

Elizabeth P. Moore (1835 – 1910) and Milton C. Chase, (1837 – 1924)

Dr. Milton Chase was born 1 September 1837 in Monroe County, Michigan, son of Warren Chase and Mary P.; he died May 29, 1924. He married 7 December 1864 Elizabeth P. Moore, born 25 December 1835 in Bart, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, daughter of Eli M Moore and Sarah Chalfant. She died 1910.

Milton and Elizabeth had eight children: Sarah, b. 16 Nov 1865; twins Mary and Warren, born 29 August 1868, Xanthippe, born 9 July 1870; Zada, born 15 December 1871; Alta, born 5 November, 1875; and Milton Jr, born 1878.

Milton Chase was only one year old when his father took the family to Wisconsin. They lived in Kenosha for five years, and then moved to Ceresco, Wisconsin. Milton's father was prominent in politics, and served in the Wisconsin Legislature, and after moving to California later on, was elected to the California Legislature as a representative from Santa Barbara.

Milton received his early education in the schools in Ceresco. He entered Ann Arbor High School, and after deciding on a career in medicine, enrolled in the medical department of University of Michigan in 1858. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1861. A few months later, in August 1861, Dr. Chase enlisted as a private in Company A, Sixth Michigan Infantry. With his regiment he was sent to Baltimore, where he was immediately appointed Assistant Surgeon. He performed the duties of a physician on the pay of a private soldier, receiving only \$13 per month. January 1, 1862, he received a commission as Assistant Surgeon. He continued in that capacity until August 8, 1864, when he resigned and returned home.

Milton and Elizabeth were married on December 7, 1864, and in January of 1865, the couple moved to Kalamazoo, where he practiced for two years. Their first child, Sarah, was born during this time. The family then moved to Otsego, where Dr. Chase spent the remainder of his career.

Dr. Chase was a member of the Republican party until about 1886, when he allied himself on the side of Prohibition, chairing their central committee for several years.

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He was credited in one source as having "done more, perhaps, than any other man toward breaking the liquor "ring" in the town, and, to his honor be it said, there is not a licensed saloon in the place." (Otsego County)

A biography of Milton Chase by Robert S. Warnke, Milton Chase, M.D: Assistant Surgeon, Sixth Michigan Infantry Regiment, is available in the local history room of the Kalamazoo Public Library.

Also in the collection at the Kalamazoo Public Library is a memoir: Dr. Milton Chase: Medical Memories of fifty years in Kalamazoo.



**Headstones of Milton and Elizabeth P. Moore Chase  
Highland Cemetery, Ypsilanti, Michigan**

Sources:

Portrait and Biographical Record of Kalamazoo, Allegan, and Van Buren Counties, Michigan. Chicago, Chapman Brothers, 1892.

U.S. Census 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 (Ancestry.com)