

Graves, Charles E.

Charles Edward Graves was Born in Broom, Canada, July 4, 1844, and passed away at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. C. Hearn, at Ames, Iowa, Tuesday, April 26, 1932, at the age of 87 years, 9 months and 27 days.

He moved with his parents to Vermont and from there to Batavia, Ill. In 1862 at the age of 18, he enlisted in the 14th Illinois Cavalry and served for three years or to the close of the war. He was discharged at Pulaska, Tenn., July 5, 1865. He served in 128 battles and engagements, some of which were Vicksburg, Antietum, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Stoneman's Surrender, and with Sherman to the sea. In life he did not speak of his war experiences except to his very closest friends, but the records of the 14th Illinois Cavalry, as told by the United States, verify the above list.

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In 1866 he was united in marriage to Mary Laura Briggs and came to Iowa in 1867, settling near Zearing, Story county. To them were born five children: Josephine of Auburn, New York, Clyde of Elk Point, S. D.; Emma of Ames, Ia.; and Edwin of Des Moines, Ia. The youngest, Adolphus, died in infancy. His wife, Mary Laura, preceded him in death, Aug. 31, 1928.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon, April 28 at 2:30 from the Methodist Episcopal church at Colo, followed by interment in the Colo cemetery by the side of Mrs. Graves. Services were in charge of Rev. W. Scheuermann.

Military honors were accorded the aged veteran, the color bearers, firing squad and escort being furnished by the Colo American Legion post.

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