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M. L. Stebbins Dies

LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN PASSES AT HOME HERE

Funeral Service Set for Thursday at M. E. Church

Funeral services for M. L. Stebbins, 92, Bremer County's last veteran of the Civil war, will be held Thursday afternoon at the Kaiser funeral home at 1:45 and at the Methodist church at 2 o'clock. Rev. Wm. O. Ecklor, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial will be in Harlington cemetery with full military honors. The Joe W. Cretzmeyer post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will be in charge.

Mr. Stebbins died Sunday after being an invalid for two years following a stroke. Prior to that he had been actively engaged in the harness business in Waverly, being Waverly's oldest businessman.

Mr. Stebbins was born Sept. 7, 1845, at Mantua, Portage county, Ohio, the son of Lyman and Almira Eggleston Stebbins. He came to Bremer County in 1866, starting in the harness business in Waverly in 1869.

Served in Cavalry

Mr. Stebbins enlisted in Company F, First Iowa cavalry, Jan. 1, 1864, in Independence. His brigade served in

engagements in Southwestern Missouri and in Arkansas, near Little Rock, and was at Chickamauga and Lookout Mountain. He took part in Texas campaign and was there until the end of the war.

Married in 1870

His marriage to Nora Hamblett took place Feb. 20, 1870. They adopted a boy at the age of 3, Ray Ahlers, who now resides at Monrovia, Cal. There are 23 nieces and nephews, including Mrs. S. I. Pool of Waverly. The late E. E. Lewis was a nephew.