

Additional Information on Benjamin F. Kimbrel and Rev. George R. Streeter

BENJAMIN F. KIMBREL

Following information From: [http://www.dunelady.com/laporte/0bits/laporte\\_K.htm](http://www.dunelady.com/laporte/0bits/laporte_K.htm)

Kimbrel, Benjamin - The Vidette Messenger, Valparaiso, IN , Dec 28, 1944, pg 3 column 2  
State's Oldest Mason Dies Age 100 in Westville

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 28-- (UP)

Benjamin Franklin Kimbrel, 100, Indiana oldest Mason, died today in his home at Westville, the second civil war veteran to die in northwestern Indiana this week.

Kimbrel's death occurred only a few hours before funeral services were held at nearby Hammond for the Rev. George R. Streeter, 96, former state Grand Army of the Republic Chaplain and inspector who died Sunday.

Kimbrel was a native of Greenville, Ind. He reached the century mark Oct 15. In the civil war he volunteered for service with the Union army at Camp Noble, New Albany, Ind., at the age of 18.

He participated in 17 civil war battles with Company H of the 66th Indiana Volunteers and was with General Sherman on his famous march to the sea.

Kimbrel once lived in Chicago, moving to Westville in 1916. His wife, Mary Elizabeth, 86; two daughters and a son survive. Funeral services will be held Saturday.

Streeter was buried in New Carlisle, Ind.

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Note from the SUVCW Dept. of Indiana Web Host: I received the following e-mail about Benjamin Kimbrell that I have copied below:

"On his 100th. birthday, the entire body of the Westville school went to his house. The school band played and different classes sang songs of the Civil War era. I can remember Mr. Kimbrel sitting in a chair on the long side porch of his house while he was being honored. There were baskets of oranges and apples and afterwards, he passed these out to all of the school children who attended. It was for this occasion that our music teacher taught us the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic. I was just a little girl, but remember that day like it was yesterday."

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Following information From:  
<http://www.dunelady.com/laporte/cemeteries/Westville/westvillecivilwarreg.htm>

Benjamin F. Kimbrel  
from New Albany, Indiana - Private 19 Aug 1862 Co. H, 66th Inf Reg Ind  
MD 03 June 1865 Washington, DC  
2 Aug 1891 filed for invalid pay  
burial Westville Cemetery

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REV. GEORGE R. STREETER

Source for information below:  
Indiana Civil War Veterans, Transcription of the Death Rolls of the Department of Indiana, Grand Army of the Republic, 1882-1948, By Dennis Northcott, 2005

Regimental Info  
Private, Co. H, 10th NY Heavy Artillery.  
Enlisted: 2/2/1864, Discharged 8/25/1865

DOB: 2/24/1848 in Watertown, NY  
DOD: 12/24/1944 at 96 years

George R. Streeter joined the Wm. H. Calkins Grand Army of the Republic Post, Department of Indiana, No. 502, located in Hammond, Lake County Indiana, in 1908. He served as post commander in 1915 and also served as post chaplain and patriotic instructor. He also served in various department positions such as patriotic instructor, inspector, and chaplain (in

which position he was serving at that time of his death). Special memorial services were held on Tuesday, January 2, 1945, by the Wm. H. Calkins Woman's Relief Corps No. 248. The address was given by Rev. Phillip Brook Smith, pastor of the First M.E. Church, and also by the Mayor of Hammond, Indiana.