

# ATCHISON COUNTY

CHARLES EDWARD SCARLETT 1846-1939 – 1<sup>st</sup> Nebraska Cavalry



## TAPS FOR COUNTY'S LAST UNION SOLDIER

C.E. Scarlett enlisted at age of 16 and served over two years. Charles Edward Scarlett, Atchison county's last member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and also last Union Civil War veteran of the county, died at the Cunningham Hotel in Fairfax Thursday morning March 9th, after a several weeks of illness. He reached the age of 91 years, ten months and 29 days.

Charles Edward Scarlett was born April 10, 1847 in Crawford county, near Hebron, Illinois, the son of Stephen and Eliza Gowin Scarlett. When he was eight years of age, the family moved to New Market, Iowa, then known as Old Memory. In 1860 he moved to Forest City, MO., and two years later to

Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Mr. Scarlett enlisted in the Civil War with the First Nebraska Cavalry company C, at the age of 16, and spent two years, four months and ten days in the

CONSENT IN CASE OF MINOR.

I, Stephen Scarlett Do CERTIFY, That I am  
the father of Charles E. Scarlett; that the  
said Charles E. Scarlett is seventeen years of age; and I  
do hereby freely give my CONSENT to his volunteering as a SOLDIER in the ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES  
for the period of THREE YEARS.

GIVEN at Nebraska City, Nebraska  
the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 1864

Witness:  
John W. Surger Stephen Scarlett

(A. G. O. No. 74 & 76.)

service, not being mustered out until July 1, 1866, more than a year after the war ended. His company served in Missouri and Arkansas, but most of the time in the West in the Indian country. On August 24, 1864, he was captured in Arkansas, but was paroled by the 30<sup>th</sup> and sent to Benton Barracks, MO. He returned to his unit now at Fort Kearney, Nebraska, on November 27. His unit participated in several battles with hostile Indians up until his time of discharge. After the Civil War, Mr. Scarlett drove a freight wagon from Nebraska City to Fort Morgan, Colorado. The wagons were drawn by teams of oxen and it required two and a half months to make the round trip.

Mr. Scarlett was the third in a family of five children, and was the last one to pass away. On September 8, 1870 he married Rachael Elvira Scarlett of Milton, MO., where they lived for

several years, later moving to Nebraska and White Cloud, KS. In the fall of 1909, Mr. and Mrs. Scarlett moved to Fairfax, MO., where they spent their remaining years.

Mrs. Scarlett passed away January 11, 1937, after they had lived together 66 years. No children were born to this union, but Mr. Scarlett leaves several nephews and nieces, together with a number of other relatives and friends. He held membership in the Methodist church at Milton until the church at that place disbanded. Since the death of his wife, he had made his home chiefly with H.O. Scarlett of near Fairfax and his niece, Mrs. J.M. Davis, of Tarkio.

MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF HEALTH  
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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

FILED APR 13 1939

1. PLACE OF DEATH  
County Atchison Registration District No. 17  
Township Fairfax Primary Registration District No. 4011  
City Fairfax St. Mo. Ward

2. FULL NAME Charles Edward Scarlett  
(a) Residence No. \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Usual place of abode)  
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 32 yrs. 00 mos. 00 ds. How long in U.S., if foreign birth? yrs. mos. ds.

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED OR DIVORCED (circle the aged) Widowed

6. DATE OF BIRTH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) April 12 - 1847

7. AGE YEARS MONTHS DAYS 91 10 29 II LESS than 2 days, hrs. or mins.

8. OCCUPATION OF DECEASED  
(a) Trade, profession, or particular kind of work Rail Laborer  
(b) General nature of industry, business, or establishment in which employed (or employer)  
(c) Name of employer

9. BIRTHPLACE (CITY OR TOWN) Atchison  
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

10. NAME OF FATHER Stephen Scarlett

11. BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER (CITY OR TOWN) Atchison  
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

12. MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER Eliza Seavin

13. BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER (CITY OR TOWN) Unknown  
(STATE OR COUNTRY)

14. INFORMANT H. O. Scarlett  
(Address) Fairfax, Mo. 65

15. FILED 3-12-1939 Hetta B. Black  
REGISTRAR

16. MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
15. DATE OF DEATH (MONTH, DAY AND YEAR) March 9 1939  
17. I HEREBY CERTIFY That I attended deceased from Jan 4 1937 to Jan 11 1937  
That I last saw Scarlett alive on Jan 11 1937, and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at 5:30 p.m.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH\* WAS AS FOLLOWS:  
Hepatitis

CONTRIBUTORY (SECONDARY) (date) yrs. mos. ds.

18. WHERE WAS DISEASE CONTRACTED  
IF NOT AT PLACE OF DEATH:  
DID AN OPERATION PRECEDE DEATH? No DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No

WHAT TEST CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS?  
(Signed) Oliver Hunter, M. D.  
5-70, 1939 (Address) Fairfax, Mo.

