

# Civil War Vet Stops Over to View Dam And Is Oldest Person to See Project

Claiming the unique distinction of being the oldest person ever to visit Boulder dam, H. O. Morton, one of the few remaining veterans of the Civil war, hale and hearty at 96, stopped here last night en route home from the national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic to see the great engineering feat.

Morton is commander of the John A. Martin post of the G. A. R. in Los Angeles, and his keen blue eyes kindle with eagerness when he discusses the days of '61 when he was but 22 years of age and volunteered service in the army which took him to all the important battle-fields of the war.

He thoroughly enjoys telling inquirers that he is one month and five days older than John D. Rockefeller, and is intensely proud of the fact that he voted for Lincoln twice.

"I served the first three years

of the war and then reenlisted for the rest of it," he asserts proudly.

Morton was one of 800 veterans who gathered at Grand Rapids for the encampment, and thoroughly enjoys these reunions with his comrades of three quarters of a century ago.

He is also proud of the fact that he has been a member of the Masonic lodge for 72 years, and exhibits his first membership card in proof of his long activity in the great fraternal order.

Morton was accompanied on the trip by Wm. H. A. Turrill, commander of the Stephen Jackson camp number 3, sons of union veterans, Mrs. Turrill, president of the John A. Martin post, Woman's Relief Corps, their daughter, Miss Marie Turrill, Mrs. Martha Espehind, and Rose D. Haisington, secretary of the Los Angeles W. R. C. post of which Mrs. Turrill is president.