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Join us for a  
journey  
through  
history and  
time.

An Odyssey  
for those  
beginning or  
experienced  
in genealogy.

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# Roots and Branches

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May is one of the most exciting months of the year. We have made it to spring, finally, and we anticipate no more surprise snowfalls (usually!). We surely all remember a very VERY cold ‘500’ Race a few years ago. It may have even been a few decades ago; when I swear I saw snow. We look forward to a great holiday weekend with the big Indianapolis 500 and Memorial Day.

May wouldn’t be May in Indiana without the ‘500’. Inside, we have a great story about Crawfordsville’s own racing legend, Howdy WILCOX. I had not heard of Howdy before so I learned something new.



My family honors our long family history in the military by visiting our veterans and putting flags on their graves during this weekend. It seems like a marathon day on the road because we are spread out across Montgomery County from corner to corner but it is our tradition to get flags or flowers out. I’m old enough now, it sometimes takes two weekends to get it all done. Inside you

will read about one of the first Memorial Day celebrations and our own Civil War hero, Mahlon MANSON. Whatever our traditions may be in May, whether we open the pool, picnic in the park, watch Bump Day, Carburation Day, and stay right there through the checkered flag, this holiday is about family. Enjoy yours, swap stories, take pictures, and learn all you can while you have this time together.

As always, we would love to have you join us in the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County. There is information inside about the club and how to join. We would love to have you. Have a great May!

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**Genealogy is not just about discovering who our ancestors were,  
it’s about discovering who we are. ~Lisa Louise Cook**

To make an appointment at CDPL to do genealogy research, reach out to Dellie Craig by calling the library at 765-362-2242 or by email at [dcraig@cdpl.lib.in.us](mailto:dcraig@cdpl.lib.in.us). Appointments can be made for up to an hour and a half.

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## Update from the Club

Hello Genealogy Club Members,

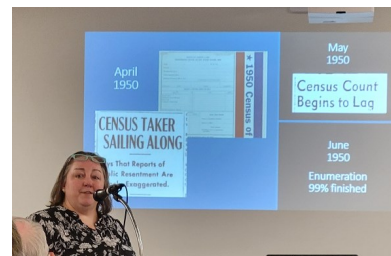
News and updates from the Genealogy Club—

- During the February meeting we met Joe MORRISON and we heard his story about restoring a small cemetery on his land, Barnes cemetery. Joe did such a great job and covered discovering this cemetery and learning about the family that was buried there and who they were.



- In March, Aaron MORRISON shared information with the group on the Montgomery Guard. The Montgomery Guard was a volunteer militia group first organized by Lew WALLACE in April 1856 and served through late 1860. Many later went on to become officers and soldiers in the 11th Indiana Infantry.

- April saw Katie SPRINGER coming from the IN State Library to discuss the 1950 Census. We had 20 in attendance learning about navigating and researching the information contained in this release. A great note Katie shared, staff at the State Library are also available to help us with our genealogy.



- As always, if you missed any of the presentations, you can still catch them. You can watch recordings of our speakers on the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County Facebook page—<https://www.facebook.com/GenClubMontCo/>
- The Cemetery Work Group will begin work on cleaning stones and assessing future work to be done on May 20, 2023 at Alamo Cemetery from 9am—noon. The group has a wish list if anyone is willing to bring on the 20th, the group could use a pickup truck and a full water tank for use in cleaning stones. If anyone would be willing to come with their truck and help haul supplies or anyone who has a big water tank they'd fill and bring for use, reach out to Dellie Craig at CDPL by calling or emailing [delliejean@yahoo.com](mailto:delliejean@yahoo.com). If you want to stop by and see what's going on in Alamo, come by May 20th at noon.
- Volunteer Teresa LARGENT added 2 more family bibles to our database with 6 more on deck. If you have a family bible, with handwritten family information that you would like to have scanned, then the Local History Department at CDPL and GCMCC would be happy to add your bible to our database. This is an excellent way to save your family information for future generations.

