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BOHALL, CHARLES F.

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Charles F. Bohall was born in Jefferson county, New York and married while living there and in 1857 moved to Minnesota, then a territory, and stayed at different places near St. Paul. In November 1861 he explored this country, looking for a homestead. He came to the home of George Smith, in West Union and Mr. Smith told him that there was a fine claim just south of his claim, which had been located upon; but, the party had left with the intention of never returning. Charles F. Bohall examined the claim and it suited him and on November 26, 1861 he filed upon the North West $\frac{1}{4}$ of South West $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14 and South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of North East $\frac{1}{4}$ and East $\frac{1}{2}$ of South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 15 and paid for it with a Military Land Warrant. The homestead law had not yet been enacted. He then enlisted in the United States Army and started south to help preserve the Union. Julia L. Bohall, the wife of Charles F. Bohall; stayed at or near Clearwater, Stearns county during the years Charles F. Bohall served in the army.

When the war was over and Charles F. Bohall was mustered out of the Army he bought a team of horses, a few head of stock, some farming implements and in 1866 with his wife started for his claim in West Union. By this time there was not much land near his Military Land Warrant claim, but the West $\frac{1}{2}$ of North West $\frac{1}{4}$ and lot 3 of Section 14, adjoining his other land had not been taken and he homesteaded that and January 24, 1872 made final proof thereon.

Four children were born to Julia L. and Charles F. Bohall: Frankie Tenner; Charles E.; Matt; and Howard, who was drowned in Fairy lake while a young boy.

Charles F. Bohall was a very public spirited man. He held many town offices and also served on the school board of his district. He donated the land for the first school. The building was of logs and accommodated between thirty and forty pupils. The teacher was paid twenty dollars per month and was "boarded around." If there was one child in the school the teacher remained a week at the home of the parents, if there were two children attending the school the teacher remained two weeks and so on. The first terms were only two months then there were two months of school in the fall and three in the spring. The terms were gradually increased until there were eight months of school. The children each furnished his own books and no two children had text books alike which meant the teacher must hear each child recite separately. When the teacher boarded out he had to pay from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per month.

Julia L. Bohall died on February 15, 1881. Later Charles F. Bohall married Arminda Nottage and after a few years he sold his farm and moved to Sauk Centre where he died on April 26, 1906 at the age of seventy-four years.

Interviewed: Charles E. Bohall
Date: February 9, 1937
By: Dorothy Hansmann

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FROM THE RECORDS IN THE STEARNS COUNTY COURT HOUSE

FOR THE CHARLES F. BOHALL BIOGRAPHY

MARRIAGE RECORD BOOK M. PAGE 298

Charles E. Bohall and Amanda Moore

Married at Sauk Centre, April 6, 1891

By: Rev. Chas. W. Lawson

Witnesses: Mrs. C. W. Lawson and Mary Hendrickson

DEATH RECORD BOOK B. PAGE 68 LINE 2

Charles F. Bohall Born in New York, December 3, 1831

Son of Marcus Bohall and Betsy Jones

Died April 4, 1906

Age 74 years 4 months and 23 days

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Second interview to affirm or correct information in biography as compared to information as listed in the legal records in the Stearns County Court House.

AFFIRMED:

Charles F. Bohall and Mrs. Armina Nottage married in 1884 at Long Prairie, Minnesota.

AFFIRMED:

Charles E. Bohall married Amanda Moore April 6, 1891. Charles E. a son of Charles F. Bohall.

AFFIRMED:

Death of Charles F. Bohall, April 26, 1906, as stated in biography.

Re-interviewed: C. E. Bohall
Date: October 12, 1937
By: Dorothy Hansmann

ADDITION:

Charles Farr Bohall was born in Jefferson County, New York, December 3, 1831 and resided there until 1857 when he came to St. Paul. He resided at Cottage Grove and Monticello until 1866 when he moved to West Union.

He enlisted in the 7th Minnesota Vol. Inf. at St. Cloud in 1862 becoming a member of company "I" and served the Sibley expedition and participated in the campaigns against the Indians, taking part in the engagements at Birch Collie, Fort Ridgely, Big Mound and other places.

In 1863 the company was ordered south, C. Bohall accompanying it. They stopped for a time at St. Louis and later participated in the battle

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at Memphis, being assigned to the right wing of the 16th corps under General A. J. Smith. The company also took part in the battles of Tupelo, Nashville and in the pursuit of General Hood.

Charles F. Bohall was honorably discharged in August, 1865, and returned to Monticello where he remained until 1866 when he moved to West Union.

In 1902 C. F. Bohall retired from active labor and came to Sauk Centre.

Charles Farr Bohall and Julia E. Mantle were married in New York in 1855. Five children were born to this union: Frances I., Charles E., Merrit C., Howard H., who died in 1890, and one son who died in infancy. Julia E. (Mantle) Bohall died February 15, 1881 and in 1884 Charles F. married Mrs. Armina Nottage at Long Prairie, Minnesota. One daughter, was born to this union, who died in infancy.

Charles Farr Bohall died, April 26, 1906 and was buried in Silver Creek Cemetery, West Union.

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