

Charles William Netherwood

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Death Claims Chas. W. Netherwood, Aged 95 Former Citizen Former Local Resident is Summoned at Home In Oregon

Funeral services for Charles W. Netherwood, 95, familiarly referred to as the "grand old man" of Oregon, and former Monticello resident, who passed away in his home at Oregon Monday morning, July 4, were conducted at 2:30 yesterday (Wednesday) afternoon in the Oregon high school gymnasium. Interment was in the Oregon cemetery.

Masonic, Military Rites

The Masonic lodge of Oregon, with which he had been affiliated since 1874 and with which he had served as worshipful master, and the American Legion post there had charge of the services. Scores of Masons and military men from surrounding towns and cities were in attendance at the final services.

Lived in Monticello

Mr. Netherwood was at one time a Monticello resident, having made his home here on Monroe street for about three or four years some 12 or 15 years ago. He was united in marriage to Mrs. Clementine Breylinger, of this village. She preceded him in death in Oregon several years ago. He died July 4, Independence day, a day which he revered and observed with great feeling ever since he was wounded on the battlefields. At the time of his last illness and death some of his old comrades were mingling with their former enemies, veterans of the south, in a final reunion on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Netherwood had been in poor health for a year but had been confined to bed only the last two weeks. Up to several years ago he walked to Madison on his birthdays, a distance of 11 miles.

His military career began when he enlisted with Company E, 23rd Wisconsin regiment. He rose to the rank of corporal.

Supported "Old Bob"

The late Sen. Robert M. La Follette started on his political career at the suggestion of Netherwood. From the time Old Bob became a candidate for Dane county district attorney, Netherwood was one of his most loyal supporters. He continued to give the same whole-hearted support to the senator's sons.

Gov. La Follette appointed Netherwood custodian of the G. A. R. memorial hall at the capitol on Feb. 8, 1937, which position he held until his death. In 1934 Netherwood escorted Gov. La Follette to the rostrum in the state capitol on the day of inauguration. Each year he attended the memorial services held in memory of Old Bob at Forest Hill but this year he could not be present because of illness.

During the Civil war Netherwood was wounded in the back and part of his jaw was shot away at Vicksburg, when he served with Grant. The wound in the back gave him more trouble during the remainder of his colorful life than the wound in the jaw.

Netherwood is survived by two sons, Harry C. Netherwood, Madison, and Perry Netherwood, Oregon; three daughters, Mrs. William Keenan, McFarland; Mrs. Everett Gillette, Oregon; and Mrs. A. U. Marvin, Nekoosa; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, one great-great-granddaughter, and one sister, Mrs. Ada Richards, Long Beach, Calif.

Netherwood enlisted for Civil war service at the age of 18. After being seriously wounded May 22, 1863, at Vicksburg, he was sent back to his home permanently disabled.