

Nehemiah Nickerson  
Company "D" - Private  
(Alternate Name – Nehemiah Nickason)

Submitted by **Betsy Anne Nickerson Mileham**  
(Great – Great Granddaughter)

Born January 20, 1841, Marshall Country, West Virginia. Died October 26, 1913, Wheeling, Ohio County, West Virginia. Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling, West Virginia

Spouse: Amanda Eliza *Robinson* Nickerson (1849 – 1904)  
Buried Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling West Virginia

Children:

John Cooper Nickerson (1867-1891)\*  
Mary Ellen *Nickerson* Kennard (1868-1957)  
David Israel Nickerson (1872-1935)  
Amanda Virginia *Nickerson* Otto (1877-1964)  
William H. Nickerson (1879-1952)  
Charles Vincent Nickerson (1880-1967)  
Albert Louis Nickerson (1882-1922)  
Addie J. *Nickerson* Minnie (1886-1908)  
Harry Morton Nickerson (1889-1962)  
Archie Curtis Nickerson (1892-1943)

***It should be noted*** that \*John Cooper Nickerson (died at age 24 – family members could only remember that he had “terrible stomach pains”) was the father of Henry Nehemiah Nickerson. Henry was a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient; Navy Seaman, U.S.S. Utah, Battle of Veracruz Mexico, 1914. Henry’s son, Henry John Nickerson, USN Cdr. (Ret.), was a decorated Navy pilot, WW II. Henry Nehemiah is survived by his daughter, Mary Louise Nickerson Wilcox, Columbus, Ohio.

The following obituary appeared in The Wheeling Intelligencer on Monday, October 27, 1913:

#### **GOOD RECORD**

A man who has known Mr. Nickerson for the last 40 years, said of him last night when asked by a reporter of the history of the deceased: “I have known him for the past 40 years, and during that time I have known him to be always a straightforward, reliable and responsible man; one who did his duty where he saw it and one who attended strictly to his own business. He was a strict Republican of the old line and always stood for what he thought was right. Now that he is gone this country has lost a citizen who will be greatly missed and one who will not be duplicated for some time.”

Mr. Nickerson was a lifelong member of Mystic lodge No. 24, Knights of Pythias, situated at Elm Grove, and has done a great deal for the upbuilding of that order. The original charter of that lodge bears the name of Nehemiah Nickerson. He also was a

member of Holliday post, G.A.R., and has a large number of old hero friends, who will march with sturdy yet sad tread at his funeral.

During his latter life Mr. Nickerson had enjoyed the best of health and could with little effort outwalk any man fifty years his junior in a cross country stretch. His relatives and descendants can be numbered by the hundreds, among who are the Vanamans, Marples, and Nickersons of Edgington Lane and John of Park View. He is survived by the following children: David, Will, Curtis, Charles, John and Nathan and daughters, Mrs. John Otto of Greggsville and Mrs. Vandyne, at home.

The funeral services will be held at the late home in Edgington Lane, Wednesday afternoon and interment will be in Greenwood cemetery. The Knights of Pythias lodge, of Elm Grove, will turn out to the funeral in a body as will the Holliday Post, Grand Army of the Republic. Few men have enjoyed the friendship of a greater man in the confines of Ohio County and few men leave behind them as many sincere friends at their death as did Nehemiah Nickerson. To his friends and relatives his name was "No." Nickerson and by this name the majority knew him.

His father, David Nickerson, like his son (*\*\*John Cooper*) met an untimely death about fifteen years ago, when he was run down by a freight train at McMechen on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad and instantly killed. Thus it may seem that the deaths of father and son are strangely similar.