

# WM. BATCHELDER DEAD

An Esteemed Citizen and Honored Civil War Veteran

1924

William B. Batchelder, an esteemed citizen of Stockton and an honored Civil War veteran, passed away last Thursday morning at about 7 o'clock. The funeral and burial were on Saturday afternoon with services at the Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Royal Synwolt, and the J. A. Maltby Post G. A. R. officiating. The burial was in the family lot at Morseville beside the remains of his deceased wife.

Mr. Batchelder was a pioneer of Stockton and one of our most highly esteemed citizens, an honest, conscientious man whom everybody respected. He was a carpenter and worked at his trade in town and vicinity for many years. Mr. Batchelder was a true patriot and bore a good record as a civil war veteran. He made his home for years with his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter, who live a few blocks south and east of town.

He was in failing health for some months with the infirmities of age. His comrade, Edward Weirick, gives his age at 79 years, 6 months and 19 days.

## Obituary

Wm. B. Batchelder was born at Montville, Ohio, Feb. 3, 1845 and died at his home in Stockton, Ill., Aug. 21, 1924, aged 79 years, 6 months, 18 days.

At the age of 19 years he enlisted as private in a regiment of Ohio, for three years' service of his country. At the close of the civil war he was honorably discharged June 17, 1865, after which he came with his brother, R. N. Batchelder, to Stockton, Ill.

In the early spring of 1868, at a series of meetings conducted by Elder Tory at the old Stockton Centre school house, he was converted and united by immersion with the Baptist church at that place.

March 30, 1868, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Matilda Tucker, a war widow with three small children. They settled at Monroe, LaFayette county, Wis. To them were born two children, Harry and Gertrude. A few years later they returned to Stockton, where he has since lived.

Dec. 31, 1884 his wife crossed the river to her home beyond, to be, as her young daughter said: "Her Saviour's New Year's gift."

Since the marriage of his daughter to Earl Carpenter, in 1892, he has made his home with her, where he has been faithfully and tenderly cared for.

Deceased was a charter member of the M. W. A. Camp of Stockton, and was "One of the Boys" of the J. A. Maltby Post.

He was a man of great benevolence, ever reaching out and trying to relieve the wants of those around him, and many a friend and neighbor will look back and remember some act of kindness he has shown them.

He was a patient sufferer for many months, although confined to his bed only about two weeks.

In his last days, he said to those around his bed: "I'm saved, saved by the Lord Jesus Christ! I'm going home!"

He is survived by his son, Harry Batchelder, of Zap, N. Dakota, his daughter, Mrs. Earl Carpenter of Stockton, and two stepsons, Winthrop E. Tucker of Stockton and S. W. Tucker of Rockford, also three brothers: Albert of Kansas City, Mo.; Rinaldo of Stockton and John of Baldwin, Mich; and half brother, Howard Batchelder of Ohio, together with a number of grandchildren, nephews, nieces and cousins.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Methodist church, Rev. Royal Synwolt officiating. The members of J. A. Maltby Post, G. A. R., were present and held their funeral rites for a beloved comrade. Interment was made in the Morseville cemetery.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all who kindly assisted us in any way during the illness and since the taking away of our loved one.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Carpenter and Family.