

# Charles P. Davis

## **Born**

June 5, 1872 Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota,

## **Entered Service**

Private

Company G

1st North Dakota Volunteer Infantry

Valley City, Barnes County, North Dakota

## **Philippine Insurrection**

## **Died**

May 28, 1943

Valley City, Barnes County, North Dakota



## **Early Years**

Charles P. Davis was born June 5, 1872 in Long Prairie, Todd County, Minnesota to Silas J. Davis and Philino (Rambo) Davis<sup>4</sup>. Charles was the eldest of the Davis' thirteen children, eleven of whom survived. Charles had completed 8<sup>th</sup> grade elementary education<sup>6</sup>.

## **The War Years**

During the Spanish American War, on May 16, 1899 near San Isidro, Philippine Islands with 21 other scouts, Charles charged across a burning bridge, under heavy fire, and completely routed 600 of the enemy who were entrenched in a strongly fortified position.<sup>2</sup>

## **The Post War Years**

At the age of 28 years, Charles married Ruth Mary Butterfield in 1902. They had no children<sup>6</sup>.

Nearly seven years after his distinguished gallantry Charles P. Davis was issued the Medal of Honor on April 28, 1906.<sup>5</sup>

The 1910 US Federal Census shows that Charles worked as a clerk in a poolroom in North Dakota, Barnes, Valley Ward 1, District 0016. In the 1920 US Federal Census, Charles was self-employed as a detective in North Dakota, Barnes, Valley Ward 1, District 16. In 1930, according to the US Federal Census Charles was found to be working as a Patrolman for Railroad Industry in North Dakota, McHenry, Drake, District 15. The 1940 US Federal census shows that Charles is not working but collecting compensation.

Charles passed away on May 28, 1943 in Valley City, Barnes County, North Dakota. He is buried in North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, Morton, North Dakota.<sup>4</sup>

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