\*State the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, or its death from VIOLENT CAUSES, state (1) MEANS AND NATURE OF INJURY, and (2) whether ACCIDENTAL, SUICIDAL, or HEARTDISEASE. (Use reverse side for additional space.)

19. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL DATE OF BURIAL  
St. Paul's Cemetery Fairfax Mo March 11 1939

20. UNDERTAKER J. M. Davis ADDRESS Tarkio, Mo.

N.B.—Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important.

When in Fairfax he lived at the **Cummingham Hotel**, where he passed away.

**Mr. Scarlett** had the privilege of living a remarkable life. Through his long span of years he enjoyed good health, and was active until his late illness. He enjoyed visits with his friends and relatives and was always interested in the news as it happened.

Last summer he in company with his nephew, **H.O. Scarlett**, attended the **G.A.R.** national encampment held on the **Gettysburg** battlefield, and greatly enjoyed the trip.

Funeral services were held at the **Fairfax Methodist Church** Sunday afternoon, conducted by the **Rev. C.H. French**. Burial was in the **Pleasant Ridge** cemetery with military honors, the **American Legion** having charge of the services at the grave.

**Ramsay, Lysander Davis**, (4 Apr 1846 - 2 Jul 1935) Pvt, 88th Enrolled Mo Militia.

Died of carcinoma of the lower left jaw. Buried Elmwood Cemetery, Rockport, MO. Bio of Ramsay in *Biographical History of Nodaway and Atchison Counties of Missouri* pg. 592-593.

Lysander Davis Ramsay was born in Andrew county, Missouri, April 4, 1846. His father, Lockwood

L. Ramsay, was a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and died on Lake Tahoe, in Eldorado county, California, in 1872. His mother bore the maiden name of Jane Fenton and was born in Boone county, Missouri, while her death occurred in Indian Territory in 1867. Their surviving children are: Mrs. Martha W. Elledge; Mrs. Susan F. Cox, of Wakeeney, Kansas; Anthony W., of Bijou, California; L.D., of this review; John L., of Cheyenne Wells, Colorado; and Judge W. W. Ramsay of Maryville, Missouri, who has been the judge of the Kansas City court of appeals, state committeeman of the Democratic central committee and a member of the St. Joseph Asylum Board.

Lysander D. Ramsay spent his youth in his parents' home, and between the years 1865 and 1870 was a resident of either of Nebraska City, Nebraska, or of Hamburg, Iowa. In the latter year he located in Nodaway county, Missouri, and for ten years was identified with its educational interests as a teacher in the public schools. Having acquired a liberal education he decided to enter upon professional life and chose the

law as best suited to his tastes and ability. While teaching he carefully read many of the textbooks on law and thus prepared himself for the bar. He was admitted by Judge Kelly in 1874, and at once began practice. He has been prominently connected with much of the civil and criminal litigation of the county. He has defended sixteen men charged with murder of the first degree and secured the acquittal of fifteen of them, while the other escaped from jail, pending his bail. He prosecuted two men for murder in the first degree, convicted both and both broke jail. One made good his escape, while the other was killed when the officers were attempting to recapture him. For twenty years Mr. Ramsay was a law partner of the Hon. John P. Lewis, of Rockport, and a stronger or more successful law firm never entered a case in the Atchison county courts. The relation that was maintained between them throughout the years of their connection was most amiable and productive of the strongest attachment each for the other. During those years there was never a settlement, a disagreement or an unpleasant feature in their personal relations, and Mr. Ramsay says that if he possessed a fortune at his death he would be content to designate his late partner as his executor without bond.

In 1872 occurred the marriage of Mr. Ramsay and Sarah E [Elizabeth]., a daughter of George R. Ramsay. Although they both bore the same name there was no relationship between them. The children of the marriage are: Edward, a teacher of Nodaway county; Frederick A., who is in the auditor's office of the Burlington Railway Company; Jessie, who is engaged in teaching; Otto A., who resides in Rockport; Bessie, who is also a teacher; Ledora, Charles, Thomas and Mary C.

In politics Mr. Ramsay is well known as a Democrat and has wielded wide influence in campaign work in Atchison and adjacent counties. For eight years he was the chairman of the Democratic county central committee, for four years was a member of the congressional committee and for six years a member of the judiciary committee. He was a delegate to the national Democratic Convention in 1900, and at all times he has given his earnest support to all legitimate measures and movements toward securing the adoption of Democratic principles. He has served for two years as prosecuting attorney and was postmaster at Rockport during President Cleveland's second administration. As a result of his capable service in that capacity he was invited to engineer the establishment of the first rural delivery in Atchison county and accomplished that work in a most speedy time and capable manner. He is one whoever places the country's good before party and subjugates self-aggrandizement to the welfare of the community which he represents.