

## NELSON FIELDS – Civil War Veteran

Comrade Nelson Fields has returned from his hunting trip with a nice deer. Good for the old soldier of the 38<sup>th</sup> Wis. We depend on him to keep up the reputation of the regiment, widely known for its many good shots. But comrade Fields ought to be a good shot, even if he is an old man [in 1909 he was 61 years old]. During the last six months prior to Lee's surrender of the rebel forces Fields was under fire every day while doing duty in the rifle pits in front of Petersburg and Richmond. During that time it was estimated that we averaged 80 rounds or more of ammunition per man for each 24 hours. Fields was in it all and at this rate must have fired about 14,500 rounds. As the bullets then used weighed an ounce he fired nearly, if not quite, a half ton of lead. Do you wonder that he can shoot good now, even if he is old?

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## TAPS SOUNDED FOR NELSON FIELDS

As briefly announced in our last issue, Mr. Nelson Fields died in his home in this city, Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1922.

Mr. fields and family have been residents of Phillips since the spring of 1895, coming here from Oshkosh to help in the work of rebuilding the city, and have been numbered among our most highly esteemed citizens. For years Mr. Fields has represented the First Ward as Supervisor on the County Board.

Mr. Nelson Fields was born in the city of Milwaukee, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1848. In 1861, when but 15 years of age, while employed in Adams county he enlisted, giving his age as 17 years, serving in Company K 38<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin, and among engagements participated in the hard fought battles of Cold Harbor, Siege of Petersburg, Fort Mahone, Hatches Run, fort Hudson, Baton Rouge, Clinton, the Siege of Vicksburg and others, serving until the close of the war in 1865.

In 1874 he was married to Miss Henrietta Hock, at Mayville, this state, later living at Oshkosh. To this union three children were born, George who died when 25 years of age, Maud, who died when 22 years of age, and Alta, who died when 2 ½ years of age. He is survived by his widow and two grand children, who he adopted as sons, Lawrence and Leland Fields. Also two brothers and two sisters: Cree Fields, residing at Neenah, Laura, in California, Nell, at Washington, D. C., and George Fields, of Milestone, Wis.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the M.E. Church, conducted by the Rev. W. F. Applegate, and very largely attended. The American Legion, the W.R.C., and G. A. R., and many ex-service men being present to pay respect to the departed veteran. Burial was had in Lakeside Cemetery

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