

[Nichols, Charles]

Charles Nichols

Morris, March 2.—Charles Nichols, veteran of the Civil war, died at 9:30 o'clock this morning at his home near this village, from the effects of a shock [a stroke], which he is thought to have suffered about 4 o'clock this morning, and from which he never rallied. He had been recovering from a shock received about [a] month ago. He was born in the town of Laurens March 27, 1841, the son of Abraham Nichols. His mother died when he was 11 months of age.

Mr. Nichols was first married [on] Sept. 28, 1865, to Elvira Harrington, of New Lisbon, who died in 1912. To them were born two sons, A. H Nichols of this place and William Nichols, residing at Westville. He married Mrs. Emma Finch of Milford in July, 1913. He is survived by his second wife and the two sons above mentioned and several grand and great grandchildren.

He had always lived in New Lisbon and Morris. He enlisted in the U. S. Volunteers, July 30, 1862, from Otsego county and was mustered into Co. I., 121st regiment. He participated in a number of battles and was wounded in his left arm at the battle of Mary's Heights, Fredericksburg, May 3, 1863, and was left on the battlefield, supposedly dead, three days and nights before he was discovered and given treatment.

After a considerable period he reached the Haddington hospital in Philadelphia, Pa., where his left arm was amputated at the shoulder joint by Dr. Todd. He is said to have been one of only three who survived such amputation in the period of the war.

Soon after this he was mustered out of service and came back to this vicinity and was married as above noted. He was by occupation an auctioneer and his services were sought far and near in this capacity, being doubtless the most widely known man in this section. He was a man of great versatility and of abundant wit, and he was always the life of the crowd. There is probably not a single adult resident of this valley who does not very pleasantly remember the veteran auctioneer.

The funeral will be held Monday at 2 p. m. at the Universalist church. Rev. F. [Frederick] G. Leonard will officiate and the body will be placed in the vault for interment next spring at Hillington cemetery.

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