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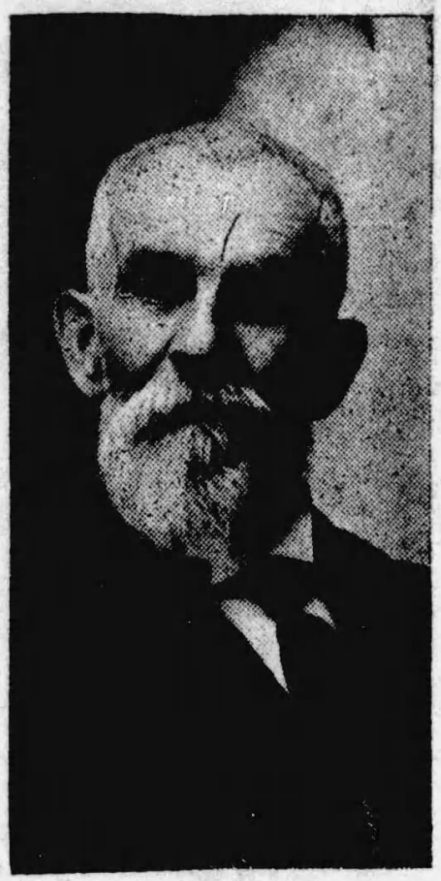
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Oscar Holland, Man Without a Country, Dead

Oscar Holland, a bachelor, and one of the few survivors of the vast army which went West during the gold excitement of 1849, died Friday morning in a St Joseph hospital after an illness of two days of pneumonia. Had he lived until March 17th he would have been 82 years old.

For several years he had made St. Joseph his home but, spent much of his time with Mr. and Mrs. McMillian, who have lived on his farm east of town seventeen years.

Mr. Holland was a life long Democrat and he personally knew president Buchanan. He was in reality a citizen of no country. For the past fifty



years he had not voted, and he had never taken the oath of allegiance folfowing the surrender of the Confederate armies, refusing to be "reconstructed."

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Mr. Holland served through the Civil war in a Virginia regiment and went to Mexico following the surrender at Appomatox with Col. Jo Shelby to aid in securing Mexican independence and was one of the last survivors of the little band that saw Maximillian executed, following France's desertion from the cause of the Austrian. After a residence in Mexico he returned to the United States, but, as stated, he never became a citizen under the new order of things. In addition to his service in the Confederate army he served in the Mexican war. When the Civil war broke out he took the vast retinue of negro servants that belonged to his family and started to Texas and Mexico with them, but the emancipation proclamation and Union troops which he encountered freed the slaves.

In 1849 this remarkable man treked across the plains to California with a wagon train from Farquar county, Va., his birthplace. He became fairly wealthy by prospecting for gold, and sewing his dust in a leather sack strapped it around his body and sailed around Cape Horn and back to New York.

In 1854 he came to Platte county and bought the farm three miles east of here which he owned until his death.

Mr. Holland's father died when the son was young and in 1859 he sent for his mother, brothers and sisters to come to Missouri and live with him.

He is survived by one brother, George L. Holland, of Washington, D. C., and with whom he was planning to spend the remainder of his days, when taken ill, and one sister, Miss Amanda, who lives at McLouth, Kansas.

The body was brought here from St. Joseph Saturday afternoon and taken to Camden Point for burial in the Masonic cemetery. His nephews, W. R. Holland and E. W. Holland, both of St, Joseph, accompanied the remains.

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