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Creator

Durie, William Brittin, 1840-1916

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Biographical Note

William Brittin Durie was born to Nancy Maxell and Samuel Durie in New Jersey in March 1840. During the American Civil War, he enlisted in the Union Army on August 28th, 1862. He mustered into Company B of the 30th New Jersey Infantry Division. The following year, he was promoted to Corporal. On October 8, 1864, Durie mustered into Company C of the 39th New Jersey Infantry Division. Durie's service ended on June 17th, 1865.

After the war, Durie worked as a public school teacher and farmer. He married Francis E. Clark around 1876 in Rahway, New Jersey. They went on to have six children: Mabel, Esther, Homer, Samuel, Roberta, and William Brittin. Durie died on January 17th, 1916.

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