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Wilmette's Roster of Civil War Veterans Reduced to Two: John A. Hood and Frank A. Alles

When the roll of survivors of the great Civil war is called next Wednesday, only two in Wilmette will answer "Here!" They are Frank A. Alles, 1614 Wilmette avenue, and John A. Hood, 106 Sixth street, familiarly known as "Daddy" Hood. Mr. Alles is now in his 88th year, and Mr. Hood will round out 92 years in

Last Friday evening a reporter made bold to call upon these fine old soldiers and seek their impressions of the changes that have been wrought during their long spans of life. Mr. Alles was found sitting before the radio, of which he is a devotee, listening to one of his favorite programs. After being introduced the reporter remarked that the old soldier must note a marked contrast between the Wilmette of his youth and that

"Yes," he replied, "it doesn't look quite the same. You see, I was born in Winnetka in 1846, on the 26th of December, and have lived hereabouts all my life. After I was married I lived for short periods in Evanston



John A. Hood

and Chicago, as my business demanded. But mostly I have lived within two or three miles of this spot. It was mostly wild country hereabouts, staking out a claim. My home was keen interest.



father, John Alles, came to this township in 1837.'

Mr. Alles was reticent about his war experiences, as most real soldiers are. He enlisted, he said, with twenty-two young fellows from the neighborhood, in Co. D, 39th Illinois Infantry, and served until the close of the war. "I joined John A. Logan Post No. 540, G. A. R., at Evanston, when it was first organized. Today W. P. Turner, 1911 Colfax street, Evanston, and myself are the only members left."

Mr. Alles suffered a sudden illness eleven years ago, following a strenuous march in a Memorial Day parade,



Frank A. Alles

and has since been confined to his home. His mental faculties are unimpaired, and he reads with avidity, keeping up with world events by means of the newspapers and radio, espcially the organ of the G. A. R., which he reads to tatters. Of a sunny, lovable nature, he finds much pleasure in greeting passing friends as he sits at his window. He is exceedingly interested in airplanes, which he often sees from that same window. After viewing the Akron dirigible he remarked: "Now I have seen everything Uncle Sam has." He is an ardent Chicago Cubs fan, and land was to be had by simply and follows their ups and downs with

west of what is now Indian Hill. My | "Daddy" Hood was discovered at

his home engaged in the prosaic duties of clearing up the kitchen. Asked about his health he replied: "Fine! Fine! Fine every day and all day. Leaving at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning for Iowa, to see if I am going to have any corn this year. Drought, you know. Everything dry as a bone. Seed corn just lying there doing nothing. Got to go out and see about it. Going to have a good time, too. Friend of mine taking me in an automobile. Ain't that great?" The reporter agreed that it was, and added that it is much "greater" that he is able to go. "Got to go," he said. "Got 320 acres of land out there that I lived on and farmed for 63 years, and it's my business to look after it."

Mr. Hood was born in North Carolina, and enlisted in Co. C, 51st Indiana Infantry when he was 18 years old. He also served until the close of the war. He joined the G. A. R. at the first opportunity, and has attended every national encampment of that organization with the exception of two. Says he'll be there this year,

The reporter gently insinuated an allusion to Lincoln, a mild remark sufficient to direct the patriarch's thoughts to the great emancipator. The ruse was successful, and there followed a splendid tribute to the martyred president which concluded with: "But, poor old Abe! If he could know what is going on in this country today, if he could come back here now and see how far we have strayed from his ideas and ideals, how little we seem to appreciate in this day the liberites he preserved for us, he would just faint away."

Asked if he would be back from his Iowa trip in time for Memorial Day, Mr. Hood answered: "Sure! Sure! Wouldn't miss it for anything. You just tell 'em that I'll be here.'

"Now, Daddy," said the reporter, "you have lived a long life and a useful one, and there must be some things in it of which you are especially proud," hastily adding, "other than your service to your country.' The rugged old fellow straightened up and with a gleam in his eyes said: "I am proud of the fact that in all my life I have never hoarded a dollar. By thrift and energy and the use of common sense (those things don't seem to be so popular now) I have always managed to get ahead and keep ahead. But I never hoarded money. When I accumulated more than I needed I gave it to my children, and I am glad I did.'

And so on next Wednesday Wilmette people will join in loving, reverent salute to these two distinguished citizens who served well their country in time of war and their communities in time of peace.

New Trier Tennis and Archery Girls Triumph

The New Trier girls' tennis team whipped Evanston in all four matches last Saturday at Evanston. In the singles Elizabeth Barden won from V. Mathews, 6-1, 6-2, and Nancy Gordon trimmed Portia Field, 6-2, 6-0. The New Trier doubles combination of Jean Pettibone and Natalie Waidner defeated Violet Swift and Eleanor Zie of Evanston, 6-2, 6-2. In the other doubles match Dorothy Edwards and Katherine Neeves of New Trier won from Jane Eastham and Lou Nonnested of Evanston, 6-3, 6-1. New Trier's archery team, composed of June Stenson, Marion Hall, Kathleen Johnstone, Betty Clements, Thalia Banning and Helen Clements, was victorious over Evanston the same day by a margin of more than 200 points. Mixed teams of New Trier and Evanston gir's played basket-