

JAS. WILFONG WAR

VETERAN BURIED

Resident of Gulf Mills Died at
Erie.—Buried Yesterday
With Military Honors

HAD FINE WAR RECORD

James J. Wilfong, Civil War veteran and one of the oldest residents of this locality, died at the Soldier's Home at Erie, Pa., on Thursday last, of a complication of ailments, aged 75 years. Mr. Wilfong had been at the National Soldiers Institution for about a year, but since leaving his home at Mechanicsville had resided with his son Robert at Shellsburg, Pa., a part of the time.

Mr. Wilfong was born at Mawr, Pa., in 1847. He came to Mechanicsville when quite young, and that place was practically his home ever since, residing in a dwelling there which dates back for nearly a hundred years and which was built by his father. He was a well-known and skilled mechanic, and followed that occupation up until a few years ago.

He took much interest in politics. He was a staunch Republican. He was delegate to numerous county conventions, was county committeeman for many years, and also served as judge of election a number of terms. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was a member of George Smith Post, No. 79, of Conshohocken, and took much interest in all affairs pertaining to the perpetuation of the war veteran movement.

Mr. Wilfong is survived by six children as follows: Mrs. Alfred Baldwin of Mechanicsville; Mrs. Archie Adair, Mrs. Alice Reed, Philadelphia; Thomas Wilfong, Mechanicsville; Robert Wilfong, Shellsburg, Pa.; Matthew Wilfong, Wayne, Pa.

The body arrived on Saturday afternoon from Erie and was taken in charge by Undertaker Bailey, of Norristown, and removed to the residence of his son-in-law, Alfred Baldwin, at Mechanicsville, where the funeral, with military honors, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Among those in attendance was the commander of George Smith Post of Conshohocken. The services at the house were in charge of Rev. Mr. Armour, pastor of the Conshohocken Methodist church. The interment was made at Gulf cemetery.

Mr. Wilfong had a good war record. He enlisted from Montgomery county on the 11th day of July, 1864, and was mustered into the U. S. service as a private of John C. Snyder's Company A., 197th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, Colonel John R. Haslett, commander. The regiment recruited in Philadelphia and vicinity, was known as the Third Coal Exchange Regiment. He was honorably discharged November 11, 1864, at Camp Discharge, by reason of expiration of term of service. He was appointed a Bridgeport, Conn., on December 27th, 1864, as a private in Captain John Marsh's battery M., and was afterwards transferred to Capt. Gad M. Smith's Battery D., Second Regiment, Connecticut Volunteer Heavy Artillery, Col. James Hubbard commanding. The regiment was assigned to the Second Brigade, First Division, Sixth Corps, Army of the Potomac. He participated in the following engagements: Second Battle of Hatchers Run, siege assault and capture of Petersburg and Sailor's Creek, Virginia, besides a number of skirmishes and was also present at the Appomattox Court House at the time of Lee's surrender to General Grant, April 9th, 1865. For his meritorious service Mr. Wilfong was promoted to corporal of Battery M., May 16, 1865, and afterwards transferred to Battery D of the same regiment. He received his final honorable discharge at Fort Ethon Allen, Va., on August 15th, 1865.

He was a member of the Conshohocken Post of the G. O. P.

