

John Thomas Eller (1840-1916)

Eller was a Civil War veteran, wounded at Missionary Ridge. He enlisted in the Union Army on 15 Aug 1862 as a member of Company I, 22nd Regiment, Indiana volunteer Infantry, as a corporal. He was discharged 22 August 1864 because of wounds received at Missionary Ridge.



On 18 Feb 1865, he enrolled in the 145th Regiment of Indiana Infantry, in which he was Quartermaster and Later Lieutenant. He was mustered out 01 Jan 1866 in Macon, GA. Both units are noted on his tombstone in the Eller Family Cemetery, Monroe County, Indiana.

He was president of the Board of Children Guardians, Steward of the First M.E. Church of Bloomington, Treasurer of the Monroe Horticultural Society, and Treasurer of the Republican Central Committee.

The newspaper "Republican Progress" (Vol.XXIV, #28, 03 Sep 1890) reports, "Thos.Eller of west of town has been very unfortunate this summer in the matter of sickness in his family. It will be remembered that his eldest son Alva was sick a long time with typhoid fever and his life despaired of. Then Mrs. Eller took sick, and the two younger sons. On Tuesday morning of last week, Mrs. Eller died, and the youngest son is thought to be in a very dangerous condition. No one can understand the mental and physical strain thus placed upon Mr. Eller, and it is the wish of all that his sons may rapidly convalesce."

He first married Louisa M. Hensley. After she died of Typhoid Fever, he married Sarah Van Dyke. Along with John Thomas Eller, they are buried at the Eller Family Cemetery, Monroe County, Indiana.