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## Veteran Dies

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Bayard and Guthrie County's last Civil War veteran, John Palmer, 98, died at his home in Bayard Tuesday afternoon following a short illness. Funeral services for the community's oldest

resident will be held this afternoon at 3 p.m. from the Christian church.

The American Legion will be in charge of the services and he will be given a full military funeral.

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## John Palmer

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John Palmer, son of Welcome and Esthes Palmer was born March 3, 1844, near Sagertown, Crawford Co., Penn., and passed away Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1942, at the age of 98 years, 8 months and 28 days. When he was 11 years old he moved with his parents to Dane Co., Wisconsin where they lived for several years. On March 15, 1865 he was united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Sentence, who passed away Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1933, at the age of 87 years. To this union was born 8 children, 5 children preceded them in death. The three children living are William Palmer of Coon Rapids, Ira Palmer of Bayard and Mrs. Ida Hughes of Plainview, S. Dak.

On March 15, 1865, the day he was married, he enlisted in the army and served till the Civil War was over and at that time he received an honorable

discharge.

In the year 1870 they moved to Guthrie Co., Iowa where he has resided ever since and has been a resident of Bayard since July 1885.

He was a kind loving father and loved to have his children and grandchildren around him. In the winter of 1924 he was baptized and became a member of the Christian church when he was nearly 80 years old.

He leaves to mourn his passing, 3 children, 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren; also 2 sisters, Mrs. Lois Erb of Manitou Springs, Colo. and Mrs. Harriett Clark of White, S. Dak; one brother, James Palmer of Rockham, S. Dak. and many more relatives and friends.