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Charles Monahan, Retired Army Officer326 South East Street, Plainfield, Indiana

Charles Monahan, b. in Manchester, N. H., Nov. 20, 1873; s. of James and Margaret (Danford) Monahan.

James Monahan, b. in County Mayo, Ireland, About 1868, he emigrated to Am., where he was a millworker in various cotton mills. He d. in 1904. His wife, Margaret (Danford) Monahan, who was b. in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, d. in 1883. They were the parents of 6 children, Charles being their second-born child.

Charles Monahan, the subject of this sketch, attended parochial sch. in Manchester, N. H., one year (about 1883). He then worked in the cotton mills until 22 years of age. In 1897, he enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps, in which he served from Nov. 15, 1897 to Nov. 14, 1902, being promoted to the rank of sergt. during that time. He served as a 1st sergt. in Co. F, U. S. Inf. from Nov. 24, 1902 to Sept. 15, 1911, as a sergt. in Co. C, 1st Inf., from Sept. 19, 1911 to Sept. 24, 1914, and as color sergt. at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., from Sept. 28, 1914 to July 8, 1917, serving in Co. D of the 18th Inf., Co. M, of the 11th Inf., and the Hdqrs. Co. of the 11th Inf. On July 8, 1917, he was apptd. temporary 2nd lieut. of the U. S. Army, from color sergt of the 11th Inf. On Aug. 15, 1917, he was commd. a 1st lieut., and on Aug. 24, 1918, a capt. He was hon. disch. from the commn. service, Aug. 22, 1919, and on Aug. 23, 1919, re-entered service in the 11th Inf. He was retired Nov. 16, 1925, at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, near Indianapolis, Ind., with the rank of capt. He served in the Spanish-American War, in 1898, in the Philippine insurrection, 1900-02, on the Mexican Border in 1914, and in the U. S. during the World War. Mr. Monahan, who is a Democrat, formerly was a mem. of the Lions Club. He is a mem. of the Am. Legion (past comdr. of local post), and Hendricks County Chapter of the Citizens Hist. Assn. His favorite recreation is pool. Mr. Monahan is a baseball enthusiast. He resides in Plainfield.

In 1924, Mr. Monahan married Lydia A. Black, dau. of Robert H. and Tabitha (Heath) Black. Robert H. Black owned a furniture store in Plainfield, and also was a traveling furniture salesman. He d. Dec. 9, 1927, and his store then was under the management of Charles Monahan. Mrs. Monahan was b. at Bowling Green, Ind. Mr. and Mrs. Monahan have no children.

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Gen. John Mercer, who was a soldier in the Rev. War. Mr. and Mrs. Pomeroy are the parents of 2 children: (1) Alice, who resides in Plainfield with her husband, William A. Morrison. (2) Margaret, who is attending Earlham College.