

Pearl Webb Cemetery Newsletter

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History & Facts:

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Mr. Harry Burr Weldon

For this newsletter, I have chosen Mr. Harry Burr Weldon of the Davis Bend community. He was the son of John Crittenden and Mary Wood (Sandidge) Weldon. He came from a very prominent family. His ancestors were one of the two Davis families for which the Bend was named. They came here from Virginia. His great grandfather, George W. Davis, bought the farm in 1817, when that area was still Barren County.

His grandparents, George Dale and Eliza Jane (Davis) Weldon are buried on the old home place in Davis Bend. He was one of nine children: Leona Leoti, Robert Dale, Minnie Myrtle, Harvey Lane, John Wood, Carrie Sandidge, Fronie Davis, and William Adair, who was the father of Dr. Adair of Barren County.

Harry Burr was born October 22, 1877 and died September 27, 1898 in New York. When he enlisted in the Spanish American War on July 6, 1898, he said he was a school teacher. One wonders if he may have taught at the little one room school in Davis Bend, which was Cave Springs.

He was in Company K. of the U.S. Infantry. The war only lasted a short time. The war began on April 25, 1898 and ended on August 12, 1898, but took

the lives of 2,910 men and 1,577 were wounded. The United States had 300,000 regular soldiers and volunteers.

Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the Philippines were all involved. Most of the fighting was done in Cuba. Mr. Weldon contracted typhoid fever and was sent back to camp in New York to be treated. Camp Wikoff at Montouk Point, Long Island, New York was set up for all the soldiers that had contracted tropical fevers in Cuba. It closed on October 28, 1898. While there 257 soldiers died and many were buried there, but Mr. Weldon was brought back to his hometown and buried in the Pearl Webb Cemetery.



On his tombstone are the words: "A brave spirit lies buried here, who died a glorious death in his country's cause. He has gone to a bright home where grief can come no more."

