

## **BRUBAKER, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**

### Birth

About March 12, 1843 in Preble Co.,  
Ohio

### Death

March 27, 1928 at his home near  
Orillia, Linn Twp., Warren Co.,  
Iowa at age of 85yr 15da



Standard Certificate of Death  
Polk, Co., Iowa  
77-1467  
Registered No. 336



Benjamin Franklin Brubaker  
Residence: Near Orillia, Iowa  
Farmer  
Birth: March 12, 1843  
Place of birth: Preble Co., Ohio  
Date of death: March 27, 1928  
Place of death: Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co.,  
Iowa near Orillia, Iowa  
Age: 85yr 0mo 15da  
Cause of death: Valvular heart trouble and old age  
Widowed  
Wife: Nettie Brubaker  
Father: George Brubaker, born in Ohio  
Mother: Anna Banta, born in Ohio  
Informer: Perry A. Brubaker, St. Joseph, Missouri  
Funeral Home: Fred B. Neff, Des Moines, Iowa  
Place of burial: Orillia, Iowa on March 30, 1928  
Physician: A. L. Cochran  
Cause of Death

Co C Infantry, 85yr 15da

Valvular Heart trouble and old age

### Cemetery Lot

Buried on lot 39  
Lot was purchased by F. Brubaker on June 16, 1880

### Father

George Brubaker

Mother

Ann Banta

Marriage

Benjamin F. Brubaker to Nettie S. Knostman February 9, 1871  
Ref: License applied for February 7, 1871; Book B of Early Marriages in Polk Co., Iowa  
Ref: History of Des Moines and Polk Co., Iowa – 1911

Census

1850 – Washington Twp., Preble Co., OH; Page 267  
Dwelling 494; Family 501

Brubaker, George	36	farmer	VA
Anna	32		VA
Abraham	11		VA
Benjamin	07		VA
Isaac W.	05		VA
Henry B.	03		VA
Hezekiah	01		VA

1860 – Jasper Twp., Preble Co., OH; Post Office, Sugar Valley; Page 146  
Dwelling 1199; Family 1151

Brubaker, George	46	farmer	VA
Ann	41		OH
Abraham	21		OH
Benjamin	17		OH
Isaac	15		OH
Henry	13		OH
Elizabeth	11		OH
George	09		OH
Melissa	07		OH
Ann	02		OH

1870 –

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED167; Page 449D; July 14, 1880  
Dwelling 213; Family 213

Brubaker, Ben F.	37	farmer	OH	OH	OH
Nettie	30		IN		VA
		Nettie's father was born in Hanover			
Perry A.	06		IA	OH	IN

George	05		IA	OH	IN
Stella	01		IA	OH	IN
Stevens, Will	21		IA	IN	IN

1885 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 97

Dwelling 105; Family 108

<b>Brubaker, Benjamin F.</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>farmer</b>	<b>OH</b>		
Nettie S.	34		IN		
Perry A.	11		Polk Co., IA		
George R.	09		Polk Co., IA		
Stella	05		Polk Co., IA		
Bertha	02		Polk Co., IA		

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Book 48; line 128

<b>Brubaker, Ben F.</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>Wd</b>	<b>OH</b>		
Perry	21		Polk Co., IA		
George	19		Polk Co., IA		
Stella	15		Polk Co., IA		
Bertha	13		Polk Co., IA		
Eva	08		Polk Co., IA		
Cora	08		Polk Co., IA		

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., Iowa; ED61; Page 11B; June 15, 1900

Dwelling 154; Family 155

<b>Brubaker, B. F.</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>farmer</b> <b>Born March 1843</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>OH</b>
Perry A.	26		IA	OH	IA
Bertha	18	Born September 1873 Keeping house	IA	OH	IA
Cora	13	Born September 1881 at school	IA	OH	IA
Eva	13	Born September 1886 at school Born September 1886	IA	OH	IA

1905 – Iowa State Census, Polk Co., Iowa

<b>Brubaker, B. F.</b>	<b>61</b>		<b>Ohio</b>		
		Born in 1844 Father born in Virginia Mother born in Ohio			

1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 21A; April 27, 1910

Dwelling 53; Family 53

<b>Brubaker, Benj. F.</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>Wd</b>	<b>OH</b>	<b>VA</b>	<b>OH</b>
Maud	23		IA	OH	IN
Stella	23		IA	OH	IN

1915 – Bloomfield, Twp., Polk Co., IA; Post Office, Orillia, Iowa  
Card #88

Brubaker, Benjamin                      71      Wd - retired farmer                      OH      VA      OH

1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 14A; line 17; February 9, 1920  
Dwelling 329; Family 331

Brubaker, Benjamin F.                      76      Wd      farmer                      OH      GER      GER  
Cora    33                      daughter                      IA      OH      IN

1925 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Book 48; line 128

Brubaker, B. F.                                      81      widower                                      OH      OH      OH  
Father, George Brubaker, born in Ohio  
Mother, Anna Bantie, born in Ohio  
George and Anna were married in Iowa

Cora    38    IA      OH      OH  
Father, B. F. Brubaker, born in Ohio  
Mother, Nettie Knoutsman, born in Iowa  
Benjamin and Nettie were married in Iowa

### Obituary

[The Des Moines Tribune-Capital, Wednesday March 28, 1928, page 2]

Benjamin F. Brubaker, widely known farmer of southern Polk County for more than a half century, died Tuesday night, at his home, near Orillia. He was 85 years old and was a native of Preble County, Ohio. He came to Polk county fifty-nine years ago and had resided in this county ever since. He was a civil war veteran and as a military prisoner spent four months in Andersonville.

