

## Iowa Civil War Vet, 103, Dies

### McMurray's Death Leaves Only One.

(The Tribune's Iowa News Service.)

IOWA CITY, IA. — Ebenezer McMurray, 103, older of the two remaining civil war veterans in Iowa, died here Sunday night.

Death came at 10:30 p. m. after a 10-day illness at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Chester A. Phillips.

James P. Martin of Sutherland, who was 100 last Nov. 10, is now the only G.A.R. member left in the state.

#### Services.

Services for Mr. McMurray will be at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Sharon Moravian church, New Philadelphia, Ohio, with burial there.

Besides Mrs. Phillips, wife of the dean of the college of commerce at the University of Iowa, with whom he lived the last 12 years, Mr. McMurray is survived by a son, Raymond S. McMurray of Huntington, Ind., eight grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Mr. McMurray was born in Kingston, Jamaica, Aug. 27, 1844. His father, James McMurray, a Presbyterian minister from Scotland, who had settled in Jamaica because of his health, was director of all missions in the British Isles.

#### Brooklyn, N.Y.

When he was 4, Mr. McMurray's parents moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where his father opened a Bible bookstore.

He was sent to a private boarding school in Stanford, Conn., and returned to Brooklyn in 1851 when his father died. From there he moved to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, with his mother, three brothers and sister. His mother, who died at 80, taught school to support the family.

Mr. McMurray often recalled that when he was 12 he saw Abraham Lincoln on the back platform of a train, which passed through Dennison, Ohio.

#### Union Forces.

McMurray joined the union forces when he was 19. Two brothers, John and James, joined the confederate army. They were working in the south when the war started.

McMurray enlisted as a teamster and he called his job of driving mules "the worst job in the army." He served with Co. A, F and C in the 185<sup>th</sup> division.

He was married after the war to Anna Van Lehn. That was Feb. 6, 1868. Five children were born to the couple. His wife died in 1935 at the age of 85.

#### Township Clerk.

Following his war service, Mr. McMurray served for 26 years as township clerk in Tuscarawas County, and lived on a farm near Massillon.

Always a conscientious radio listener, Mr. McMurray paid close attention to politics and news broadcasts.

Up until his last illness his favorite diversion was to have neighborhood children visit him, and he would entertain them with stories. Keeping a

scrapbook was his favorite hobby. In this book were some of his own poems dating back to 1906.

**Encampment.**

Mr. McMurray had belonged to the Sharon Moravia church in Ohio for 84 years. He always kept up his church dues there, although he did attend many other churches.

According to Mrs. Phillips, one of the highlights in her father's life was attendance at the first joint encampment of the north and south at the seventy-fifth anniversary of the battle of Gettysburg, Penn., in 1938.

McMurray had planned to attend the Iowa G.A.R. encampment at Mason City June 13 but his illness prevented him from doing so.