



KUMP FAMILY ROOTS

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Brothers at War

The year was 1842, and the family of David Kump and Barbara Naylor were living in northeastern Ohio, along the border of Pennsylvania. The Kumps, along with most other residents of Ohio at the time, were farmers. It was at this time that David and Barbara's eldest child, Caroline, married Henry Plum, son of Adam Plum and Sarah Stahl.

It is unproven thus far, but it is possible the Plum and Kump families knew each other from their beginnings at York County, Pennsylvania. Coincidentally both families migrated to Ohio in the early 1830s and ended up residing near each other in Trumbull County, Ohio. Further coincidence is added when both families migrated to Jefferson County, Wisconsin by 1850. Henry Plum and Caroline Kump followed their parent families, arriving in Jefferson County sometime in the 1850s.

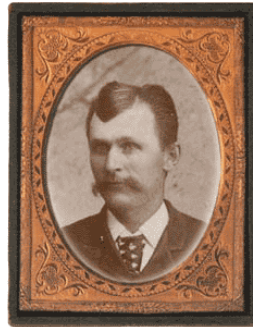
Eight children were born to Henry and Caroline: Stephen (b.1842), John (b.1844), Noah (b.1845), Eliza (b.1847), Adam (b.1850), David (b.~1852), Matilda (b.1860), and Samuel (b.1866).



Samuel Plum

The family was a traditional farming family but by the 1860s had found itself, along with all other Americans, in the face of civil war. It is most interesting to see in history how many sons did not find themselves involved in this conflict, but by 8 Jan 1864 their eldest son, Stephen (age 22), had enlisted at nearby Janesville on the Union side (Wisconsin being a "free state"). Ten days later that their second eldest son, John (age 20), enlisted at nearby Madison. Both brothers were assigned to Company K of the 3rd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry (WVI). There is one source that indicates Stephen was assigned to Company H.

The history of the 3rd WVI is a fascinating one, but for brevity from Jan 1864 to Feb 1865 the unit fought in many battles in Georgia: Resaca, Dallas, New Hope Church, Kenesaw Mountain, Peach Tree Creek, Atlanta, and Argyle Island. Sadly, Stephen was wounded in battle at Dallas and died 6 Jun 1864. One can only imagine his brother, John's, feelings as his brother died alongside in battle. Regardless, John's service continued through the war.

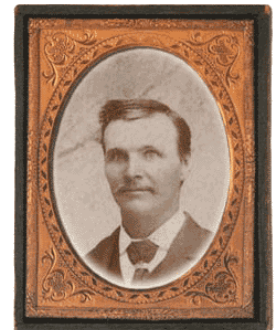


John Plum

On 14 Feb 1865, Noah (age 19), the third son of Henry and Caroline, enlisted at Fort Atkinson. An attempt must be made to understand the feelings within the Plum home, knowing they had lost a son in battle, one son still remained in battle, and now a third was joining the cause. Noah was assigned to Company H of the 49th WVI.

The 3rd WVI's remaining history in the Civil War indicates they fought at Averysboro and Bentonville, North Carolina. The 49th WVI was sent to St. Louis for provost duty.

Although the war had come to a close, the 3rd and 49th WVI continued in service until Jul 1868, when John and Noah were mustered out of service.



Noah Plum

These three brothers at war provide us as Kumps, a proud moment in our history, when our ancestors fought for the rights of others and the preservation of the union.

It is assumed Stephen (age 22) was buried near Dallas, Georgia, but at an unknown location. To date it is not known where John was buried, although we know he lived to be at least 86 years old. Noah was buried at the Busseyville Cemetery, Jefferson County, in 1897 at the age of 76.

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