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An Old Soldier Dead.

Chancy M. Messenger, died at the home of his son, Milo, in Elma Wash. after a lingering illness.

Once again has death invaded the ranks of the defenders of our country, this time summoning Chancy M. Messenger, a veteran of the civil war in which he served over three years, and one of the early pioneers of the Pacific coast. Mr. Messenger rendered a service to his country that was full of honor and credit to himself. At the time of his death he was seventy-five years, four months and eight days old. He was born in Warren county, Penn., and at the age of nineteen, a mere boy as he was, filled with the ambition that has been the making of our country, the spirit of a pioneer, set out with a resolute heart across the great American plains for the far west, landing in the city of Portland, Ore., in the year 1852. A few now living can realize the trials and hardships of those who cast their fortunes on the coast in the early days.

A few years later the breaking out of the Civil War occurred and he enlisted as a volunteer, serving in the 1st Oregon cavalry.

In 1870 Mr. Messenger returned to Illinois, but the following year moved to Scandia, Kans., where in 1873 he was married to Hester E. Palmer. He was the father of ten children, eight of whom are now living. Clark E. and Milo Messenger, of Elma, Wash., Mrs. Eliza Franklin, Glen Oak, Okla., Lewis Messenger of Glen Oak, Okla. Frank Messenger, Gayland, Kans., Johnny Messenger of Spokane, Wash., and Mary and Alice at some point in Kansas or Missouri.

His wife died in Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1894. and in a short time afterward he was married to Mrs. J. Lucas, who died in 1905. He then removed to Elma, Wash., where he has since resided, making his home with his two boys, Clark and Milo. On the morning of Nov. 4th he passed away, the cause of his death being paralysis. Mr. Messenger had lived a long and useful life. He was a member of the G. A. R. and members of the Post escorted his remains

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