

Streets were named to honor local veterans

Two of Bloomington's streets were named for military veterans, who served in different wars.

GRIMES LANE is named for Major Silas Grimes, the youngest of 13 children, whose parents settled in Clear Creek Township in 1816. He was born on the family's 160-acre farm and received what the *Histories of Morgan, Monroe and Brown Counties* called "a good education."

It is likely that young Grimes intended to be a farmer like his father, but events in history changed his plans. As the tensions between the northern and southern states mounted, Monroe County citizens were holding heated meetings at the courthouse. Even before the attack on Ft. Sumpter, there were emotional debates about whether the federal government should

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adopt a policy of reconciliation with the south.

Grimes may have attended some of those courthouse meetings. Meanwhile, some of his neighbors openly sided with the Confederates. Considering that his parents were born in Virginia and Kentucky, Grimes could have had mixed feelings about the issue.

IN JUNE of 1861, Capt. James Kelly recruited Grimes for the Union Army for a three-month

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