

M. L. Snyder, Prominent Citizen, Passes Away

Obit.
Snyder, Matthias
Sept. 5-1842 Apr. 9



MATTHIAS L. SNYDER

On Sunday morning, April 9, Matthias L. Snyder departed this life at his home in the city of Waukesha. Mr. Snyder was a son of Adam and Barbara Klein Snyder and was born in Treves, Germany, Sept. 5, A. D. 1842, and came to America with his parents in 1845, locating in New York City.

In 1847 the family came to Eagle and engaged in farming and here, Mr. Snyder attended the common school and assisted his parents on the farm, until Aug. 4, 1862 when he, with Sidney Kline, George Logan, Franklin W. Rice, Matthias, J. Bovee, Jr., Stephen W. Powell, John I. Bovee, William B. Sherman, Lewis M. Sherman, Leonard D. Hinkley and Thomas Lewis enlisted in the 24th Wisconsin regiment volunteer infantry and Mr. Snyder was made sergeant in company A. He took part in the battles of Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge and other engagements and was mustered out June 10, 1865.

He returned home and engaged in farming in the summer and teaching school in the winter.

In 1872 he was elected town clerk of Eagle on the republican ticket, and Eagle was then a strong democratic town. This gave him political prominence and in 1875 was appointed deputy register of deeds by the late John Stephens. He served in this capacity until 1877, when he was elected clerk of the circuit court, which office he held for two terms. In

1881 he was admitted to the bar, and in 1887 he was elected Sheriff of Waukesha county. In 1892 he was elected supervisor of the city of Waukesha, and at the annual meeting of the county board he was chosen chairman. During his administration the present court house was erected and he was chairman of the building committee. In 1904 he was elected mayor of the city of Waukesha and was re-elected in 1908.

In 1921 he was elected commander of the grand army of the republic of the state of Wisconsin, and at his death was President of the Catholic Knights of Wisconsin. In the discharge of his duties, his honesty was never brought into question, and in all of his active life, he established for himself a reputation, which commanded the respect of all.

On February 12, 1872, he was married at Eagle to Miss Amelia Gosa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gosa, early settlers of Eagle, who with two sons Matthias, Jr., and Harry, and four daughters, Mrs. Ray Robish, Milwaukee, Mrs. Wm. Laing, and the Misses Cecelia and Estelle survive him.

The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Joseph's Catholic church at Waukesha, of which the family are members, Rev. Father Miller officiating, and interment was in the church cemetery.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in the loss sustained by the death of their beloved husband and father.

M. L. SNYDER ELECTED COMMANDER OF STATE DEPARTMENT G. A. R.



WAS FORMERLY SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER OF STATE. IS COMMANDER LOCAL POST

M. L. Snyder, Waukesha, commander of the W. B. Cushing post, G. A. R., was elected state commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, at the fifty-eighth state encampment at Eau Claire, last week. The meeting was continued through to last Thursday night. Other officers elected included H. B. Bire, Madison, surgeon, and H. W. Reed, Madison, home patriotic instructor.

Besides being commander of the local post, Mr. Snyder also held the office of senior vice-commander of the state department. He had been unanimously endorsed by the C. P. Wilcox post of Milwaukee, the largest post in the state, prior to the annual encampment. Mr. Snyder has been four times elected as commander of the Waukesha post and at a recent annual encampment came within one vote of being elected state commander. At that time Mr. Snyder moved that his name be withdrawn and his

opponent, Walter D. Reed, be elected unanimously.

Mr. Snyder was born in Germany in 1842 and came to Waukesha when he was 12 years of age. He attended high school in the county and later studied law and was admitted to the bar.

When but nineteen years of age he enlisted in Co. A, 24th Wisconsin infantry and served three years, participating in eighteen of the principal battles of the war. Among these were the battles of Chancellorsville, Stone River, Nashville and Missionary Ridge.

In city affairs and politics Mr. Snyder has taken an active part. He has served as clerk of the circuit court for four years, sheriff of the county for two years and was register of deeds for six years. He also acted as chairman of the county board of supervisors, trustee, and alderman. In 1905 he was elected mayor of the city and again in 1907.

A resolution was adopted at the encampment extending aid to the Colorado and sufferers.

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