**GENEALOGY**  
IS LIKE DOING  
A JIGSAW  
PUZZLE  
WITHOUT  
THE BOX TOP

- After Hours events, with 10 in attendance in January, are not the only time we see genealogy hunters looking for information at CDPL. Contact Dellie for help with your research. After Hours was held again on Friday, 28 April and the next After Hours will be held on Friday, 28 July 2023.

## “Howdy” from Crawfordsville by Brandon Davenport



Photo Credit: Digital Collection

Some of the greatest race car drivers of all—time have made their names at the most prestigious automobile race in the world, the Indianapolis 500. Winners and participants of the Indy 500 have represented countries all over the world. But the first native ‘Hoosier’ to win the greatest spectacle in racing, was “Howdy” WILCOX (pictured left) in 1919. “Howdy” competed in the first 11 Indianapolis 500 races and became the first driver to qualify at over 100 miles per hour.

Howard “Howdy” Samuel WILCOX was born in Crawfordsville, IN on June 24, 1889. “Howdy” started working for the National Motor Vehicle Company as a test driver. He never intended to become a race car driver until his

boss, Arthur NEWBY, became one of the co—founders of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and persuaded him to race.

On May 30, 1911, “Howdy” started nineteenth at the inaugural ‘500’. Eighty Thousand spectators were in attendance to watch the field of 40 drivers race for an unprecedented \$25,000 purse. Race position was determined by a blind draw. The 200 lap race lasted 6 hours and 42 minutes. The ‘500’ was won by Ray HARROUN who raced with his invention, the rear view mirror. “Howdy” finished fourteenth and ran only 126 laps after being flagged.

In 1912, the purse was raised to \$50,000, positions were determined by qualification times and the field was limited to 33. “Howdy” (pictured right) qualified eighth and ran all 200 laps. He finished ninth in the 6 hour 21 minute race.



Photo Credit: Journal Review

In 1913, “Howdy” started twentieth and finished sixth.

In 1914, he started third but finished twenty second after having valve trouble. Despite the car problems and only running 67 laps, “Howdy” did in fact lead his first lap at the ‘500’ that year.

By 1915, “Howdy” was driving for the Stutz Motor Company and had one of the best cars in the field. Legend has it that “Howdy” and his boss, Harry STUTZ, placed a friendly wager before the qualifications of the ‘500’. STUTZ owned a very nice pin that “Howdy” always had his eye on, so he bet STUTZ that if he won the pole, he got the pin. If he didn’t, “Howdy” owed STUTZ a steak dinner. “Howdy’s” one lap run of 98.9 mph was best and the pin was his. The pin was passed down to “Howdy’s” daughter and it’s now over 100 years old. The pin has since been turned into a ring and is still a precious heirloom, that is still in possession of the WILCOX family today. “Howdy” would go on to finish seventh in 1915, one of the 5 top finishes he had at the ‘500’.

The next year “Howdy” started sixth and finished seventh. The Indianapolis 500 would not be held in 1917 and 1918 due to World War I.

Preservation Week is observed annually, in the last week of April. This year it was marked from April 24th to 28th. It is a national campaign to help boost the awareness of collecting written material and artifacts and their preservation.



## “Howdy” from Crawfordsville—cont.

On May 30, 1919 the Indianapolis 500 was back and so was “Howdy”. He qualified second at a speed of 100.010 mph, becoming the first driver to ever qualify at over 100 miles per hour. Along with his riding mechanic Leo BANKS, “Howdy” (pictured right) led the last 98 laps of the ‘500’ taking the checkered flag. Another first happened during “Howdy’s” win; the brass band in the infield began playing “(Back Home Again In) Indiana” during the final laps of the race.

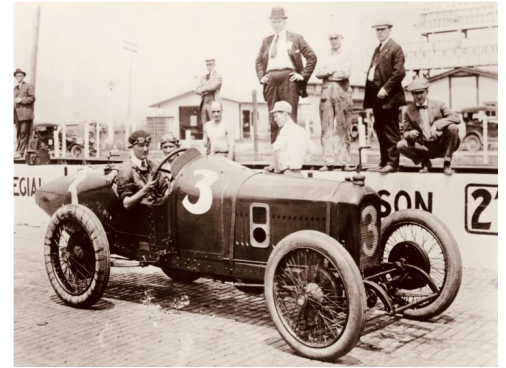


Photo Credit : Local History

“Howdy” would go on to race in four more ‘500’s’, including the 1923 race where he actually led with two different cars. “Howdy” started eighth but exited after only 60 laps due to clutch problems. He had led 51 of those first 60 laps of the ‘500’. Teammate Tommy MILTON’s hands started to blister and feet cramp. While MILTON received medical attention, “Howdy” drove in relief through laps 103 to 151 and led in that car as well. Sadly, it would be the last time “Howdy” would race in the Indianapolis 500.

