

Two Undated Fort Wayne Newspaper Obituaries of Richard G. Foss

Undated newspaper clipping saved by the Buchman family:

Dies At Home Here Of Niece

Richard Foss, 100-year-old veteran of the Civil War, died Sunday at 5p.m. at the home of his niece, Mrs. Margaret Buchman, 2610 Smith Street. He had been ill only about two weeks.

Mr. Foss was born January 16, 1845 (sic, should be December 4th 1844), in South Huntington (sic, should be Huntingdon), Pa. He entered the Union Army in 1863 and was assigned to Company B (sic, should be Company A) of the 16th Pennsylvania Cavalry. He fought in a number of actions during the closing stages of the war and was wounded in a brush at Hatcher's Run in Virginia.

After the war he lived in Washington, D. C., and had many memories of those exciting and violent days. He saw Lincoln many times and almost until the day of his death was able to entertain his family with tales of those long-ago scenes.

Mr. Foss's wife, Laura died in 1927. (Note: Laura Wirth was Pvt. Foss's third wife.) About five years ago he came to Fort Wayne to live with Mrs. Buchman. Nieces, nephews, grand nieces and grand nephews survive.

The body was removed to the Mungovan & Sons Mortuary where friends may call tonight. Funeral services have not been arranged.

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Last Civil War Survivor in County Dies at 100 Years

Richard Foss Succumbs: Was Ill Two Weeks

Richard Foss, 100-year-old veteran of the Civil War, the last in Allen County, died Sunday at 5 p.m. at the home of his niece, Mrs. Margaret Buchman, 2610 Smith St. following an illness of two weeks.

Mr. Foss was born at South Huntington (sic, should be Huntingdon), Pa., and entered the Union Army in 1863 as a member of Company B (sic, should be Company A) 16 Pennsylvania Cavalry. He fought in a number of battles and was wounded in an engagement at Hatcher's Run, Va.

Following the war, he lived at Washington, D. C. On several occasions he saw Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States. Mr. Foss's wife, Laura, died in 1927. (Note: Laura Wirth was Pvt. Foss's third wife.) He came to Fort Wayne about five years ago to live with Mrs. Buchman. Several nieces, grand nieces and grand nephews survive.

The body was removed to the Mungovan & Sons Mortuary, where friends may call after 7 p.m. to-day. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

The Sion S. Bass Woman's Relief Corps No. 7, GAR auxiliary will hold services at the mortuary at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Sarah C. White Tent No. 2 Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, will follow at 8 p.m.