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DEATH OF GEN. GROSE

AGED SOLDIER PASSES AWAY AT HIS NEW CASTLE HOME.

Lived in Henry County More Than Eighty Years—Long and Notable Civil and Military Career.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

NEW CASTLE, Ind., July 30.—General William Grose died at 5 o'clock this afternoon. He had been in ill health for a number of years, and a few days ago suffered a second stroke of paralysis which, coupled with the infirmities of age and feebleness and suffering induced by wounds received during the civil war, made his death a matter only of days. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence, and will be attended by the G. A. R. and kindred societies, the Henry county bar and judiciary, and practically the entire citizenship of New Castle.

William Grose was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, Dec. 16, 1813, and was the son of William and Mary Grose. His grandfather, Jacob Grose, was killed in the revolutionary war, and his father served under General W. H. Harrison in 1813. With his parents he came to Fayette county, Indiana, in the spring of 1813, and in 1829 to Henry county. The family settled six miles south of New Castle and entered upon the difficult task of creating a home in the midst of a wilderness. The parents of Gen. Grose reared a family of five sons and two daughters. The father died in 1875 and the mother in 1894, both at a ripe old age. William Grose had but slight educational privileges, but he was fond of study and took advantage of every opportunity of adding to his knowledge. He became able to teach school and followed that vocation in winter, assisting his father on the farm in summer. After attaining his majority he began life for himself, working on a farm and in a brickyard. In 1838 he married Miss Rebecca Needham, and soon after began reading law. His preceptors were Judge Dunn and Judge Morris, the greater part of his studying was done at home. He was admitted to the bar in 1845, and in 1846 stood an examination and was licensed to practice in the Supreme Court. His practice soon became extensive and lucrative, and he rapidly rose to prominence in the legal profession.

He was a presidential elector on the Pierce ticket and Democratic Free Soil candidate for Congress in 1852, but took part in the organization of the Republican party at its formation, and was a member of the Legislature in 1856-7. He was chosen colonel of the militia in 1857, held the office and served until August, 1861, when, at the request of Governor Morton, he resigned the judgeship and went to Camp Wayne to recruit and organize the Thirty-sixth Indiana Infantry, and was appointed colonel thereof in 1861. He completed the organization of the regiment, and reported to General Sherman at Louisville, Ky., in October, and in January, 1862, received from Sherman the necessary orders to put the regiment into active service. The general commanded the regiment as colonel until May 1, 1862, when he was ordered to the command of a brigade in General Nelson's division, and continued in command of a brigade, division or corps until the end of the war, when he tendered the tender of his resignation. He was detailed as president of a court-martial to sit at Nashville for the trial of several offenders, by the order of General Thomas, with the promise that as soon as the court could dispose of the business that would come before it the resignation would be approved and forwarded to the President for acceptance, which was done, to take effect Dec. 31, 1865.

General Grose took part in all the battles of the Army of the Cumberland from and including Shiloh to Nashville, and arrived at Nashville with Sherman's army, at which time he has filled several important civil positions, the duties of which he faithfully discharged.

For the past years of his life he had lived quietly at his home here, whenever health would permit attending the annual reunions of his regiment, of which he has been honorary president for many years. His health had been very poor for a long time, a wound which he received on the Sunday morning battle of Chickamauga giving him much trouble and causing him intense suffering. One of his last public appearances in New Castle was in New Castle was two or three months ago, when he came through the streets on horseback, sitting as straight as an arrow and looking every inch the soldier he was. General Grose was known and loved by every man, woman and child in New Castle.

He married Miss Rebecca Needham, Needham in Henry county Dec. 2, 1838. Their children now living are Madison Grose, of Indianapolis; Mrs. Sarah M. Moore, of Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. Ella G. Clements, of Washington, D. C.; Adolphus Grose, of Cincinnati, and James L. Grose, of Joliet, Ill. His first beloved wife Feb. 15, 1864. He was the widow of Dr. Black, of Delaware county, and survives her distinguished husband.

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