

A GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hill Celebrate, Their Fiftieth Anniversary.

The following account of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Hill, formerly of Alexandria, is taken from the Puyallup, Wash., Tribune. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of Mrs. R. J. McNeil. They were for years residents of Alexandria and have hosts of friends here. The following is the account:

“Seated beneath a bower of Autumn leaves that glowed with the soft and mellow tints of rich and beautifully sunset, and surrounded by many relatives and friends who extended their warmest congratulations upon the happy event, Mr. and Mrs. Louis S. Hill celebrated their golden wedding Tuesday evening in the hall of the Grand Army of the Republic. The occasion was a memorable one not only to the two chief participants, but to all who had assembled to pay their tribute of homage and respect to the distinguished couple whose years sat so lightly upon them. Social converse, music and a tempting diner were the order of the evening, all present were made to feel at home and take a personal interest in the success so signally achieved.

“Fifty years ago, on the evening of October 6th, 1873, Louis S. Hill and Miss Anna E. Wray were married in Clinton, Ill., the groom being a native of Kentucky and the bride of Pennsylvania. [This is an error. They were married October 6, 1853.]. At the breaking out of the civil war Mr. Hill obeyed his country’s call and enlisted in Company C, Forty-first Regiment of Illinois Volunteers. At the battle of Fort Donelson he was severely wounded in the leg and had to be sent home, but as soon as the injury healed sufficiently he re-enlisted, though unable to sustain the fatigue of the long marches. Because of this fact, Mr. Hill was finally compelled to quit the service.

“Mr. and Mrs. Hill remained in Illinois until 1866, when they moved to Minnesota, residing in that state thirty-seven years. [Some of the preceding sentence may be slightly incorrect. The copy of the article this was transcribed from was hard to read.] A little over a year ago they came to Washington to visit married daughters who reside in . . . Puyallup . . . the county and . . . doubtless abide here during the remainder of their appointed days [portion unreadable].

“Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hill, of who eight survive, one son being dead. Five daughters were present at the golden wedding celebration, the other three children being still in the east. Those present were Mrs. Walter Scott, Mrs. Allan Scott, Mrs. J. W. Blackwell, Mrs. James Seely and Miss Catbaryn Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs. Seely were here on a visit, but the others are permanent residents of the valley. Three grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Hill were also present.

“To the strains of a selection from Faust the aged couple, followed by their descendants, marched to the bower arranged at one end of the hall. There Rev. W. H. Gibson of the Baptist church and Rev. M. A. Covington of the Methodist Episcopal church, on behalf of the many guests assembled, extended warmest felicitations upon the anniversary so few wedded couples live to celebrate. Handsome presents were also bestowed upon Mr. and Mrs. Hill in commemoration of the occasion.

“Mrs. Wray, the mother of Mrs. Hill, is still the only person in Puyallup valley who was present at the wedding fifty years ago. She resides with Mr. Walter Scott, here grand daughter, but could not be present Tuesday night because of her feeble condition. Mrs. Wray is not 94 years old.