

MEMORIES OF Daniel "C" STRONG, Brother of Jacob Strong  
(1840-1911)

As told by Frances Strong Helman, granddaughter

In his youth, my grandfather, Daniel "C" Strong, was quite a gay young fellow. He played the violin, he played for weddings, he played for parties, and dances, anyplace that he was asked to play, he played; and I guess the times that he wasn't asked. He kept his violin hanging at the head of his bed, and if a tune would come into his head during the night he would take his violin down, and if it was twelve o'clock he tried it to see if it would work. Anything he did at that time and the fun he had with the people was just outstanding. Then he got religious, becoming Evangelical, and after that anything that was fun was a sin.

When my grandfather became very religious, he would go to revival meetings. My father said he would go over to where his cousins lived several miles away in a horse and buggy, and on Saturday you would look down the road and there would be Pap coming up the road in the buggy. My father would say, "That will do until there is another revival," and Grandpa would say, "Oh, no." He would just get a bath and put on clean clothes and go back to the same revival meeting.

Daniel Strong served in the Civil War. He initially enlisted for three months, and when that time was up, he reenlisted for the duration of the war. The middle initial "C" was added to his name by the army, to distinguish him from the other Daniel Strongs who were serving. During the war, his first child was born and died. He never got to see it.