

The Civil War

The Civil War was hard on the area. The records show 73 residents serving in the conflict. Twenty-three were killed or died of wounds. The names of those who died are inscribed on a monument in Maple Grove Cemetery south of the Village. Five young men were killed early in the war at the battles of South Mountain and Antietam; Sergeant Miller, Corporal Hawley and Privates Clark, Peck and Palmer. Their bodies were returned by train to Napoleon and a service was conducted at the Township Park with over 2,000 in attendance. The speaker said; "You in Napoleon are an afflicted people. No other locality in the State has lost so large a portion of its youth in the war".