

WEDDED 60 YEARS, THEY CELEBRATE

Eleven Children, 28 Grandchildren and a Great-Grandchild at the Mauttes Anniversary.

IT'S A FIGHTING FAMILY

Represented in the Mexican, Civil, Spanish and World Wars—Sees Nothing Wrong With Youth Today.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. John Mautte celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding yesterday at their home, 607 First Avenue, West Haven. More than 200 friends joined their forty descendants at the reception given the couple in the afternoon and evening.

Mr. Mautte is 79 and his wife 76. Four generations of the family were represented.

Mr. Mautte was a member of Company E, 110th Connecticut Volunteers, and served with distinction throughout the Civil War. He enlisted as a drummer boy at the age of 14 and fought in five minor engagements and in the battles of Antietam, Gettysburg, Petersburg, Fredericksburg and Drury's Bluff, where he was captured. After his capture he spent ten months in Libby and Andersonville prisons. Just previous to the close of the war he and a number of other Union prisoners perfected plans for escape from Andersonville. They had tunnelled a distance of seventy-five feet beyond the walls when heavy rains caved in the loose earth. Their second attempt was nearing completion when Lee's surrender at Appomattox brought them liberty.

Mr. Mautte was permanently disabled in a collision of troop ships off Fortress Monroe, Va. After the end of the war Mautte returned to Highwood, Conn., in 1863, where he married Elizabeth Ginder in 1867. Twelve children were born of this union. Seven boys and five girls, eleven of whom are living. They are John, George, Louis, Charles, Arthur, Edward and Harry and Mrs. Daniel Visel, Mrs. Arthur Carroll, Mrs. John Talbot and Mrs. Marcus Hill. The second oldest daughter, Mary, died at the age of 17 of diphtheria.

Of the four generations present there were in addition to the eleven children, twenty-eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Another great-grandchild, Clifton Spring Visel Jr., the son of Mr. Mautte's oldest grandchild, is with his parents in Coahuila, Mexico.

Andrew Mautte, father of yesterday's celebrant, came to America from Germany in 1845, and fought with the United States Army during the Mexican War. Later he returned to Germany, where Mr. Mautte was born. Ten years later he returned to America and settled in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Mautte's oldest son, John, served with the medical corps in the Spanish-American War and was disabled as a result of typhoid fever contracted at Tampa, Fla. His youngest son, Harry, was severely wounded in the second battle of the Marne while fighting with Company F of the Twenty-third Infantry, near Chateau-Thierry, July 18, 1918. A grandson, Clifton Visel, the son of his oldest daughter, was a lieutenant in the engineers during the World War. Another grandchild, Viola Visel, was an American Red Cross nurse in Belgium during 1915-16.

Mr. Mautte was chief engineer in the Sheffield Scientific School heating plant, Yale University, previous to his retirement about twelve years ago.

"Sixty years seems a long time," he said today, "but it really isn't. We have been through many trying experiences but we have managed to enjoy ourselves."

Neither Mr. Mautte nor his wife can find a thing wrong with impetuous youth. "If there have been any changes since we were young," Mrs. Mautte said, "they have been for the best. If I was a few years younger I'd have my hair bobbed. I gave up keeping a cookie jar years ago, but I expect to live long enough to take it off the shelf for our great-great-grandchildren."

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