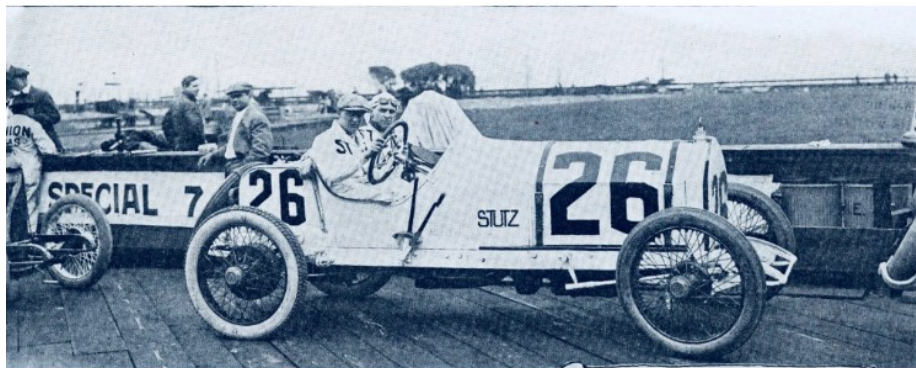


Photo Credit : Vanderbilt Cup Races

On September 4, 1923 “Howdy” (pictured left) started in the top ten at Altoona Speedway in Tyrone, Pennsylvania. The treacherous track at Altoona Speedway was made entirely of wooden boards. Shortly after the start of the race, the 34 year old “Howdy” WILCOX was killed in an accident with another driver. The

Altoona Speedway was closed in 1931 after taking several other drivers lives, including 1929 ‘500’ winner Ray KEECH only 2 weeks after his big win. “Howdy” was buried in Crown Hill Cemetery in Indianapolis.

Adding to the tragedy, “Howdy’s” wife died of pneumonia the year before and their two young children became orphans following “Howdy’s” passing. Both children were raised by their grandmother and young son “Howdy” Jr., would follow in his father’s footsteps in leaving a legacy.



Howard “Howdy” WILCOX, Jr. founded the “Little 500” (pictured left), a bicycle race held annually during the third weekend in April at Bill Armstrong Stadium on the campus of Indiana University in Bloomington, IN.

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## “Howdy”—cont.

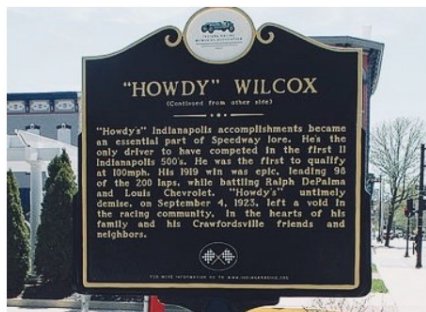


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[History Highlights](#)

In May of 2015, Howard “Howdy” Samuel WILCOX was memorialized with a plaque in Marie Canine Plaza in Crawfordsville, IN which was sponsored by the Indiana Racing Memorial Association.

A sidenote of “Howdy” WILCOX, he drove reporter Mary Bostwick around the speedway track in 1920. (From [Hoosier](#)



**1920 Mary Bostwick of Indianapolis became the first woman in Indiana to serve on jury duty.** She was also a newspaper reporter who covered a wide variety of news and sports.

She took part in balloon races and flew with barnstorming pilots. With 500 Winner Howdy Wilcox at the wheel, she was the first woman to ride around the track at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (at 110 mph.)

