

Civil War Veteran F. McDonald

Died at his residence at the Lunt & Musser dam on Big Elk River on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 1888, MR. FREDRICK McDONALD, aged 50 years.

The deceased leaves a wife and daughter to directly mourn his loss, and was a man universally esteemed by our people. He was one of the early settlers of Phillips and was a member of both the Masonic and Odd Fellow societies, under whose management his funeral was conducted. He was made Master Mason in Scotland soon after he became of lawful age, and about two years ago took a demit from old Kingston Lodge, procured for him by D. L. McKay, on his visit to Scotland, and deposited it with Phillips Lodge No. 225, F. & A.M., and that piece of parchment has now become one of the most sacred treasures of its archives.

He joined the Odd Fellows Lodge Elk river, No. 306, at the time of its organization and has ever been one of its most faithful members. At the time of his death he was what is known as Past Grand.

His funeral was held at the Odd fellows Hall on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1888, and was the most largely attended of any ever held in Phillips. The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Burkhalter, an eminent Presbyterian divine, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who chanced to be spending his summer vacation in the vicinity of Phillips. The sermon was one of the most able and more favorably received of any that we have ever listened to. The sickness that caused his death was cholera-morbus, and he was only sick about 12 hours. In his death our people have lost a highly esteemed and honored friend.

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