



### William Horsfall, ca. 1860



William H. Horsfall (1847–1922), a drummer and later private in Company G, First Kentucky Infantry Regiment, U.S.A., rescued a wounded officer during the battle of Corinth, Mississippi, in 1862. For his heroism that day, he received the Medal of Honor in 1895. He remains the youngest Kentuckian to hold this distinction. Captured in 1863, Horsfall became a prisoner of war at the infamous Andersonville prison in Georgia. Released in 1864, Horsfall returned to his home in Newport and enlisted in a veteran unit in Cincinnati. After the war, he became a carpenter and songwriter.

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