

Star 45 Thomas Clear Brady

Star given by Margaret Schleissner, mother of Emily Rose Pelz, in memory of her great, great, great grandfather, Thomas Clear Brady. Born January 11, 1847 in Knoxville, Ohio, Thomas Clear Brady served three years during the American Civil War with the 98th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, an infantry regiment with the Union Army. Joining before age 15, he was too young to carry a gun. He marched as a drummer boy to many battles including Sherman's march from Atlanta to the sea. He was mustered out with his regiment on June 1, 1865. He became a beloved resident of Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. As the last civil war veteran there, he was honored at the school each Memorial Day, giving a demonstration of various drumming styles. He reminisced about bullet holes in his clothing and being hit once between the eyes by a spent bullet. Thomas C. Brady passed away March 19, 1928 in Mt. Lebanon, PA.



THOMAS CLEAR BRADY

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TAKEN DURING CIVIL WAR
HE WAS DRUMMER BOY WITH 98 REG.
OHIO INFANTRY



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THOMAS C. BRADY, aged 76, of 258 Lebanon rd., Mt. Lebanon, the only Civil war veteran in Mt. Lebanon towaship. Each year he is honored by the school children and residents of the community who delight in hearing him philosophize and tell of his war experience. He was a drummer boy and each Memorial day demonstrates to the children the different



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THOS. C. BRADY LAST SOLDIER OF CIVIL WAR PASSES AWAY

Beloved Veteran Dies After
Long Illness—Marched To
Sea As Drummer Boy
With Sherman.

Just ten minutes before midnight, Monday night, the Civil War became but a matter of history here; the last soldier in that fearful struggle, living in this locality, was called to join his comrades by the Great Commander. The last of the men, in Allegheny county, who marched with Sherman to

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HONORING A VETERAN.

Every Memorial Day the children of Mt. Lebanon, Pa., school honor the only Civil War veteran in the township, Thomas C. Brady, 258 Lebanon Road. Comrade Brady now is 76 and for the last six years the children have given him flowers, had him on their platform at school and centered in him their reverence for the day. Comrade Brady was a drummer and joined the army at the age of 14. He gives a short program of different kinds of drumming for the children every year. He has a wonderful fund of reminiscences and he tells that, although many times bullets cut holes in his clothes, the only time he was hit was once, by a spent bullet, right between the eyes. You still can see the red mark. "I wasn't hurt but I certainly was knocked silly for a while. I had two black eyes for a week or mor," he said.

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Fired with the enthusiasm of youth and patriotic ardor, Thomas C. Brady, Sr., joined the colors before he was 15 years old. He was too young to carry a gun but he enlisted as a drummer boy in the 98th Ohio Infantry and served three years. And it was a fighting regiment young Tom Brady joined; one of the finest that came from Ohio and it saw much hard service and then came that long tramp from Atlanta to the sea. Brady was there drumming the noble men in Blue on their way and boy, though he was, he never faltered and often won the praise of his officers from the colonel down. That march with Sherman was no picnic, no excursion. It was war in the raw and the men who tramped that long dusty route saw privations and hardships seldom equaled in war or peace. But Sherman's drummer boy, Tom Brady, kept drumming away from sunrise to sunset and he kept the men on the move. That drummer boy kept his place in the line to the end of the historic march. He was mustered out with his gallant Ohio regiment.

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