

Example of an obituary.

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

**Mrs. Mary Hartman Passes Away
at Age of Eighty Years.**

Mrs. Mary Hartman, aged 80 years, who served as a nurse in the Civil War, died yesterday at her home, 271 Eleventh street.

She was born in Shropshire, England, in 1825, and at the age of 23 married Joseph E. Balmer, a County Tax Collector of Shropshire. He came to this country soon after their marriage, and she followed him in 1849, emigrating to Whiteside County, Illinois. When the Civil War broke out her husband enlisted in the 46th Illinois Infantry. Mrs. Balmer joined the hospital corps as a nurse, and was present at the battles at Fort Donelson and Henry. Just after the battle of Shiloh she was taken ill and returned to Illinois. Balmer obtained a furlough and started home, but was taken sick at Memphis, Tenn., where she had started to join him. He died, however, before she reached him, and on learning this she stopped in Richmond and again entered the service as a nurse. In this capacity she served in Jefferson, Washington and Webster Hospitals. She was present at the battle and capture of Vicksburg.

In 1863, on August 9, she married Jacob Hartman and with him moved to Oregon. Her death finds her mourned by five of seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, besides her husband, who survives her. For over

ten years she has lived with her husband and his brother at 271 Eleventh street. Funeral services will be held at the family residence, Sunday, November 5, at 2 P. M. She will be buried in the Grand Army Cemetery.

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Source: Spencer Leonard, *Civil War Veterans Who Were Residents of Oregon*; located at the Genealogical Forum of Oregon Library, Portland.

The Spencer Leonard collection is a card index (with biographical and vital information) to Civil War veterans who lived in Oregon regardless of their state of service. There is a card for both Mary Hartman and Jacob Hartman.

Note: the G.A.R. was the Grand Army of the Republic. This organization was comprised of Civil War veterans. Veterans belonged to "posts." Mr Leonard had access to the post records when he created his card index. Unfortunately, most post records have disappeared. For information about the Grand Army of the Republic, see the article on *Wikipedia.org* (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Grand_Army_of_the_Republic).

HARTMAN, Mary A. Hospital Nurse
Buried G. A. R. Cem. 4-144A
No Post; 1918 M. R.
1906 Obit very good. account.
died 31 Oct 1905
First husband Mr. Palmer, killed early in the
War., survived by 2nd husband, a member of
Post 1. Jacob Hartman

18th
HARTMAN, Jacob Pvt. Co. H, 17th Mo. Inf.
Post 77; 1915 Journal- Newberg
Died 28 July 1914, age 72
* 1, 1918 M. R. -- 18th Mo. Inf.
G. A. R. 4-144A
Melvin and Post Roster both 18th Mo.
* 1, D-book No. 576
1910:- Res - Eugene
1912:- Res - Portland
1890 Census; E. D. 157; no. 7.
res:- Farmington.-- has 18th Mo.
(note:- he married Mary A. Palmer, a soldiers)
(widow. James Palmer.)
Post 1, Portland, 1893 J rp.

