and Countermarchings of that part of the Army and took part in the skirmishes and battles incident thereto viz -- <sup>11/25/1863</sup> Ferryville, Stone River, Missionary Ridge where he was shot in the right arm by buckshot and through the right leg just below the knee by a minnie ball from which he came near death from bleeding. Froze his foot until the hide and every toe nail came off. At daybreak next morning by sitting with the ambulance driver, got a chance to be taken back to town. After arriving at the third church we were carried into the building. The floor with a gum blanket for a bed and a rock for a pillow was resting place for three weeks. Then we were put in the field hospital to meet the cold New Year, the first day of 1864. I do not know words to fitly describe this part of the incident so I will leave it undescribed.

From here I was sent back to Nashville in Feb. On Mar. 20th started home on furlough. Started back to Nashville June 10th. Was ordered to Seminary Hospital by Governor Todd and later sent to Todd Barracks.

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Rejoined my Company in the 2nd fight at Nashville. Marched to Huntsville, Ala, then to Knoxville, Tenn. We were moved on out southeast to where the R. R. was torn up and stopped there to repair the R.R. so as to keep supplies in reach. While engaged in this work, President Lincoln was assassinated. This threw a terrible gloom over the entire army. Before we had recovered from this sad shock, we received word that Lee had surrendered his army to U. S. Grant. This caused great rejoicing. After a fortnight we were sent back to Nashville, Tenn. where we were mustered out of the Service June 10th 1865 having served 2 years and 10 months, the Regiment having been under fire 220 days and having marched from Louisville, Ky. to Atlanta, Georgia, then back to Nashville, Tenn. then back to Huntsville, Ala. besides numerous trips for forage scouting, reconnoitering, etc. Wading all streams that could be waded, clothing wet and froze on us and even getting mouldy on our backs for want of an opportunity to dry out. This is but a few hints of what we passed through.

We were then taken to Columbus, O. where we turned our guns over to the state, received our pay, was disbanded and sent home, citizens once more, but a very small showing from what we were three years before.

On Sept. 4th 1866 we s married to Catharine A. Piper. In Aug. 1868 we moved to Martin Co. Ind. near Harrisonville, landing there Sept. 6th 1868. On Nov. 10th she passed away, aged 2<sup>3</sup>rs, 7 months and 8 days.

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I then sold out and with my little girl (now Mrs. Lily E. Hood of Greenville, Ill.) went back to Ohio to leave Lily with my mother, she being 1 year, 2 months and 6 days old when her mother died. I taught school a few terms and on April 4th 1871 was united in marriage to Sophia C. Rechel at ~~X~~anesville, Ohio.

We moved directly to LaClede, Ill. and settled three miles east and 3/4 mile south of LaClede. There were two sons born to this union. Homer is now living in Jefferson City, Mo. Luther died Oct. 9, 1877 at the age of three years and 11 days. On Sept. 29th 1883, Sophia passed into eternity aged 39 years, 7 months, and 7 days.

During the next year, Jan. 31st, 1884, was united in wedlock to Olive A. Littleton. To this union one son was born, George A. Starkey, of Farina, Ill. On Feb. 11th, 1905 she too passed into the beyond, aged 56 years and 19 days.

Soon after George A. was married and I turned things over to him thinking to live with them but after a time the desire for a home of my own became to strong that on Nov. 28th 1907, I was united in marriage to Mrs. Bethena Bundy. This is now Jan. 17th 1916.

Religiously I united with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Coshocton Co. Ohio in my 16th year. In the spring of '62 I was elected Superintendent of the Sunday School.

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I served until August when I gave my time and service to the government to help put down that Cruel rebellion. At the close of my army service I was given a certificate for faithful and meritorius conduct and for honest upright conduct while in the service by Rev. McFarland, chaplain of the regiment.

After leaving Ohio I never settled where it was convenient to attend Lutheran Church. That being true here in Ill. I cast my lot with the M. E.'s. In Missouri the M. E.'s were in so much discord, I cast my lot with the Christian Church. In Ind. I worked with the Presbyterians but did not become a church member. After settling down here in Farina and noting the worldly tendency of the so-called church and the sanctioning of the same by the ministry and the unscriptural teaching of the so called church, I requested my name taken off their book, feeling assured that I can live a more acceptable life in God's sight in all earnestness than I can where I am a part of or a party to church fairs, bazaars and a number of other things they practise and uphold that are wholly unscriptural. To my own Master I stand or fall. I served as Supt. of S. S. nearly 20 years and chorister as well as church chorister about 12 years.

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