



John (Jack) Snavely

John (Jack) Snavely was born in Wayne County, Ohio on January 1, 1826 to George and Eliza Wireman Snavely. He enlisted in the Union Army in July of 1863 and served in Company K, 88th Reg. Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Private Snavely served most of his time at Camp Chase as a cook for the camp hospital. He was discharged July 3, 1865. He married Margaret Rupert April 9, 1853 in Mercer County. Jack organized the Durbin Bean Bake as a reunion of the Civil War vets. His menu consisted of army food of beans, hardtack and coffee. He died July 27, 1919 and is buried at Buck Cemetery in Mercer County, Ohio. The Bean Bake is a county event even today.