## Fred Daniel Morley Commander 1945

Born in March 10, 1888 in Decatur, NE, to Charles E. Philo and Mary Benton. At the time of his registration for the World War 1 draft, he was living at 607 Jackson, Omaha, NE., working as a platform manager for the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad. He was married at the time and had a five year old child. He claimed exemption from the service for that reason, but on 7-23-1917 he was mustered into service as a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion and was discharged due to disability in New Mexico on 12-19-1918. His disabilities were listed as chronic arthritis, chronic gastritis and an old injury to the spine.

By 1929, when he was admitted to the Old Soldier's Home in Leavenworth, KS, he is listed in military pension records as a widower. Prior to the 1940s he apparently married again.

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## Will Invite GAR Convention Here

Several Sedalia delegates to the state convention of the Grand Army of the Republic will leave for the site of the meeting at Excelsior Springs, Mo., this evening. The state encampment of the G.A.R. which opened today, will continue to Thursday.

Fred Morley, commander of the Disabled American Veterans in Sedalia, will extend an invitation by the Sedalia Chamber of Commerce and Mayor A. H. Wilks to the state convention to hold its 1943 session in Sedalia. Wm. Kowanek, senior vice-commander of the organization, has been in Sedalia during the past week discussing plans for a possible 1943 meeting here, but was called to his home at Troy, Mo., today by the death of his sister.

Among the Sedalians who will attend the meeting this week are: Mrs. Fred Morley, Mrs. Oliver Lawson and Mrs. Edna Hatfield, members of Charles Cook circle No. 77, G.A.R. ladies, and Mrs. Anna Baker, Clarksburg, Mo.

## Sedalians at Encampment

The annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Joplin on May 6, 7, 8 and 9, with William H. Osborne, of Joplin, who was 103 years old Wednesday, as the department commander.

Attending the encampment from the Ladies of the G. A. R., Charles Koock Circle 77, Sedalia, were Mrs. Fred Morley, past president; Mrs. George Starke, president; Mrs. Edna Hatfield, treasurer; and Miss Mary Morley, registrar and page girl during the convention, and from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Fred D. Morley, of Sedalia.

Organizations at the convention were G. A. R., Ladies of the G A. R., of which Mrs. Maude Phillips is national president, Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans of the Civil War, and Woman's Relief Corps.

Besides Mr. Osborne, who is still active and was able to lead the parade, there are two other veterans, William Kowazek, who was unable to be there because of illness, and Robert Elder, of Nevada, Mo.

The convention next year will be held at Springfield.