

**CALEB S. RANSOM CALLED—  
WAS CIVIL WAR VETERAN**

**Pioneer Resident of County Dies at  
Ripe Age of 85 Years—Funeral  
Held Sunday at Ionia**

Caleb S. Ransom, Civil war veteran and pioneer resident of Chickasaw county, died at his home in Ionia about noon Friday, Nov. 8, 1929, after a long illness, at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 23 days.

Caleb S. Ransom was born in Wilkesboro, Penn., December 15, 1843.

He enlisted for service in the Civil war in the fall of 1861, and served in Company I, 34th Illinois. He was wounded in the battle of Stone River by a shot through the leg and received his honorable discharge. He reenlisted in Company G, 142 Illinois and served as second lieutenant through the remainder of the war. He had one brother, Charles, and an uncle, Ira Ransom who were also in the Civil war.

In November, 1864, Mr. Ransom was married to Mary E. Moore. To this union were born eleven children, three of whom have passed to the great beyond. They are David, Susie and William.

The remaining ones are Mrs. Carrie Knight of New Hampton, Mack Ransom of Nashua, Oscar of Rose Creek, Minn., and Charley, Harry, Albert and Mrs. Gertie Trusty of Ionia. His wife died in July 1889.

In July, 1892, he was married to Margaret Myers, whose death occurred a few years later.

He was united in marriage to Cora Myers in April 1909. To this union were born three sons, Gale, Willis and Willard, who are all at home. Besides his wife and sons and daughters he leaves to mourn his death, 58 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

He united with the Congregational Church in Ionia several years ago and for about 8 years was Senior Deacon in the church.

The funeral was held at the Congregational Church in Ionia Sunday afternoon, Nov. 10, at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. F. S. Artz officiating and the G. A. R. and the W. R. C. of Nashua took part in the service at the church. Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery at Republic. The funeral was largely attended. Six of his grandchildren were pallbearers.

Mr. Ransom was the only remaining old soldier in Ionia. The Ransom family lived for many years on his farm southeast of Ionia in Dayton township before moving to Ionia.—Ionia Cor.