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Last County Civil War Veteran Dies

Edward Streepy Dies at Udell Home on Sunday

Had Two Desires: See End of War and Live Past the Century Mark

Today Appanoose County lists no veterans of the Civil War among its living citizens. Last night the sole survivor of that conflict in this county, died at 11:30 at his home near Udell. He was Edward Streepy, who attained his ninety eighth birthday on October 30. Relatives today said that he had been keenly interested in the present war and that he had recently expressed the desire to live until peace came once again. He had formerly wanted to round out the century mark.

After two weeks of serious illness, coupled with the disabilities of extreme age. Mr. Streepy passed on without being enabled to realize either one of his cherished hopes.

3 Before 1940

Prior to 1940 Appanoose boasted three living Civil War Veterans, who were William Shuck, Byron Bates and Mr. Streepy. Mr. Shuck passed on in Mar. of 1940; Mr. Bates died July 8, 1942. Due to the fact that this county had more living veterans than most Iowa counties, many of which had none, special services were held in the latter

years each memorial day at the Streepy home near Udell. Members of the local patriotic orders gathered at the Streepy home this year to honor the lone survivor, on Decoration Day.

Edward Streepy was born October 30, 1844 at Washington, in Daviess county Indiana. He lived there until he was a lad of nine when in '53 he moved with his parents, Mr. And Mrs. Edward Streepy Senior to this county. The family settled on the land near Udell, where Mr. Streepy died last night. Edward grew to young manhood there and united in marriage with Amanda Young, April 9, 1873. The couple settled on a farm between Udell and Moravia but 59 years ago they moved back to the home place where Mr. Streepy remained until his death. Four girls and two boys were born to this union, one of the boys dying in infancy. Surviving are Mrs. Laura Stuckey, of Iola, Kansas, Mrs. Cleffa McConnell, of Mason City, Mrs. Alva Caylor, of Udell, Anna at home and Guy at home.

Mr. Streepy enlisted in the Civil War at Numa on April 11, 1862. He was assigned to Co. I 36th Infantry and served gallantly to April 25, 1864 when he was captured with other Union troops at Marks Mill, Arkansas. He was held prisoner until he was returned to his

company February 25, 1865, at Duvalls Bluff, Arkansas.

Expect Wednesday

Funeral arrangements are pending but are expected to be held Wednesday.

Mr. Streepy was truly one of the "Grand Old Men" of the Union army. He was a kind father and a good friend and all who knew him mourn his passing. In spite of his age at the eve of one century, he retained a lively interest in affairs about him and was a student of the present world war. His greatest hope was that it might end soon and that he might live to see that day.

And thus the pages turn. With guns booming around the world, Appanoose gently closes the chapter that ends the era, which began under President Lincoln in 1861.

Funeral services will be held at the Methodist church in Unionville, Iowa, at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday and burial will be in the Eaton cemetery. Military rites will be held. The body will lie in state at the Johnson funeral home in Centerville until 7:00 o'clock tonight.