

Veterans of the Civil War who Settled in Potter County, Dakota Territory by Winifred Fawcett and Potter County Library obituary files. Obtained from Potter County Library

Notes

Almond Cely McLaughlin was born at Mt. Vernon, Ill., April 10, 1840, and was married 3 times. He was the father of five children by his first wife, all of whom survive him, one child by his second wife, and five children by his third wife, Emma Charlton McLaughlin, whom he married in 1881, four of whom are still living and of whom Lysle (also written as Lyle) W. McLaughlin is best known having grown up here.

Mr. McLaughlin enlisted as a volunteer in the famous fighting 1st Minn. Reg. at the breaking out of the Rebellion in 1861, and served with credit for 4 years. He came to Potter County in 1883 from Minnesota and has resided here since. He engaged in several occupations such as blacksmithing, but at the time of his death he was in the restaurant business.

He died Monday morning, Jan. 16, 1905 at 8:15 from the effect of a paralytic stroke that he received the Wednesday before. His son Lysle was present at the time of his death having come for a visit the day before his father suffered the stroke. Another son, F.A. McLaughlin arrived from Madison Monday night after his father's death.

The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 1 pm in the W.R.C. Hall with the G.A.R. Post in charge (he was a member of the G.A.R. post) and Rev. Norton preached the sermon. He was laid to rest in the Gettysburg Cemetery. He had homesteaded the NW quarter of section 12 in Artichoke Township (Potter County, SD) and the NW quarter of section 20 in Cunningham Township (Potter County, SD).

His wife, Emma Maria McLaughlin, died in April of 1891 at her home in Gettysburg after a brief period of invalidism. She was 39 years of age. Left to mourn are her husband A.C. McLaughlin and five small children. Her funeral was held at the Baptist Church with Rev. Metcalf officiating.

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