

THE ST. JOSEPH

JOHN P. KOERNER DIES.

Civil War Veteran at One Time
Rode the Pony Express.

John Phillip Koerner, eighty-five years old, veteran railroad employe and pony express rider, died this morning at his home, 2865 South Twentieth street. Mr. Koerner was a native of Ohio and came to St. Joseph with his parents when he was seven years old.

His father, the late John C. Koerner, was a pioneer contractor of St. Joseph. He was one of the sub-contractors in the construction of the old Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad and built the line between Cameron and Stewartville. He also built the old Corby mill which stood on the One Hundred and Two River near Kleinbrodt's roadhouse.

The son was educated in St. Joseph and when a young man became a bullwhacker for an ox train hauling government supplies to Denver. He also served on different occasions as a rider for the Pony Express and on one of his trips was wounded by Indians.

During the Civil War he served as a scout with the Union army and following the war was a scout on several expeditions, which also included a trip through the Black Hills country. In 1869 he became a bridge contractor for the Weston & Northern railroad, which later became the Kansas City, St. Joseph & Council Bluffs railroad.

Later he became connected with the old Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad and he remained in the employ of this company after it was taken over by the Burlington. At the time of his retirement in 1922 he was employed in the car repair department.

He is survived by four sons, Martin M. and Clarence D. Koerner, St. Joseph; Walter S. Koerner, Creston, Iowa, and Phillip A. Koerner, Fresno, Cal.; three daughters, Mrs. L. O. Lamkin, Louisville, Ky., and Misses Verna and Roxie Koerner, St. Joseph; and a sister, Mrs. John Sandusky, St. Joseph. He was a member of the Lutheran church. The body is at Meierhoffer's mor-

PONY EXPRESS RIDER IS DEAD

Rites for John P. Koerner, 85,
Will Be Held Wednesday
Afternoon.

Funeral services for John Phillip Koerner, pioneer resident of St. Joseph, who died Monday morning at his home at 2865 South Twentieth street, will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Meierhoffer's chapel. Burial will be in Ashland Cemetery.

Mr. Koerner was eighty-five years old and had been a resident of St. Joseph seventy-eight years. He was a pony express rider, a veteran of the Civil War and for many years a railroad employe. He was believed to be the last of the Pony Express riders in this district.

He was born in Ohio and came to St. Joseph with his parents when he was a boy. His father, the late John C. Koerner, was a sub-contractor in the construction of the old Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad. The son when a young man became a bullwhacker in an ox train hauling government supplies to Denver, and later was a Pony Express rider.

He served as a scout with the Union army in the Civil War and later in an expedition into the Black Hills. In 1869 he began railroading. He retired from the car repair department of the Burlington in 1922.

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