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## Charles H. Lingenfelter

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Charles Henry Lingenfelter, 103, died Friday morning, May 11, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Watson Schick, of Dakota City, following an attack of pneumonia suffered approximately a week ago.

Mr. Lingenfelter was the last Civil War veteran in Humboldt County, having served with the Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry.

He was born October 6<sup>th</sup>, 1841 in Amsterdam, Montgomery County, New York where he lived until he was fifteen years of age when he moved with his parents to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was employed by the Milwaukee Railroad for a time as a fireman on a wood-burning engine.

At the age of twenty-one he heard his country's call and enlisted in the 23rd Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry where he served for the duration of the Civil War. He received his honorable discharge on May 30, 1865, and returned to New York State where he lived for a time. He later came to Elgin, Illinois with his father where they lived for two years before coming to Iowa. After coming to

Iowa he met and married Julia Sager and made their home near Manchester, Iowa. To this union were born three children, Eva Elizabeth Bryan who preceded him in death, Arthur H. Lingenfelter of Wadena, Minn., and Mary Jane Schick of Dakota City.

During his young manhood he united with the Methodist church at Belvedere, Ill. So far as is known by his family he never has taken his membership from that church.

Since the death of his wife in 1901 he has made his home with his daughter and her husband. He has enjoyed remarkable health and has been about the house until a short time ago. He has lived to the unusual age of 103 years, 7 months and 6 days, having kept his interest in the happenings in the world.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at nine o'clock at the Lindhart funeral home in Humboldt with the Dr. W. L. Breaw, pastor of the Methodist church officiating.

Burial was made in the family plot at Lamont, Iowa, beside his wife and father.