

Texas County

ISAAC HARRY

(3 May 1843 - 17 May 1944). 123rd IL Co A,
Buried Boone Creek Cemetery. Lived
southeast of Licking MO

News Article of Passing:

May 25, 1944

Mr. Isaac Harry Dies; Age 101

Last Civil War Veteran in County

Texas County's Oldest Citizen

Mr. Isaac Harry, veteran of the Civil War and the oldest man in Texas County, passed away at the home of his son, William F. Harry, near Licking, Wednesday of last week. He was also the last Civil War soldier in Texas County. There are only five other surviving Union soldiers in Missouri.

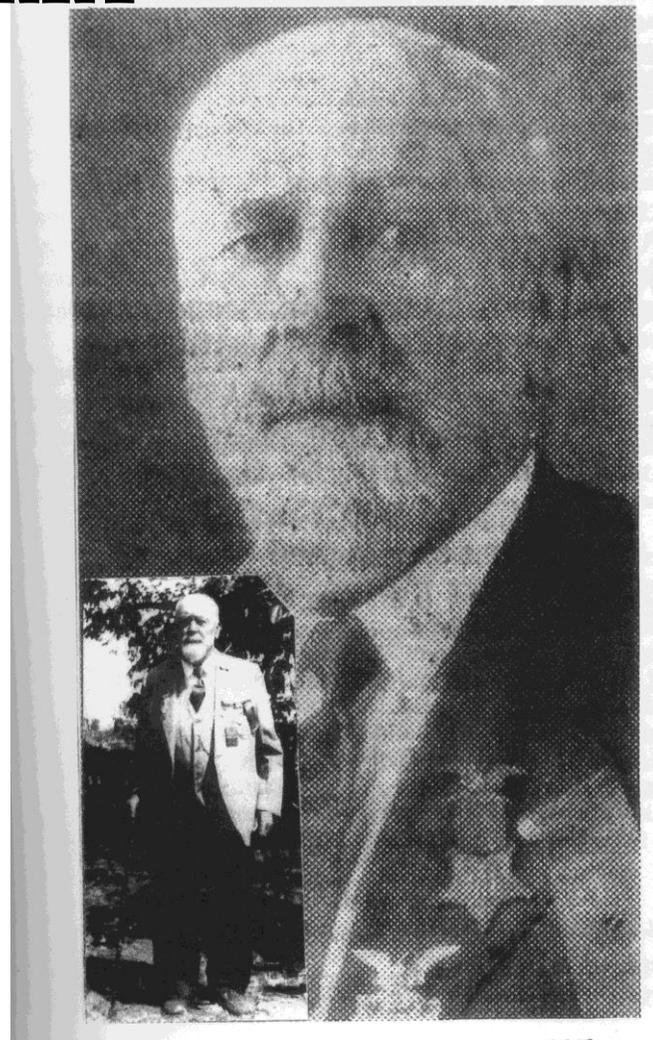
His age at death was 101 years and 14 days.

Mr. Isaac Harry was born in Williamsburg, Ohio, May 3, 1843. The family moved to Charleston, Ill., where Mr. Harry enlisted in the 123rd Illinois Mounted Infantry.

In 1884 Mr. Harry and his family came to Texas County, locating near Boone Creek church, a few miles from Licking, making his home on the same farm since that time.

Mrs. Harry and three daughters are deceased. Only two children survive - William F. Harry and a daughter, Mrs. Dunie McBride.

Mr. Harry was the last survivor of the 1000 men in his Civil War regiment, the last of eleven children of his family.



Mr. Harry was always considered an outstanding citizen, a Christian gentleman and a man who held the respect and esteem of all who knew him. He was a man of fine appearance, retaining his splendid physique to the end. A conversation with him was both entertaining and instructive. His hearing and eyesight remained good and his mind was clear to the last.

One year ago a large host of friends gathered at the home to celebrate his 100th anniversary and he enjoyed the occasion without sign of fatigue.

He has been tenderly cared for by his son, W. F. Harry, and wife and his daughter, Mrs. McBride. He was happy in the home and it was a joy to minister to the good father who was always so cheerful and appreciative.

Mr. Harry was a soldier in the Union Army for three years, enlisting in August, 1862. His Mounted Infantry fought in 111 engagements, including Perryville, Chickamauga and Atlanta, all very important major battles. He served under three Generals - Buell, Rosencranz and Sherman. He was a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, holding state and national offices in that organization.

Mr. Harry became seriously sick April 20, was then better for a few days, then gradually grew worse until the end came to an honorable and useful life.

He had long been a member of the Licking Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted at Boone Creek Church, Friday, in the presence of one of the largest groups of people ever assembled there. He was dressed in the uniform of the Union Army - a splendid looking old soldier even in death.

Services were in charge of his pastor, Rev. A. B. Garrison, of Licking, assisted by Rev. Warren Smith, pastor of Boone Creek Church, Rev. G. M. Sherrod, of Licking and Rev. J. R. Halbrook, of Houston. Mrs. Virginia Ruth Hutcheson sang "Death is Only a Dream."

Burial was in Boone Creek Cemetery by the side of Mrs. Harry, who died several years ago, under the direction of Smith and Ferguson undertakers.

Active pallbearers were Coy Higgins, Leo Higgins, Leslie Kofahl and Elmer McBride, grandsons; Earl Self, husband of a grand-daughter, and Clyde Green. Honorary pallbearers were old-time friends - J. S. King, Bert Thornton, Webber Wilson, C. W. Roy, E. C. Halbert and A. N. Hickle.

Farewell, Isaac Henry - soldier, citizen, father, neighbor, friend.