

H. A. BLOOMFIELD, CIVIL WAR SOLDIER, DIES

NINETY-EIGHT YEAR OLD MAN LAST VETERAN

Fought in Union Ranks Under General U. S. Grant

Harvey A. Bloomfield, last surviving Monroe County veteran of the Civil War, died Wednesday morning at 10:12 in his home at 221 North Ninth Street.

Despite his advanced age Bloomfield had been in fairly good health until he came down seriously ill a week ago. He was 98 years old, attaining that age Nov. 12, 1939.

Born in Columbia, Ill. In 1841, Bloomfield enlisted in the Union army July 12, 1861, at the very beginning of the Civil War. That was over 79 years ago, but he was a youth of 19 at the time.

He was a soldier in Company G of the 21st Missouri regiment. The principal battle in which he participated was the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee in 1862, fighting under Gen. U. S. Grant. The battle ended in a victory for the Union and led to the eventual defeat of all Confederate forces in the west.

Married in 1862

Bloomfield was discharged from the army service during 1862 at Keokuk. He was married in October of that year to Mary Ann Farley. She died in 1921. Bloomfield was remarried in September 1922 to Mrs. Emma Hull, and she survives him.

Carpentry was Bloomfield's trade and he worked until 1920, when he was incapacitated by an injury. He has been a resident of Albia since 1919, coming here from Eddyville. Previously Oskaloosa had been his hometown.

During the summer of 1938 Bloomfield traveled to Gettysburg, Pa., to be among the body of Union and Confederate war veterans gathering on the famous battlefield on the 75th anniversary of the struggle.

Memorial Parades

He has been seen for many years taking part in the Memorial Day parade and observance in Albia. Last year he was unable to go to the cemetery, but was visited by a party of World War veterans and many friends.

Bloomfield's passing marks another reduction in the depleted ranks of Civil War veterans of Iowa. Only a handful of the old soldiers remain over the entire state.

Surviving Bloomfield, in addition to his wife, is a stepdaughter, Mrs. A. W. Rowley of Albia; a half-brother, C. N. Bloomfield of Albia; one sister, Mrs.

Molly Acord of Oskaloosa and a grandson in Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1:30 at the Albia Methodist church with Dr. W. R. Keeseey in charge. Burial will be in an Oskaloosa cemetery. Bloomfield was a member of the Eddyville Masonic lodge and Masons conducted part of the rites.
