

Chariton County

Lewis, James Elmer (16 Aug 1845- 2 Aug 1934). Farmer. Born in Ohio to Andrew R. Lewis and Sarah (Rafesude ?). Resided near Dalton in Bowling Green Township with his wife Martha S Kellison (1848-1933). Private Company A, 53rd Ohio Infantry

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Military Funeral for Brunswick Civil War Vet

Brunswick, Aug. 4 – The last page in local history of the war between the states, so far as those who actually took part are concerned, was written here this morning, when funeral services were held for J. Elmer Lewis, 89, the last Civil War veteran in western Chariton county, who died at his farm home, 6 miles east of Brunswick, Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted at the Brunswick Methodist Church by the Rev. C.L. Dorris and final military rites were performed at the

grave in Elliot Grove cemetery by members of the Rucker McAllister Post, American Legion.

Until recently, Mr. Lewis had been unusually active for one of his age, but he became seriously ill this week and his condition did not improve following an operation performed Tuesday. His death is the third among local Civil War veterans in the past three weeks; the others being those of C.M. Dixon, July 17, and W.J. Garvin, July 22.

Mr. Lewis was born in Ohio, August 16, 1845, and came to Chariton county in 1877. He enlisted in the Union army, February 11, 1864, when, as he often remarked, he was “just a kid.” He served as a private in Company A, 53rd Ohio Infantry for 18 months and took part in Sherman’s famous march to the sea. Mr. Lewis was the last member of the Brunswick – Pinhart Post No. 268, G.A.R., which disbanded a number of years ago.

He was married in Waverly, Ohio, November 21, 1867, and the 65th anniversary of the wedding was celebrated at the Lewis home in 1932. Mrs. Lewis died of pneumonia a few weeks later. Surviving are

three daughters, Mrs. Alice Wright of Keytesville, Mrs. Bertha Venable, Dalton and Miss Ida Lewis of the home; and a son, Ellsworth (Joe) Lewis of Dalton. Eleven grandchildren and several great grandchildren also survive.

Mr. Lewis was a descendant of Francis Marion Lewis, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and later, a territorial governor of Missouri. He had lived on the farm east of Brunswick 57 years.

Coffman, Pleasant (23 Dec 1844-21 Jul 1934)
Born IN, Buried Lakeside Cemetery, Summer,
Chariton CO MO. Service in the Linn Co Home
Guards, Co F 13th Mo Inf, Co F 25th Mo Inf, Co D H
1st Mo Engineers

Obituary

Pleasant Coffman, son of James and Louisa Coffman, was born near Cloverdal, IN, Dec. 23, 1844, and passed away at his home in Cunnigham, Missouri, June 21, 1934, at the age of 89 years, 5 months and 29 days.

When a small boy he moved with his parents to Missouri, settling in Sullivan Co. He was the eldest child of a large family who were pioneers of this state.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he was among the first to answer his country's call for volunteers, enlisting July 20, 1861, in Co. F, 13th Regiment, of Missouri. He was also a member of Co. D, 1st Regiment of Missouri Engineers. He received an honorable discharge from service July 22, 1865, at Louisville, Kentucky.

Soon after the close of the Civil War he was united in marriage to Betty A. Britton, and to this union were born nine children, Maggie, Clara, Walter, Della, Mary, Olive, Myrtle and two who died in infancy. He was preceded in death by his wife who passed on four years ago, and his only son, Walter, who died 32 years ago. Surviving are the six daughters, 26 grandchildren, and a number of great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; also two brothers, James Edward of Kansas and Frank of Iowa, three sisters, Mrs. John Dillinger of Oregon, Mrs. Alice Ross of Washington and Mrs. Dan Coffman of Browning, Missouri.

Mr. Coffman had been a resident of this community for 45 years, and was a member of the Christian Church many years and died in that faith.

In the passing of the aged man the community has lost one of its most respected citizens, a man of sterling qualities and undoubted integrity. He was a devoted husband and father, always having the welfare of his family at heart. He was a good neighbor and friend to everyone. To the last of the "Boys in Blue" of this community, our parting word is:

"Soldier rest, thy warfare o'er

Sleep that sleep that knows no waking;
Dream of battlefields no more,
Days of danger, nights of waking,
All are o'er."

Funeral services were conducted by F. L. Burton from the home Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Internment in charge of S.L. Leipard of Mendon was made in the Lakeside cemetery.

Card of Thanks - We desire through the medium of the Star to express our appreciation of the many acts of kindness from friends and neighbors in the sad hour of the passing of our loved one, P. Coffman. We also want to thank the singers and those who contributed the beautiful flowers.

The Relatives.