

ROWSE, REUBEN

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Reuben Rowse, pioneer farmer on the Wheatland flats, and a soldier of the Union army through the entire war of the rebellion, died in his home in Wheatland early Sunday morning, at the age of 81 years, after a long illness.

Mr. Rowse was born at (unreadable) Ohio, and moved to Iowa with his parents at the age of seven, settling at Independence. At the opening of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company C, 9th Iowa Infantry, then being 20 years of age, and was in active service from the beginning to the end of the four year struggle. With him in the same company was another brother, the two being the two tallest men in their company, and always leading the file in march. His first taste of action in the operations against General Price in Missouri where his brother was severely wounded in the battle of Pea Ridge. Forty percent of the regiment were killed or wounded in this battle.

After that the brothers were under fire in the battles of Chickasaw, Chattanooga, Lookout Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Jonesboro, the siege of Vicksburgh, and Sherman's march to the sea, in addition to a large number of minor engagements with the enemy. Both of the brothers were wounded twice. Reuben being wound in the thigh during the siege of Vicksburgh, and less seriously in the battle of Ringgold, Ga. He was promoted to the rank of first corporal. On January 1st, 1864, his term of enlistment having expired, he re-enlisted for another three years, and was in the service until mustered out after the review of the armies of Grant and Sherman in Washington, D.C.

Out of an enrollment of 1448, 368 men of his regiment died of wounds and disease, 299 were discharged for disabilities, a total casualty list of 699, not to mention a large number who, like the Rowse brothers, were wounded but stayed in the service.

After being discharged from the army, Mr. Rowse returned to his home at Independence, Iowa and went from there to Plainville, Kans., and thence to Wheatland, Wyo. He settled on the Rowse farm, since bought by J.A. Streed, residing there until three years ago when he moved to Wheatland. He is survived by three sons: Charles Rowse of Wheatland, Casper L. Rowse of Casper, Ben Rowse of Riverton; Miss Anna Rowse of Wheatland, Mrs. Otto Haas of Casper, and Mrs. Bill O'Connor of Casper. Twenty grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday from the Catholic church. Father Patterson of Douglas being in charge. Interment was made in the Wheatland cemetery.