

# ORSER, WILLIAM J.

SECTION H, BLOCK 63, LOT 23, SINGLE

William J. Orser was born in Ontario, Canada, on August 15, 1824. He came to Michigan with his wife and family in 1848. He enlisted in Grand Rapids, Michigan on February 28, 1865, at the age of 41, volunteering for a one year term of service. William served as a Private in Company E with the second organization of the 3rd Michigan Infantry. Six months later, on August 4, 1865, he was admitted to Harper Hospital in Detroit. He was discharged due to disability on September 4, 1865, in Detroit, Michigan.

William married Malinda H. Sanford in Brighton, Canada, on June 2, 1846. After serving in the war, he and his family relocated to Petoskey in 1877. He worked as the local tailor and in 1878 opened Merchant Tailoring Establishment. In 1880, he purchased and moved into the Pacific Hotel, which was located on the corner of Mitchell and Howard. After selling the hotel, he moved to a home on Waukazoo Street. He passed away there on October 30, 1898, at the age of 75.