

Biography of George W. Halstead
The Last Union Civil War Veteran Buried in Greene County Indiana
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George Halstead was born on November 20, 1847 at Checkerville, Ohio. He came to Linton with his parents, Elberta and Ru Ann Halstead, while a small boy. He never married. He enlisted as a recruit in Company E, 43rd Indiana Infantry, and entered service with the rank of Private, on November 16, 1864, at Indianapolis, Indiana. During this time the 43rd Indiana was assigned to guard duty at Camp Morton in Indianapolis, overseeing confederate prisoners or war. Private Halstead was mustered out with his regiment, at Indianapolis, on June 14, 1865.

After the war, George returned to Greene County and lived in the community of Lyons until the last six years of his life where he made his home with Mr. and Mrs. Rollinson. George died January 16, 1942 at the age of 94. At the time of his death, he was reported to have been the last living Civil War veteran in Greene County Indiana.

He was survived by a number of nephews and nieces, including George Rollinson of the Plummer community, Henry Rollinson of Worthington, Thomas Rollins, Bertha Katzenberger and Mary R. Hendren; all of Indianapolis, and Lydia DePaw of San Diego, California.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Halstead on Sunday, January 18th, at the Prairie Chapel church east of Lyons and burial was made in the Prairie Chapel Cemetery.

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