John W. Hort, Lieutenant, Co. C 57th IN Infantry, U.S.

1836 January 8: Hort was born to John C. and Mary Hort in Wayne Township, IN.
[birthdate from headstone, military records list Jan 1.]

1850 August 22: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Wayne Township, Wayne County, IN showed 14-year-old John living with his parents and siblings. His father, John C., was a farmer.

1861 December 1: Enlisted in the U.S. Army. He mustered into Co. C 57th IN Infantry.

1862 Brother George enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. A 69th IN Infantry.

1863 April 10: George Hort died in St. Louis, MO.

1864 Brother William H. Hort enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. A 133rd Infantry.

August 17: William Hort died in Louisville, KY.

November 30: Fought in the Battle of Franklin.

1865 July 8: Promoted to Captain.

1866 March: Married Martha Sherry.

1880 June 19: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Boston Township, Wayne County, IN showed John, a farmer, living with his wife Martha and several daughters.

1899 December 7: Wife Martha died. She was buried at Elkhorn Cemetery in Richmond, Wayne County, IN.

1909 April 23: Hort was active with local Veterans and G.A.R. events.

Palladium-Item, Richmond, IN.
1911 December 6: An Advertisement appeared in the local newspaper for sale of John’s property.

*Palladium-Item*, Richmond, IN.

1918 November 9: John’s grandson, Sherry Kopf, is a soldier being sent overseas during WWI. He sends confirmation that he is safe.

*Palladium-Item*, Richmond, IN.
1920  July 31: Captain John Wesley Hort died. He was buried next to his wife.

Biographical sketch in The History of Wayne County, Indiana: Together with Sketches of Its Cities, Villages and Towns, V.2, Inter-State Publishing Company, 1884

“John W. Hort was born in Wayne Township, Wayne Co., Ind., in 1836. His father, John C. Hort, was born in Germany in 1795, a son of Martin Hort, who died on shipboard while enroute to the United States, in 1818, and was buried on an island in the Atlantic Ocean. The family settled in Delaware. In 1821 John C. accompanied William Sidham and family to Wayne County, and located three miles northeast of Richmond. He worked as a farm hand for Jesse Clark three years and in the meantime married Mary, daughter of Jesse Clark, and subsequently settled on land give him by his father-in-law, residing there till his death in march, 1858. His wife died in 1847. He and his wife were members of the Methodist Episcopal church. They had a family of twelve children; only two are living—John W., and Margaret, wife of George Cramer, of Butler County, Ohio. Teresa, Hannah, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Appollono, Catherine, Jesse M., Thomas E., George W. and William H are deceased. George enlisted in Company A, sixty-ninth Indiana Infantry, in 1862; was in the battle of Richmond and several battles near the Mississippi and died at St. Louis, April 10, 1863. William H. enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Thirty third Indiana Infantry, in 1864; died at Louisville, Aug. 17, 1864. John W. was reared on the old home farm. In October, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry, for three years, and re-enlisted in 1864, serving till the close of the war. He enlisted as a private and was promoted for meritorious conduct to First Lieutenant and afterward to Captain of the company. He participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville, Stone River, Mission Ridge, Franklin, Chattanooga, Atlanta and the campaign against Hood. He was discharged Dec. 14, 1865. After his return home he settled on the home farm, and three years later purchased 160 acres in Boston Township, on a part of which he still resides. He was married in March, 1866 to Martha Sherry. They have four children—Mary E., Iva I., Lena L and Ethel E.”