

## WILL GO TO GETTYSBURG.

### Another Tipton County Veteran Who Will Make the Trip.

There are two soldiers living at Sharpville, who took part in the battle of Gettysburg. One of them Capt. W. B. Wilson, was given mention by the Tribune a few days ago. The other one is John T. Grayson. These are two two sole survivors of this fight now living at Sharpville and both of them will attend the reunion on the battle field to be held this year.

Mr. Grayson was seventy-six years of age November 9, 1912, he being born in Decatur county, Ind., his father being Wren Grayson, a native of Tennessee and of Scotch-Irish parentage. His mother was Lucinda, daughter of William Williams, also of Tennessee.

In the family of John T. Grayson's father, there were thirteen children, five boys and eight girls, twelve of whom grew to maturity.

The Grayson and Williamson families came from Tennessee to Decatur county in a very early day and it was there that the five boys grew to manhood, four of them enlisting for service in the army, the fifth being too young for duty. The grandfather Grayson fought in the war of 1812. His son, Wren, did not see any service, but furnished four boys for the civil war. Beryl Grayson went out with the 82nd vol. infantry, John T. was a member of Co. D, 7th infantry. Hiram belonged to the 52nd as did his brother, William H. Beryl received a broken leg at Mission Ridge, this resulting from a gun

fact was the only one of the brothers taking a part in the fight at Gettysburg.

Mr. Grayson was in the fight at Winchester and helped to defeat Stonewall Jackson. He was at the second battle of Bull Run, Battle of the Wilderness, the latter May 6, 1864, and it was at that fight that he was taken captive along with forty others, including Col. Ira G. Grover, and they were sent to Andersonville. They remained there until it was reported that Sherman was marching on Andersonville, when he was removed, being sent to the prison at Florence. They remained there one month and were paroled. They were sent to Charleston and were exchanged. He says that transfer came to him with great pleasure as his prison life had been accompanied by many horrors. Much has been written about what the union men suffered at Andersonville and Mr. Grayson says that place was as black as it was painted.

Mr. Grayson was at the fight to the finish, but strange to say he did not get to fire a single shot. He was located along with a number of other soldiers in such a position that firing was useless, they being held in reserve. When Pickett made his famous charge, Mr. Grayson and his comrades were ordered into action, but before they could get into the fight, the charge was over and Pickett had retraced his steps through the bloody line. The union reserve was not needed.

The parents of Mr. Grayson died in Decatur county and in 1866 he came to this county. November 1, 1866, Mr. Grayson was united in marriage to Lucinda, daughter of Harrison Smith, at that time a resident of Prairie township. There were five children born, two of them living at this time. They are Mrs. Seth Wheatley, of Tipton, and Mrs. Wallis Wilson, of near New-castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson resided on a farm in Prairie township for many years, owning the farm of eighty acres at this time.

Twenty years ago he bought property in Sharpville and has lived there since that time.

He is a member of the G. A. R. at Sharpville and both himself and wife are devout members of the Methodist church. They are spending the afternoon of a long life in contentment, enjoying the esteem of all.

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