

# ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES



To all whom it may concern

Know Ye, That Charles P. Walton,  
a Private of Company "E" of the Seventh Regiment  
of Infantry who was enlisted on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of  
May one thousand eight hundred and ninety seven  
to serve 3 years is hereby Honorably Discharged from the  
Army of the United States by reason of Expiration of  
term of service

The said Private Charles P. Walton was born in  
Simpson in the State of Kentucky  
and when enlisted was 21 1/2 years of age, 5 feet 8 1/4  
inches high, Fair complexion, Brown eyes, D. Brown hair  
and by occupation a Farmer

Given under my hand at Vancouver Barracks, Wash.,  
this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord  
one thousand ~~eight~~<sup>nine</sup> hundred and

Wm E Donaherty  
Lieut. Col. 7th Infy., Commanding

### CHARACTER

No objection to his reenlistment is known to exist.

Very Good

Duncan Haeagan  
1st. Lieut. and Batt. Adjutant 7th Infy.,  
Commanding Company "E."

(A. G. O. No. 79 March 1898.)



MILITARY RECORD

Previous Service: None

Non-commissioned officer: Never

Marksmanship: 2nd. Class 1877.

Battles, engagements, skirmishes, expeditions: Several

during Spanish-American War in Cuba - 1898.

Wounds received in service: None

Physical condition when discharged: Good.

Married or single: Single

Remarks: Service honest and faithful.

Duncan Hagan

1st. Lieut. 3rd Batt. Adjutant, 7th. Inf. Regt.  
Commanding. Co. C.

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Paid in full \$ 150  
MAY 28 1898  
J. Matthews  
Major & Paymaster, U. S. A.  
PAY DEPARTMENT  
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**OLD WARRIORS**—Four of the oldest living soldiers in the state, veterans of the Spanish-American War, gathered today in Bowling Green at the Mid-town Holiday Inn to hold their annual "convention." The four are (left to right) Chase Edmunds, 91, of

(Staff Photo by Paul Hightower)  
Bowling Green; R. M. Morton, 86, of Louisville; A. M. Causey, 100, and the Rev. C. P. Walton, 95, both of Bowling Green. During today's meeting Causey was re-elected state commander of the organization.

## Ranks Are Thinned

# Spanish War Veterans Convene

By CLARK HANES  
Daily News Staff Writer  
Facing the grim reality that their numbers are dwindling into extinction, the Kentucky Chapter of Spanish-American War Veterans today held its annual meeting at the Mid-town Holiday Inn in Bowling Green.

This year's "convention" was attended by the only four members of the organization "who are still able to get around," according to Cathy Morton, the daughter of one of the four veterans and state

secretary of the Spanish-American War Veterans Auxiliary.

There reportedly are 18 living veterans of the Spanish-American War still residing in Kentucky, but the only four able to attend today's meeting were A.M. Causey, the Rev. C.P. Walton and Chase Edmunds, all of Bowling Green, and R.M. Morton, of Louisville.

As recently as five years ago, the members able to attend the convention were anywhere from 50 to 75.

But the older veterans have passed on, leaving only the "youngsters."

Causey, at 100, not only is the oldest living Spanish-American War veteran but the oldest living soldier in the nation.

Morton, on the other hand, is an 86-year-old "spring chicken" who still maintains an active law practice in Louisville. He is the youngest living veteran of the war.

The Rev. Mr. Walton, who was a Methodist preacher for 66 years, just turned 95, and

Edmunds who felt that "the Spanish-American War didn't really amount to much," is 91.

Causey and Edmunds served in Cuba in the Third Kentucky Volunteers, while the Rev. Mr. Walton served in the Ninth Infantry, also in Cuba.

Morton served in the 12th, Calvary, which operated in the Philippines, although he was actually too young (16) to be in the service.

"I had to lie about my age or  
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## Veterans

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they wouldn't have taken me," Morton confessed with a chuckle. "Then when I signed up again during World War I, I had to lie again to get everything straightened out."

Edmunds, too, said he was "the youngest soldier in my battalion," but added that he was 18, which made him "legal."

The Rev. Mr. Walton, the only member of the group to serve in the regular army, participated in the famous "Charge of San Juan Hill.

When asked about the historic battle, he began recollecting his memories. "We laid low in the trenches at the bottom of the hill for about 17 days," he said, "and then we just tore off up the hill."

"I may not have been the first one over the top," he added, "but I was one of the first."

During today's meeting, seniority prevailed and Causey was re-elected for another one-year term as state commander of the organization.

The Bowling Green senior citizen, who will turn 101 in October, has been trying the past two years to get approval for a postage stamp honoring veterans of the Spanish-American War.

So far, though, his efforts have been fruitless, and as a result, his opinions of the federal government have soured somewhat.

"I see no reason why they can't have a postage stamp honoring us veterans," he said. "They have stamps for everything else."

The Louisvillian, Morton, also expressed some displeasure with the government.

"Personally," he commented, "I think the American federal government has made more 'bums' in this country by making them think they're too old to work."

Asked when he planned to retire from his law practice, he bluntly replied, "When they call the undertaker."



REV. C. P. WALTON

**C.P. Walton,** *P.C.D.N*  
**Spanish War** *11/3/1911*

### **Veteran, Dies**

The Rev. Charles Potter Walton, 95-year-old Spanish-American War veteran and retired Methodist minister, died at 1:30 a.m. today at City-County Hospital following a brief illness.

He resided at 336 Sumpter Ave. and was a Simpson County native.

The Rev. Mr. Walton began preaching in 1905 and until 1944 served Methodist circuits in Warren, Simpson, Allen, Todd and Logan counties.

He served three years in the 10th U.S. Infantry in Cuba during the Spanish American War and later was state chaplain for the veterans and national chaplain for one year. He was one of two Spanish American War veterans in Warren County.

A. M. Causey, 101, of 702 10th St., is the other local veteran of that war.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Friday at the Arch L. Heady-Johnson Funeral Chapel with burial in Fairview Cemetery.

He is survived locally by his widow, Mrs. Mabel Whitley McCoy Walton.