## Library Happenings



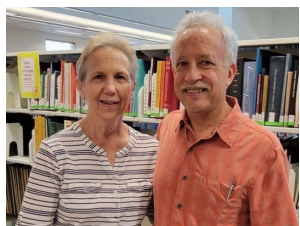
Dellie Craig

Take a look at the recent visitors to CDPL.

**Pictured to the Right**– Professor Tim LAKE from Wabash College came in to CDPL to locate the home of James ASKINS who died in 1861. ASKINS, a mullato, was a barber whose probate file contained a land description. If anyone has any information to share, email Dellie at [dcraig@cdpl.lib.in.us](mailto:dcraig@cdpl.lib.in.us) and she will pass it along.



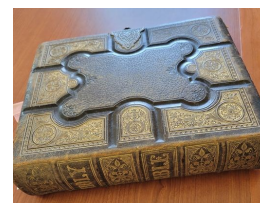
**Not Pictured** – Newest Club member Richard STROUP from Lebanon, IN is interested in learning if President Lincoln stayed in Montgomery County for a night.



He heard years ago that Lincoln stayed the night at Urban STOVER’s place north of Ladoga. Richard is also researching the connection between LINCOLN, LANE, WALLACE, and BRATTON.

**Pictured to the Left**– Kathy and Jeff CARLTON donated the Mary SWEARINGEN photo album that you may have seen on the CDPL facebook page. The SWEARINGEN photo album includes GILKEY, KEYS, YOUNT, WEDDING, STUBBINS, and GREEN family photos. Mary Hannah SWEARINGEN (1875—1961) was the daughter of Francis Marion SWEARINGEN and Henrietta GILKEY SWEARINGEN.

**Pictured to the Right**– Vicki DEER donated 1875 bible for the BROWN and MCALISTER families. If you have an old family bible that could be scanned and shared on our Bible Database, please contact Dellie. The bibles do not have to pertain to Montgomery County families only.



When you let the elders speak, they will tell you stories you can find no place, but their minds. You can take those stories and learn from them as well as pass them along.  
 - Maysoon Zayid



**Pictured to the Right**– One of our charter members, Joyce BEVER, passed away recently. Joyce was born February 16, 1938 and passed March 13, 2023. Joyce’s love of genealogy and her friendship will be missed.

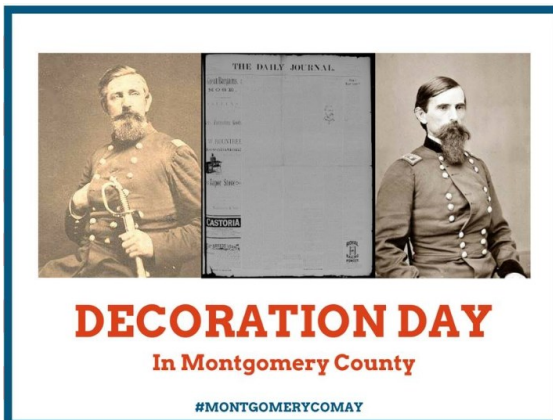




## Memorial Day—Decoration Day

Did you know that Memorial Day used to be called Decoration Day?

The holiday was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868 by General John LOGAN as a day to honor those lost during the Civil War. In Montgomery County, Indiana, Decoration Day festivities became an integral part of the community. In 1890, celebrated Generals Lew WALLACE (Below Right), of Ben-Hur fame, and Mahlon MANSON (Left) participated in local ceremonies.



MANSON gave a speech in Ladoga and WALLACE marched in the Decoration Day parade in Crawfordsville.

Learn more at Hoosier State Chronicles:

Crawfordsville Daily Journal, June 5, 1890:

<http://bit.ly/2qjV2nG>

Crawfordsville Review, June 7, 1890:

<http://bit.ly/2rGMqYe>

A Note from the Editor: We all know of or have heard of General Lew WALLACE but not as much about General Mahlon MANSON. Combing through the IN GEN WEB for Montgomery County IN you can find a wonderful page dedicated to MANSON who passed away 5 years later.

