

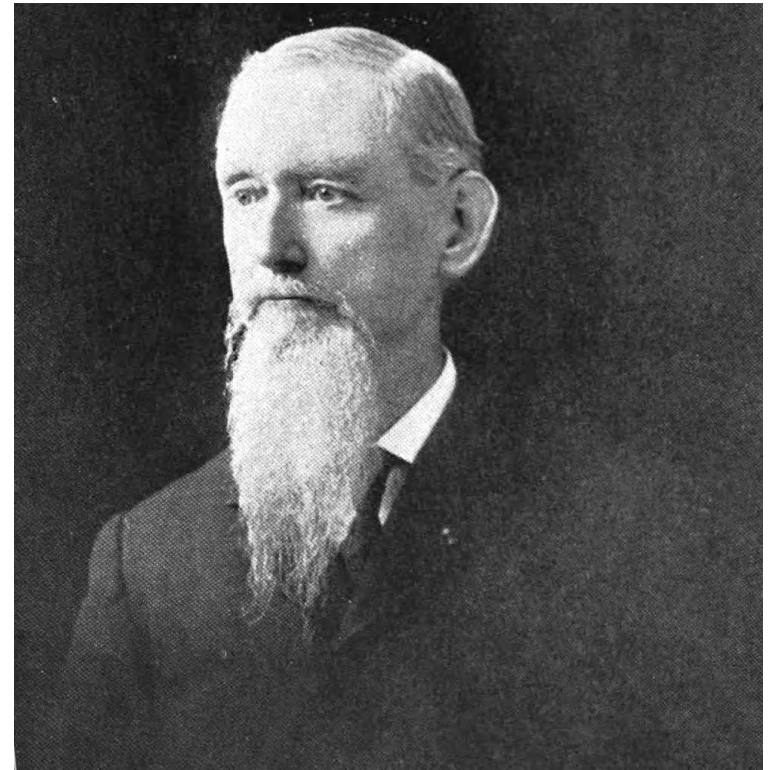
Charles Washington Rubey (Ruby), 1912

Biographical Sketch of Charles W. Rubey, Laclede County, Missouri From "History of Laclede, Camden, Dallas, Webster, Wright, Texas, Pulaski, Phelps and Dent Counties, Missouri" The Goodspeed Publishing Company, 1889.

Capt. Charles W. Rubey was born in Cooper county, Mo., in December [7], 1836, and is the son of Urbin E. and Kittie

(Cockerell), Rubey, both natives of Virginia. The

parents immigrated to Cooper county, Mo., at quite an early date, and remained there for a number of years. The mother died in 1842, and the father received his final summons in Mason county, Mo., in 1864. He was a stock dealer most of his time, and also carried on a large farm. He was the father of eight children by his first wife, four now living: Thomas T., Charles W., Sarah J. (wife of L. W. H. Wright), and Nancy C. (wife of Sanford Wilson, of California). By his second marriage Mr. Rubey became the father of four children, two now living: William L. and Alice E., wife of Edwin Winters.



Capt. Charles W. Rubey was quite small when his parents left Cooper county, and he was reared principally in St. Louis, where he was educated. Later he engaged in the grocery business, which he carried on until 1860, when he came to Lebanon. Previous to this, in 1858, he married Miss Mary J. Nesbit, who bore him two children, one now living: Thomas L. Mrs. Rubey died in 1863, and Mr. Rubey was married in 1865 to Miss Lizzie L. Duval.

At the commencement of the war Mr. Rubey acted as messenger for the United States Army, and in 1862 he went in as captain of the State Militia. He was afterward promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel of the same. In November, 1863, he organized a company and went into the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, he being its captain, which position he held until the close of service. During the last year of service he was on Gen. John B. Sanford's staff, at district headquarters, Springfield, Mo. He participated in all the engagements of Price's raid through Missouri, in 1864, and was wounded at the battle of Newtonia, in the shoulder, by a gunshot. He was also injured at Big Blue by his horse falling upon him. He was mustered out of service June 30, 1865, and came back to Lebanon, where he has since been engaged in farming, stock dealing and merchandising.

In 1878 he was elected clerk of the circuit court, and recorder, which office he held for eight years. He is largely interested in real estate, wild lands and town property, and owns with his associates, the land where the town is now laid off. Capt. Rubey is one of the enterprising and intelligent citizens of Laclede county. He is a member of the Masonic lodge, G. A. R. and Loyal Legion of the United States.

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Charles W. Rubey died at his home in Lebanon, Mo., on August 17, 1914 after a brief illness.

He was born in Cooper County, MO., December 7, 1836. He located in Lebanon in 1860, and was active in the support of the Union cause from the beginning of the Civil War, serving first as a captain and lieutenant colonel in a State regiment of militia, and afterwards as captain in the Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers [Co. L]. He was wounded at the battle of Newtonia during Prices raid through Missouri. He joined the Grand Army of the Republic as a charter member of Post No. 48, Lebanon, Mo., and served as commander of the post in 1884-1886 and 1887, and again from 1903 to 1914, being commander at the time of his death. He was elected junior vice commander in 1894 and department commander in 1912. He will be greatly missed by his comrades and in the community.

