Levi Crates was born June 2nd, 1836 in Portage, Ohio. His parents were John G. Crates and Catharine (Youngman) Crates. His siblings included Elizabeth, Esther, Sarah Jane, Joseph B, Samuel, William, John B, Henry, George, Vincent T, and Elisabeth. In 1850, Levi and his family moved to Bath, Allen County, Ohio. Then on September 27th, 1860, Levi Crates married Louisa Will in Van Wert. In the year 1862, Louisa and Levi had their first child, Ida M. Later that year in August 30th, he signed up to serve as a Civil War Private in Company K, Ohio 46th Infantry Regiment. At the end of the war, June 1st, 1865, Levi was mustered out in Washington, DC. In the year 1866, a daughter, Catharine D. Crates, was born. Their second child was Lillian J. in 1866. Then in 1871, a son, Perry John, was born. Three more children were born, Louisa "Lulu" E., Franklin J., and Nelle. In 1880, the family had moved to Ridge, Van Wert, Ohio, where they lived until 1920 when Levi and his wife moved to Monroeville, Allen County, Indiana. In Monroeville, there are pictures of Levi at the Legion, and he is remembered as an exceptional citizen. Louisa Will May Crates, Levi's wife, died in 1921 and was buried in the Monroeville Memorial Cemetery. Levi died 2 years later and was buried next to his wife.

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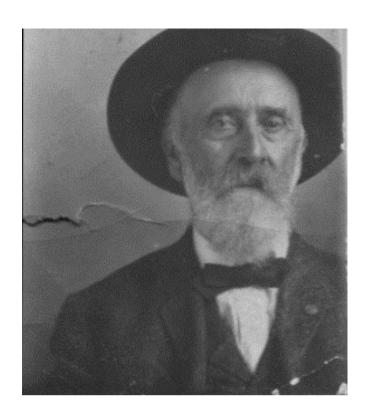
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