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CHARLES RATHBUN

Charles Rathbun, long a resident of Groton, died at his home in Webster about nine o'clock Monday night.

Throughout his life, Mr. Rathbun had been of robust health, and up to the day of his death scarcely knew what sickness was like.

On Monday he had been out attending to threshing on his farm, helping to handle the grain, and going about the work with his usual energy, but feeling somewhat fagged out and tired toward evening. Not feeling well he retired early little thinking that in an hour or two his end would come.

He was born in Milwaukee, Wis., sixty-two years ago. At the age of fourteen, he enlisted as a soldier in the civil war and bore arms in defense of his country for more than three years. For six or eight years he served as police justice at Webster.

How well we remember his kindly nature. Always cheerful, with never an unkind word for those about him. All who knew him will experience a sense of personal loss in his going.

A widow and one son survive him, a daughter, Mrs. Clark, having died and was buried at Groton many years ago.

Funeral services were held at Webster yesterday, and the body was brought to Groton, where interment will be made in Union Cemetery at 10:00 today.