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## JONAS HOFFHINES PASSES ON

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Jonas Hoffhines, 100 years old on last July 10<sup>th</sup>, passed away last Tuesday morning at the Hoffhines home on north Main Street.

Funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at the Stewart Funeral Home. Mr. Hoffhines, pioneer Leon businessman came to Iowa from Illinois on the first train that the Burlington railroad ran from Ottumwa to Osceola. He came on to Leon on the stage and soon after became associated with the business interests of this early day town. He was in business in Leon

for over fifty years and his association with southern Iowa affairs was outstanding. On his one hundredth anniversary, the whole community honored him with a public reception held in Noel Park. Many state officials and members of the G. A. R. and other war veterans as well as women's organizations attended the reception. He was the last Decatur county Civil War veteran. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Amy Truesdell, of Leon and Mrs. C. H. Simmons, of Harlingen, Texas.

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## rites held for pioneer resident

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Funeral services for Jonas Hoffhines, one hundred years old last July, were held at the Stewart Funeral Home in Leon last Sunday afternoon conducted by Rev. Clarence Moore, pastor of the Leon Methodist church. Burial was in the beautiful Leon cemetery.

The service was attended by a large number of his old friends as well as the younger generation with whom he was

equally popular. Mr. Hoffhines came to Leon in the early days of this community and had been identified with its business interests for more than fifty years. On his one-hundredth birthday he was honored with a reception in Noel Park attended by many officials and members of the various organizations as well as the people of the whole countryside. Mr. Hoffhines was loved and respected by everyone.