

CYRUS CLARK PASSES AWAY AT AGE OF 99

Last Surviving Veteran Of Clinton County GAR Post Dies

Cyrus Clark, 99, oldest citizen of Clinton county, and last surviving member of the Stone River post, Grand Army of the Republic, passed away shortly after midnight this morning at the Jane Kinsey Nursing Home, 306 South Jackson street. His death was attributed to general debility.

For a number of years he had made his home with his three children, and had been in unusually good health, but despite his advanced years his death came as a shock to his many friends. He was taken to the Nursing Home only last Wednesday.

Immediate survivors are a daughter, Mrs. Edward A. Stinson, 801 Alhambra Avenue, and two sons, Elmer S. Clark, 709 Alhambra Avenue, of Frankfort and Jason Clark of Tippecanoe county.

He was not a native of Frankfort, having come from Pennsylvania, but for 37 years he has continually resided in Frankfort or near the city. He has been actively identified with its progress, served it as mayor in the early days and later as a county official. He was an organizer and charter member of Stone River Post G. A. R., saw the membership roster grow to nearly five hundred in number and then decline until he alone remained alive.

He had been teacher, farmer, soldier, politician, mortician, furniture merchant and a few other professions and avocations in the busy ninety-nine years.

Mr. Clark was the son of Nathan and Elizabeth Clark and was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, April 18, 1840. His parents were hardy farmers, immigrating to Clinton county and settling north of Frankfort, now east of the village of Moran, when Cyrus was 12 years of age. He worked on his father's farm through several summers and

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Frankfort, now east of the village of Moran, when Cyrus was 12 years of age. He worked on his father's farm through several summers and winters and became a school teacher before he was 21 years of age. His last school was near the Clinton-Carroll county line, north of the village of Sedalia.

War clouds were hovering over the nation as one winter school term drew towards a close. In the fall of 1861, at Lafayette, he enlisted in Company "C" of the 1st Ind. Inf. The company was composed of Clinton county young men in majority and under the command of Captain James H. Beaman of Michigantown. The company suffered a number of casualties during the duration of the war and was mustered out in Indianapolis in the late fall of 1864. He returned to Clinton county and resumed work on the farm. Three years later he was united in marriage with Laura J. Pierce, who died several years later.

In the fall of 1868 Mr. Clark was named a deputy in the office of auditor, serving under James Knight, a Baptist minister. Knight's term of office expired a year later. However, Wm. A. Ghent was elected to the office and appointed Mr. Clark as deputy. Three years later Mr. Ghent died and Mr. Clark was named by the commissioners to complete the unexpired term. A year later, in 1874, he was a candidate for the office, running on the Democrat ticket. Elected, he served for four years.

After leaving the office of auditor he engaged in the undertaking and furniture business, being located on North Main street, the site now occupied by the building adjoining the Shafor building block north of the Merritt drug store.

He accepted the nomination for mayor on the Democrat ticket in 1882, the year the present courthouse was being built, and his election made him the town's first Democrat mayor.

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Friends of "Uncle Cy," and includes almost every man, woman and child in Clinton county, regret to learn of his passing, but may find consolation in the fact that he enjoyed nearly 100 years of healthy, active living.

His body was taken to the Gowin funeral home, where it will be prepared for burial and will remain until funeral arrangements are completed.

TRAFFIC VIOLATOR

CLARK BURIAL MONDAY AT 2

Knights Templar Guard Will Serve at Goodwin's; Interment at Bunnell

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Funeral services for Cyrus Clark, venerable citizen and oldest coun-ty resident who died Friday night, will be held from the Goodwin funeral home on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. Charles C. Ford of the Methodist church will be in charge and burial will be in Bunnell cemetery. The burial ritual will be given by the United Span-ish war veterans and World war veterans will serve as pallbearers. Members of the Knights Templar, Commandery 29, will stand as an honor guard on Sunday from 10 un-til 12 noon and from four o'clock in the afternoon until nine o'clock that night and friends may call during those hours or any time Monday up to and including the hour of the funeral.

Mr. Clark celebrated his 99th birth anniversary in April and met many friends at that time who called to wish him congratulations on reaching an age within striking distance of a century. Mr. Clark was one of the charter members of the local G. A. R. and was the sole survivor. He was reared in the vicinity of Kilmore and enter-ed the Union army with an Indiana regiment and in a company com-posed of Clinton and Tippecanoe county youths. He was active throughout his long and useful life and was mortician, politician and merchant during his life. For sev-eral years he had divided his time between the homes of his two sons and a daughter. He died at the McKinsey nursing home, on South Jackson street, where he was taken a few days ago.

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