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1842-1931

Lininger was born in Pennsylvania in 1842. The Lininger family moved to Iowa where Michael married Anna Moore in 1861. He enlisted in the Union Army in 1862 and took part in the battles of Vicksburg, Red River, Shenandoah, Berryville, Winchester, Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek. He mustered out as a Sergeant in 1865.

He returned to Iowa and farmed until 1872 when he came to Placer County, settling first in Ophir and then in Auburn.

Lininger was a master builder and his handiwork is seen all over Auburn. He either built or helped build over 30 structures including the Episcopal and Congregational churches, the Opera House, the City Hall, the County Hospital, the Huntley House (Powers Mansion Inn), the Lubeck Mansion and the Birdsall home, just to list a few.

He served as a town trustee and Mayor for several years.

He was known throughout town as "Uncle Dave." His obituary in 1931, summed up the high regard the community held for him, declaring him to be "a mighty good man."

Findagrave.com, newspapers.com, K-M database, Placer Herald 5 Dec. 1931.