Mr. Brubaker is survived by the following children: Perry A. Brubaker, St. Joseph, Missouri; George R. Brubaker, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Fred Kennedy and Miss Cora Brubaker who live on the home place and Mrs. John McLain who lives near Orillia. Mrs. Brubaker and one daughter, Mrs. Joe Abild, preceded the pioneer resident in death.

Funeral services will be held at a time to be announced later.

### Military Service

Entered service on October 31, 1861; Private, Co. C, 75<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry during the Civil War; Wounded August 30, 1862 in battle of Bull Run, VA. Also July 1863 in battle of Gettysburg, PA; captured August 17, 1864 at battle of Gainesville, Florida. Mustered out January 23, 1865 at Columbus, Ohio on expiration of term of service. He was a prisoner in Andersonville in Civil War.

### History of Des Moines and Polk Co., Iowa – 1911

Benjamin F. Brubaker – As a valiant soldier of the Civil War Benjamin F. Brubaker performed his duty in defense of the Union and as a private citizen has been equally loyal to his ideals. He is today one of the esteemed citizens of Polk County and has been identified with its development for more than forty-five years. He was born in Preble County, Ohio, in March, 1843, the son of George and Anna (Banty) Brubaker, the former of whom was born in Virginia and the latter in Ohio. The father in his youth removed from Virginia with his parents to Ohio and grew to manhood in that state. After his marriage he bought eighty acres of land upon which he established his home, continuing there during the remainder of his life. He invested in Iowa land but never visited this state. His death occurred March 14, 1903, the mother having been called away on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1885.

Benjamin F. Brubaker was reared in the Buckeye state and received his education in the district schools. He remained at home until after the breaking out of the Civil War and then, in response to the call of President Lincoln, enlisted in 1861 in Company C, Seventy-fifty Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served for three years, participating in many of the most important battles and movements of the war. He enlisted in Preble County, Ohio, and from there went to Camp McLean, near Cincinnati, and later to Virginia, crossing the mountains into the eastern part of that state. He participated in the second battle of Bull Run under General Polk and was there wounded. He was with the Army of the Potomac from 1862 until 1863, taking part in the battle of Gettysburg, where he was again wounded. Later he went with his command to South Carolina and from there to Jacksonville, Florida, in the summer of 1864. He was always found at his post of duty and at the close of the war, in the spring of 1865, returned to Columbus, Ohio, where he was honorably discharged and mustered out.

Mr. Brubaker then came to Iowa and began working by the month at Indianola as a farm hand. After two years he began farming for himself upon rented land and two years later purchased forty acres in Bloomfield Township which he cultivated for two years and then sold. Having acquired sufficient capital, he bought sixty acres of good land in Bloomfield Township and applied himself with such diligence that he now owns one hundred and seventy-five acres which is probably as productive as any land in the state of Iowa. He has greatly improved his farm, erecting a handsome residence, substantial barns and other buildings, and the air of neatness to be observed everywhere about the place indicates that he gives it constant and intelligent supervision. He cultivates the cereals, raises a good grade of stock and is justly numbered among the most prosperous farmers of the township.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1871, Mr. Brubaker was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Knostman, a daughter of Rudolph and Elizabeth (Miller) Knostman, the former born in Germany and the latter in Virginia. They located upon a farm in Jasper County, Iowa, and here they continued during the remainder of their lives, the father passing away February 28, 1888, while the mother's death occurred six years previous, on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March, 1882. Six children came to bless the union of Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker, namely: Perry A., who lives at St. Joseph, Missouri; George R., who is married and is now living at Los Angeles, California; Estella, who is married and lives in South Dakota; Bertha M., who is also married and makes her home in Warren County, Iowa; and Cora and Eva, twins, who were born in 1886 and are now living at home.

The beloved wife and mother was called from earthly scenes April 15, 1893. She was a woman of many attractive qualities and her death was deeply regretted by the entire community.

Mr. Brubaker and his children are earnest members of the Methodist church of which he is a liberal supporter. In political views he is in sympathy with the Republican Party and although he has never sought the emoluments of office he has served for several terms as township trustee. Fraternally he is identified with the Grand Army Post at Norwalk. A useful, progressive and upright citizen, he is greatly esteemed by all who know him on account of his generous qualities of heart and mind.

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There is more information on the Brubakers in the History of Preble County, Ohio, 1881; some cemetery information in Preble County, Gratis Twp., Ohio; A Biographical History of Preble County, Ohio, 1900.