**Posted by Karen Bazanni ZACH on INGENWeb Montgomery County IN:**

**Source:** Weekly Argus News Saturday, Feb 9, 1895 - taken from Tuesdays Daily

While enroute home from Monticello yesterday, Gen. MANSON suffered a paralytic stroke. He was taken from the train at Frankfort and removed to the Coulter house where he died. Gen. MANSON in company with his attorney, W.T. BRUSH, were in Monticello yesterday on business and started home at noon. Soon after getting on the train he fell asleep, as Mr. BRUSH supposed, and slept till Frankfort was reached where they were to change cars for Crawfordsville. It was discovered the General was sick. He was taken to the hotel and a physician summoned, who pronounced it a paralytic stroke. Owing to his advanced age grave fears were entertained for his recovery and his family was notified. Mrs. MANSON and son arrived at 7 o'clock. He recognized them as soon as they entered the room and spoke in a whisper to Mrs. MANSON. The friends soon saw that he was sinking rapidly and about 8 o'clock he attempted to rise. It was the last rally of a dying man. He fell back in the arms of his aged and sorrowing wife and passed peacefully away without uttering a word. Those present at the end were Mrs. MANSON and son, Mr. BRUSH and Joseph DUNLAP, an old army comrade.

Mrs. MANSON is prostrate with grief. Shortly before she arrived the general inquired if she was coming and said that he felt that he would not live. From that time on he seemed waiting for the summons, although the watchers did not realize it at that time.

Following is a sketch of the old hero's life which will be read with interest. It is taken from a biography recently written. We only add to it a few words. It expresses well the sentiments of sadness we all feel at the death of one of our most noted and beloved of men. He was everybody's friend and everybody will feel a keen personal loss in his death. While it has been daily expected for some time, still it is a great shock to all. A year ago Gen. Manson joined the Methodist Church and died in that faith.

# Remembering—continued

## GEN. MANSON IS DEAD

STRIKES WITH PARALYSIS OF A RAILWAY YESTERDAY.

Taken to a Hospital in Frankfort, Ind., Where He Remained His Last Days.

ACTIVE IN WAR AND PEACE

SEVERAL TIMES HONORED WITH OFFICE BY HIS CONSTITUENTS.

CONGRESSMAN, Lieutenant Colonel, Auditor of State, Legislator and Movement Commissioner.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

FRANKFORT, Ind., Feb. 4.—Gen. Mahlon D. Manson, of Crawfordsville, was taken to a hospital in Frankfort, Ind., today, suffering from a stroke of paralysis. He was stricken while returning from Manchester, where he had been with the attorney John French, on a brief business trip. General Manson was taken to a room in the hotel and medical assistance summoned, but his condition was so serious that nothing could be done for him and he died at 5:15 o'clock this evening. Mr. Manson died one month before the General died. His movement here when they expected the General to talk to them, but was too weak. From that time he was probably in a hospital. He expressed his belief that he was about to die, saying to his attorney, "I expect to see all over with me."

They were present at the death only the wife and son, the three, Joseph D. Manson, Jr., and Charles. The remains will be taken to Crawfordsville at 8 o'clock tomorrow. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock. The remains have not been sent out as it is understood the remains of Crawfordsville will be taken to the city and prepared for burial in honor of the old soldier. General Manson was seventy-seven years old.

HONORED BY HIS PARLIAMENTS.

Senator Nelson and W. H. English, Governor Thayer.

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General Manson was born near Piqua, Miami County, Ohio, February 18, 1818. His Christian name was given him as a mark of regard for Governor Mahlon DICKERSON, of New Jersey, who was Secretary of War under General JACKSON. The father of our subject died when he was but 3 years old and he early became the support of his mother. After some years of his boyhood had been spent in mechanical pursuits, he became a druggist's clerk and soon after set up for himself in that business. In October 1842, he removed to Indiana and taught school in Montgomery County. He studied medicine and attended a course of lectures at Ohio College at Cincinnati (sic) and a partial second course in New Orleans. However he did not practice medicine in Crawfordsville, but continued as a druggist.

Other Indiana Deaths. JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Feb. 4.—Woodward, a prominent citizen, died at his residence here today. He was 70 years old. He was a native of Ohio and had lived in this city for many years. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a prominent member of the community. He was a successful business man and was well known in the city. He was a member of the board of directors of the city and was a member of the board of directors of the city. He was a member of the board of directors of the city and was a member of the board of directors of the city.

