

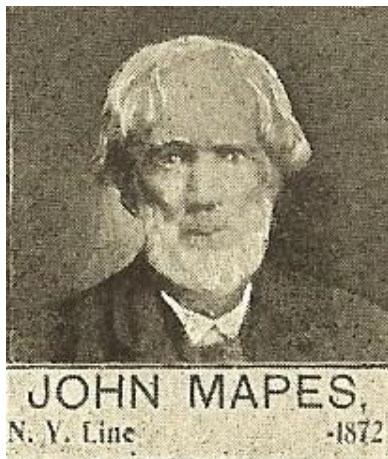
John Mapes 1788-1872

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John Mapes, served, I think, in the New York militia on the Canadian frontier in the war of 1812. I have an impression that he was a native of the State of New York. He was an early settler, but not one of the earliest. Being much given to dissipation, he never performed any labor worth mentioning, relying upon the industry of his wife and children for support. He was not quarrel-some, and when sober (which was very seldom), he conducted himself quite properly, and was always regarded as truthful and honest. He received a land warrant and drew a pension, the same as granted to all the surviving soldiers of 1812. His last place of residence was near Elizabethtown, where he died at an advanced age in the winter of 1872-3.



John Mapes was born in New York state, about 1788. He married Bethiah Oulds, May 17, 1808 in Genessee Co., NY. He had three children known to us, and likely several others:

- Emanuel, born Mar. 19, 1809, Genessee Co., NY, died Oct. 19, 1879, Decatur Co., IA;
- Mary G. Mapes, born about 1815 Indiana, married Robert Gilbreath, 1839 in Jennings Co. She died 1870-1880 in Bartholomew Co., burial unknown;
- Phoebe Mapes, born Sept. 29, 1824, Columbus, married Francis Austin in 1845, in Bartholomew Co. She died Sept. 8, 1910, Hancock Co., IL.

John Mapes was enumerated on the 1850 census with the Gilbreaths, but not counted on either the 1860 or 1870 censuses, even though he continued to reside in Bartholomew Co. His wife died 1840-1850. Their burial places are unknown; their son-in-law Robert Gilbreath has a marked grave at Harmony Burial Ground (Section Cemetery), which is probably Mapes' resting place, as well.

John Mapes served as a private commanded by Major P. Adams in Captain Daniel Kelsey's Company of the 77th New York Militia in the War of 1812. He served for 101 days, enlisting in Genesee County, NY on 22 June 1813 and being honorably discharged on 30 Sept 1813 at Black Rock near Buffalo, New York. John Mapes' military pension application (SO #8530, SC #5955) indicated that he was in the battle at Black Rock and at the taking of Fort George, Canada. (Fort George, Canada was taken by the US on May 25-27, 1813, outside his enlistment period.) On 11 July 1813, the British raided a US military depot at Black Rock, New York near the Niagara River. Although (according to wiki) the "one hundred and fifty New York Militia under the command of a Major Adams, who had been stationed at Fort Gibson to defend Black Rock, fled," the British took a lot of casualties. Unable to sign his name, John Mapes made his mark at the bottom of his pension application, which was approved for \$8/month starting on Feb. 14, 1871. John Mapes also received a total of 160 acres of bounty lands, first 40 acres in 1850 (2249-40-50) then another 120 acres in 1855 (21191-120-55). In Mapes' various applications from 1855 through 1871, he was living in the area of the Elizabethtown Post Office, Bartholomew County, IN. He also indicated in his pension application that he did not have his discharge certificate, as it was stolen from him in 'about the year 1817 when moving from the state of New York to the west.'