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Last Adair County Civil War Veteran Dies

Monday evening, Lewis Lawson, 98 years old, died at his home southeast of Stuart.

Mr. Lawson, before his death, was the last living Civil War veteran in Adair County.

Funeral services were held here Wednesday afternoon from the Bufkins funeral home.

Obituary

Lewis Lawson, son of Peter and Ellen Lawson, was born in Sweden, Feb. 7, 1847, aged 98 years, one month and 24 days.

At the age of nine he came from Sweden with his parents to Galesburg, Illinois.

He enlisted at the age of 17 in Company G, 134th Regiment of Illinois Volunteers, in which he served to the end of the war and was mustered out on Dec. 15, 1864, his discharge, now a family heirloom, being signed by President Lincoln.

He came with his people to the

home near Stuart, in 1882, where he has lived for 58 years.

He has been an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic for many years. He was commissioned by the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army as aid de camp in 1936. He was the only living veteran of the Civil War in four counties at the time of his death.

He was kind, patient, honest and grateful for any favor. Through a long and useful life he found constant opportunity to befriend others. He had a decided sense of humor. He lived a clean life. He said shortly before his death, "I am ready to go at any time."

Among his mourners are his sister, Emma, at home, two nephews Clyde and Robert Lawson, and two nieces, Miss Darlene Lawson and Mrs. Blanch Heath.

Funeral services were held from the Bufkin funeral home Wednesday at 2:00 p. m., the Rev. B. F. Hamilton officiating, and interment was made in the Stuart cemetery.