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Martin Johnson, the last local remaining veteran of the Civil War, is in a very critical condition and it is feared he cannot last much longer. He has been gradually failing over a period of three years, but only this winter he has been confined to his home, and the last few months to his bed. He has been unconscious for the past few days and it may be a matter of hours, or he may surprise his family and continue to live awhile longer.

He has long since passed his three score years and ten mark, and endeared himself to old and young alike by his persistent desire to be in his home and garden, and the daily visits with his friends downtown.

His daughter Mrs. Della Johnson Gilbert arrived this (Friday) morning from Franklin Grove, Illinois, to help with the nursing.

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The Herald was held following the word Mr. Johnson was not expected to live throughout Friday. The message came just after the front page had gone on the press at 3:00 p. m. He died a few minutes previous. His vitality has surprised everyone and no one could tell just how long he might linger. His life story is an interesting one and is worthy of repetition and will be given next week.