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A large delegation of citizens received the remains at the Vandalia Station on their arrival this morning and escorted them to the home of the General on West Market Street. The remains were taken charge of by the Masonic Order of which he was an old and honored member. As the procession passed through the city the bells of the court house and city hall were tolled. Judge Harney adjourned court for an half hour out of respect for the memory of the deceased.

The funeral services will be held on Thursday at 1:30 o'clock at the residence, conducted by Dr. Tucker and Dr. Hickman, of Terre Haute. Interment at Oak Hill.

The life and character of the gentleman whose well known name opens this article may be studied with profit by the young, contemplated with satisfaction by the patriotic and referred to with pride by his kindred and friends. His name is honorably mentioned on many pages of the history of the late war and in the political life of the state of Indiana he has taken a prominent part. In private life he has sustained an unsullied reputation and has deserved the confidence and good will of his fellow men.

Gen. MANSON was born near Piqua, Miami County, Ohio February 18, 1818. His Christian name was given him as a mark of regard for Governor Mahlon DICKERSON, of New Jersey, who was Secretary of War under General JACKSON. The father of our subject died when he was but 3 years old and he early became the support of his mother. After some years of his boyhood had been spent in mechanical pursuits, he became a druggist's clerk and soon after set up for himself in that business. In October 1842, he removed to Indiana and taught school in Montgomery County. He studied medicine and attended a course of lectures at Ohio College at Cincinnati (sic) and a partial second course in New Orleans. However he did not practice medicine in Crawfordsville, but continued as a druggist.

Upon the commencement of the war with Mexico, General MANSON entered the service as Captain of Company I, Fifth Indiana Regiment, Col. James H. LANE commanding, with which he participated in the campaign with General SCOTT from Vera Cruz to the capital. Upon his return to Crawfordsville at the close of the war he resumed his business as a druggist and in 1851 was elected Representative from Montgomery County to the General Assembly. He served during the important sessions of 1851-52, in which the laws of the state were revised, and which adopted the new constitution. In 1856 he was delegate of the National Democratic Convention which nominated BUCHANAN & BRECKRIDGE. In 1860 he was an ardent supporter of Stephen A. DOUGLAS, and when the war broke out he placed himself in the ranks of the Union and took

an active part in the recruiting of the first company raised in Montgomery County, under General WALLACE. Two days afterward, in five hours he raised a company with which he marched to Indianapolis. From the men he brought into camp, two companies of the Tenth Indiana Regiment were formed and Company G elected Mr. MANSON Captain.

## Remembering—continued

Upon the organization of the regiment, Mr. MANSON was commissioned Major, and within ten days afterward was promoted to Colonel. Early in June his regiment was ordered to West Virginia and participated in the battle of Rich Mountain. His regiment was placed in advance with General ROSECRANS and on the 19th of January 1862, Colonel MANSON and his brigade participated in the battle of Mill Spring. After that battle the Union forces returned to Louisville, and the ladies of that city presented the Tenth Indiana with a beautiful flag, which was received by Colonel MANSON on behalf of his regiment. On March 24, 1862, Colonel MANSON was appointed Brigadier General by President LINCOLN, and this promotion was valued, as it came to him without solicitation. To give the war record of this brave general would include the most brilliant and effective portion of the army's movements during those years.



On the 14th of May, 1864, the army corps with which General MANSON was connected moved upon the Confederate works at Resaca, and it was at this place that this brave officer made one of those displays of courage which make patriots' hearts glow with pride. To show General HASKETT how he might best avoid the enemy's fire, General MANSON sprang upon the works, when he was struck by a piece of shell upon that right shoulder, and his arm was thereby disabled forever. Although he was carried off the field insensible, in a few days, he resumed command, but he was finally obliged to enter the hospital at Nashville. He was there at the time of the battle of Franklin, but was later removed to Louisville, where he remained for 85 days, and here, after having an operation performed, he became satisfied that he would not be able to again take his command and so December 21, 1864, he resigned.

