

WILGUS, CHARLES W.  
December 13, 1845-May 11, 1914

Charles W. Wilgus was born December 13, 1845, at Cookstown, Pa., from which place he moved with his parents at the age of one year, into Laurence county, Ill. where he remained until the year 1862. He enlisted as a soldier in the Civil War in the year 1862 at the age of 17. On December 22, 1869, he was married to Mariah A. Allen whom he laid to rest Nov. 3, 1874. To this union were born three children, Clark, James and Myrtle, all of whom preceded him to the other world.

On Jan. 9, 1878, he was again married to Margaret I. Ingram, who is left to mourn his departure. To this union were given five children, four of whom are now living, three sons, George E., Frank E. and William B., and one daughter, Fern Wilgus. The children were at his bedside when he died. One baby girl was given to this union who preceded the father to the better land.

The deceased was a member of the M.E. church for the last 28 years. He was a true and faithful follower of his risen Savior, and as best a human can, tried to rear his children to choose the narrow way.

Three weeks ago, he and his wife and children landed in Wheatland, and in those three short weeks he passed away as a snowflake beneath the burning rays of the sun, and Monday night, May 11<sup>th</sup>, his soul took its flight, to his Master's loving arms, there to receive his reward where those blind eyes shall forever see, that "The Light of the World is Jesus", and there with loved ones gone before to sing the praises of his blessed Redeemer and await God's chosen time to bring him those who are left behind.

The funeral services were held in the Methodist church of Wheatland, conducted by the pastor, Rev. John R. Hicks, and interment was in the Wheatland cemetery, where his dust rests waiting for the voice that will waken the sleeping dead into life again.