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Mr. Dunkelman:

Enclosed are the results of our search for information on Willard PERKINS which you requested. As you realize, all research is done on a volunteer and as time allows basis, so I am sure you will excuse the time lapse here. Please find the following items:

- >A copy of page 357 of the *SOLDIERS' RECORD, HAMILTON COUNTY, IOWA*, which is available at Kendall Young Library in Webster City. The page shows an obituary (source unknown, but I suspect The Webster City Tribune), and a Resolution of Respect from the local unit of the G.A.R.
 - >A second obituary, found in a compilation of items from the Webster City Journal, adds a few facts.
 - >A Resolution of Sympathy from the Women's Relief Corp., printed in the Webster City Tribune.
 - >Copies of Census reports giving picture of Mr. PERKINS' migrations:
 - >Lacking an index for the 1850 census I was unable to place him with his birth family
 - >1860 shows him in Persia, Cattaraugus Co., NY with (new) wife Harriet B. and a Eugene Perkins (brother??) plus an older couple?. *Note that Persia is in Cattaraugus County, not Erie as stated in the obits and the service record.*
 - >1870 places him in Fremont Twp., Buchanan Co. IA with wife Harriet, and three other individuals named PERKINS, unknown relationship
 - >1880 his residence is Urbana, Champaign Co., IL, with wife Harriet, sister-in-law M. McKay and niece Iona McKay
 - >1900 he is shown in Ogden Twp., Champaign Co., IL with sister-in-law Margaret McKay and niece Iona McKay
 - >1900 I find a Sarah PERKINS, age 83, in Athens Boro, Bradford Co., PA whom I expect is the 84-year-old mother referred to in the obituary in the Journal. Troy is in Bradford Co., and I found no other possibility.
 - >1910 shows the widowed Margaret PERKINS in the third ward of Webster City, Hamilton Co., IA, with daughter Iona and three boarders.
 - >1920 I found no reference to Margaret PERKINS or Iona McKAY. They may have married, died, or moved away.
- Mr. PERKINS is noted as "S. Willard", "Willard", "S.W.", "Samuel", or "W.", so I expect his name was Samuel Willard.

The Society appreciates a contribution of \$10.00 per hour for research, plus \$.15 per page for copies.

Sincerely,

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for Hamilton Heritage Hunters