

Saddler Pleman Cook

Pleman Cook was born in 1829 in Columbiana County, Ohio. He was the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Moore) Cook. By 1840 the family was in Newton Township, Trumbull County, Ohio. Pleman married Margaret However on March 4, 1852 in Trumbull County, Ohio. Margaret was the daughter of Jacob and Hannah (Kimmel) Hower. Pleman and Margaret had three sons and a daughter before the Civil War started. They lived near Newton Falls, Trumbull County in 1860.

Pleman enlisted in Company D of the Ohio 6th Cavalry on November 2, 1861. He was mustered out June 27, 1865.

In 1863 Pleman's father, mother, and grandmother (Elizabeth White Cook) moved to Leighton Township, Allegan County, Michigan. At some point Pleman and his family joined them. Pleman and Margaret had five more children, including a set of twins. Margaret died during the birth of Martin on June 3, 1874 in Leighton Township, Allegan County. Her burial place is unknown.

Pleman married second Alice Spears on February 17, 1877 in Leighton Township, Allegan County. Alice was sixteen, thirty years younger than Pleman. Pleman and Alice had six children, two of whom died young. Most of Pleman's children by his first marriage moved north to Wexford County, Michigan. Pleman had a farm but lost it from "making some foolish business transactions." (pension file) He went to work for Dewitt C. Brown cutting wood until he became sick. He went to the Alms House in Allegan and then home again. He went to the Soldier's Home in Grand Rapids. Pleman was released from the Soldier's Home and died probably at the home of one of his sons on June 22, 1892, in Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan. He is buried in Hooker Cemetery, Allegan County, Michigan.