

SYLVESTER P. HART

Sylvester P. Hart was born in 1835 in Winsor county, Vermont. We find Sylvester P. Hart and his wife Frances or Fanny Brown Hart in the early (1860-1890) record of the Medaryville Methodist Church and its Circuits. However, there seems to be no definite record that he was a minister of the church. We find the couple listed in various early classes at Independence; and in one listing, he was reported as deceased. In the membership list we find Frances (Fanny) listed as Fanny Hart, wife, then widow of Sylvester P. Hart; then as wife of William F. Anderson.

Most of the information we have about Sylvester Hart came from Archive records pertaining to his service in the Union Army during the Civil war, and pensions for his minor children after his death.

He enlisted at LaPorte, Ind., on the 28th. of Jan., 1865 for a period of one year, giving his age as 22 years. He was described as a farmer, with hazel eyes, brown hair, fair complexion, 5'10 1/2" high, a private in Co. A, 151 Regt., Indiana Infantry; and was mustered out with the company on Sep. 19, 1865 at Nashville, Tenn., disabled by disease of the stomach and bowels.

He died in 1872. He had been united in marriage Dec. 23, 1858 to Miss Frances Angeline Brown, in Morgan county, Indiana.

Application was filed Feb. 5, 1890 for a Guardian for minor children stating that Sylvester had died in Gillam township on Oct. 2, 1872 and that the mother of the children had re-married William Anderson. The children were listed as Flora E., b. 11-18-1859; Frank M., b. 11-9-1863; Ida M., b. 1-5-1872. In an affidavit appeared Asa C. Prevo and James Antrim of Rensselaer, testifying to the truth of the facts as stated.

It has been said that both Sylvester Hart and William Anderson were pastors of the Independence Church. These people are all buried there in Independence Cemetery, William Anderson beside his first wife, Catherine Preston Anderson. Sylvester Hart, Frances Brown Hart and children aged one, two, and four years of age; Flora Hart and her husband Preston M. Querry; and Ida Hart Minshall, all in the South Section.