Isaac Evans Kintigh, Private, Co. E, 111 OH Infantry, US

1836  August 20: Kintigh was born in Evansport, Defiance County, OH to John and Hannah Kintigh.

Isaac E. Kintigh was born near Evansport, Ohio, Defiance County, Aug. 20, 1836. His boyhood days were spent upon a farm, which he helped his father clear up from heavily covered timber. In Ohio he lived through the vissitudes of pioneer life and went through the same experiences when he came to the territory of Dakota over twenty years ago. When he reached the age of 17 he commenced to learn the carpenter’s trade, to which he devoted the best years of his life. While living with his father on the farm he also mastered the trade of a cooper and also that of a brickmaker, his father operating one of the largest brickyards in that section of the country.

1850  September 20: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williams County, OH showed 14-year-old Isaac living with his parents and siblings. His father, John was a farmer.

1857  December 20: Married Orphilia E. Sprague in Defiance, OH.

1860  July 13: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Williams County, OH showed Isaac, a cooper, and Orpha living with their infant daughter. Living in the household next door were his parents and younger siblings.

1861 When the war broke out Mr. Kintigh was very anxious indeed to join the forces of his country, and enlisted for the first time in the 14th Ohio, Co. E, infantry, which was for a three months service, most of the time being spent in Virginia. He returned home and was ready for the next call for men. He next enlisted in the 48th Ohio, Co. F, infantry for a three year period. When he joined his regiment, a band was being organized and as he was a musician he was prevailed upon to enter that. He remained with it until the battle of Shiloh. The members of the band were detailed to either go into fight or act as stretcher bearers. Mr. Kintigh declined to carry a stretcher and with the leader went into the ranks with his musket and his instrument strapped on his back. All the other instruments were lost or destroyed and this broke up the band. The musicians were discharged and sent home. Mr. Kintigh did not remain inactive for a moment. He again enlisted in the 111th Ohio Co, E. infantry, and served in that regiment until his final discharge. While in the 111th Ohio he was in the campaign of east Tennessee, Atlanta and the battle of Franklin. Mr. Kintigh received his only wound. He was talking to Captain Thurston one day on the field when a musket ball struck him on the hand, severing the thumb. Mr. Kintigh was promoted from sergeant to second lieutenant and then to first lieutenant. During the campaign in Tennessee he was the acting captain of the company for some time.
1862 August 8: Enlisted in the U.S. Army and mustered into Co. E 111 OH Infantry. Kintigh was a Sergeant at enlistment.

1864 April 12: Promoted to Full 2nd Lieutenant.

November 26: Promoted to Full 1st Lieutenant.

November 30: Fought at the Battle of Franklin.

1865 June 27: Mustered out of the U.S. Army.

When he returned from the war he again located at Evansport and followed his trade. A few years later in 1874, he moved to Toledo, when he worked in the car shops of the Wabash railroad at making cars. In 1877 they moved to Hicksville, Ohio, where they resided until they moved to this country in the spring of 1883. The family remained in Mitchell one year and then Mr. Kintigh decided to go a little farther west and take up a claim in Aurora county, locating near White Lake. After a four years’ residence with his family Mr. Kintigh returned to Mitchell, where he has resided ever since, and followed the trade of carpentering. In the construction of many of the buildings of the city Mr. Kintigh has had a hand, being a careful and very competent workman.

1870 June 14: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Defiance County, OH showed Isaac, a cooper, and Orpha living with a young daughter.

1880 June 23: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Defiance County, OH showed I.E., a cooper, and Orpha living with their children.

1892 In 1892 Mr. Kintigh was appointed chief of police of the city under the administration of the late R.D. Welch, and for two years served the public faithfully and well. At the time of his death he was the sheriff of Davison County, having been appointed to the position a little over a year ago, to fill a vacancy that had also been caused by the death of the late Geo. H. Brooks, who was elected to the position.

1900 June 9: The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Davison County, SD showed Isaac E., a carpenter, and Orpha living with their two youngest daughters.

1904 March 19: Kintigh died in South Dakota.

The sheriff was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Union Beteran Union, of which he was colonel, and of the Red Men. The latter organization also assisted very much in the care of the sheriff during his long sickness.

Mr. Kintigh has been a very active and bustling man during his long life and up to his last sickness had always been vigorous and healthy. He possessed many noble attributes of character and they were exemplified in his every day
life before the people. To the members of the family their many friends will extend their sincere sympathy in the bereavement that has come.¹

¹ The Mitchell Capital, Mitchell, SD Friday 25 March 1904, pg. 3