During his career General MANSON was never known to complain of any duty assigned him, and he was distinguished for accuracy of judgment and promptness in action, and was respected by his equals and loved by his men. General MANSON was nominated by the Democratic party in 1864 as their candidate for Lt. Governor on a ticket headed by the late Joseph E. MCDONALD, but while he ran ahead of his ticket, he was defeated. In 1866 he was nominated for Secretary of State, but was defeated and in 1868 he was nominated as a candidate for Congress in the Ninth District but the district was largely Republican and he was defeated. In 1870 he was again the Democratic candidate for Congress and was elected over General Lew WALLACE and served in the 42nd Congress.

Our distinguished subject is a member of the commission in charge of building the Soldiers & Sailors' Monument at Indianapolis, and by the organization of the Mexican War Veterans of Indiana was unanimously selected to represent the period of the Mexican War on the monument. He has long been a prominent member of the Grand Army, and became a member of the Masonic Fraternity in 1841, in which he has taken all of the degrees, including the 32nd and has filled the offices in the subordinate as well as Grand Lodge of the State. He was Deputy Grand Master for two years.

Gen. Manson was united in marriage on the 24th of May, 1850, with Miss Caroline Mitchell, a daughter of Joseph Mitchell of Crawfordsville, Ind. Mrs. Manson was born at Camden, Preble County, Ohio. General and Mrs. Manson have had born to them six children, three sons and three daughters, the eldest child and daughter being now deceased. Mrs. Manson for many years has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.



## Remembering—continued

General Manson is a man of commanding presence, and, until disabled by his wound, a man of strong constitution. His manner is frank and engaging, and he has an invaluable faculty, springing from the kindness and his heart and goodness of motive, of making men feel at home when in his presence. An eloquent orator, he commands the attention, convinces the reason, arouses the enthusiasm, and awakens the zeal of his hearers. A brave and gallant soldier, a prudent and conscientious statesman, a public-spirited citizen, a faithful friend, an honest man in business, and a true man in all the relations of life, it is not surprising that he holds a high position in the esteem and affection of the people of the state. He rose from poverty to justly deserved eminence, and true bright light which beats upon his life discovers no flaw in his character. Not by accident or aid of others, but by earnest toil, constant perseverance, through smoke and blood of battle, he has attained success in life, military glory, political and social popularity and the love and honor of his fellow citizens. Such men as he make all men their debtors."

In its account of General MANSON's death the Frankfort Times of this morning says: While on his way to his home in Crawfordsville from Monticello, he was attacked with exhaustion resulting from nervous prostration and when the Monon train reached here, he was removed from the car in an unconscious condition. He was taken in a cab to the COULTER House.

As soon as he had been taken to the COULTER House, Dr. KNAPP was called and all done to revive that medical skill could do. Under the treatment of the physician he rallied and regained consciousness between 4 and 5 o'clock. His family were notified by telegraph and Mrs. MANSON and her son Frederick arrived on the Vandalia at 7:08. They were driven at once to the hotel. When they arrived the General was conscious and recognized them. He said he was feeling bad and suffering much pain in the side of his stomach. He expressed a desire to be given a dose of paregoric. He was reminded by Mr. BRUSH that he had just taken a dose of medicine to relieve this pain, but if he did not get relief in a very few minutes paregoric would be sent for. Unassisted he turned over with his face toward the rear of the bed, indicating that he was satisfied by the simple statement, "Very well." These, so far as known, were his last words of the grand old hero. The anxious ones by his side watched in silence for a few minutes, when Mrs. MANSON passed around to the side of the bed where she could see him in the face. He seemed to be sleeping and for a few minutes more there was nothing to mar the silence except the sick man's apparently regular breathing. Suddenly there was labored breathing that all too well understood. Peacefully the dying warrior faced the Conqueror, tearfully his wife of his bosom, his son and his faithful attorney waited for the end which came in a few more breaths and all was over, and one of Indiana's noblest citizens, the Hero of Two Wars, the pure statesman and soldier, had answered the long roll.

There seems to have been a premonition of death with the General as frequently, lately to his wife, he had expressed the opinion that he would not live through the year. This was probably brought about by the fact that he had suffered from two strokes of paralysis - typed by kbz



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