

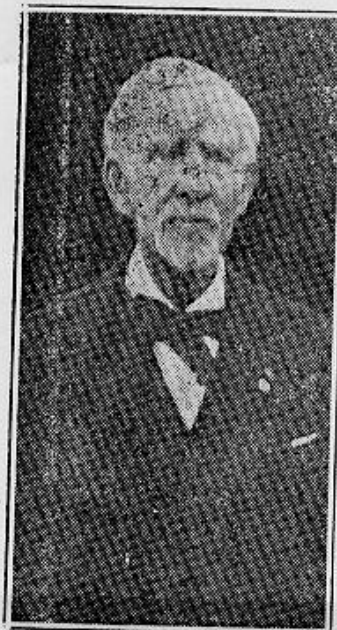
**FINAL TAPS SOUNDED
FOR UNCLE JOE WATTS**

**Last Member of Local G. A. R.
Post Was Laid to Rest
Last Saturday**

Final taps were sounded Saturday for Uncle Joe Watts, last surviving member of the Geo. W. S. Dodge post of the Grand Army when his body was laid to rest in Rowley Hill cemetery near Bassett.

As his death will result in the disbandment of the G. A. R. post here, the flag used at burial services of his comrades, who previously answered the call of their General, was buried with him.

Joseph B. Watts was born in London, England, on Oct. 21st, 1846, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Watts. When a small boy his mother died, and when about ten years of age he and his baby brother, Charley, were



JOSEPH B. WATTS

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brought to America to friends in St. Charles, Ill., where he remained one year, then went to the home of his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doane at Elgin, Ill., where he made his home until he was 21 years of age.

When the Civil War broke out he enlisted in Company I of the 62nd Illinois Volunteers, being a lad 16 years of age. He remained and fought for 3 years and 10 months when he was honorably discharged after the Victory March in Washington, D. C., in July 1865. During one battle he lost the sight of one eye and the hearing in one ear from a bullet wound.

On Christmas day, 1867, he was united in marriage to Julia B. Adams of Elgin, Ill. They remained in Illinois for two years, coming to Iowa and purchasing a farm one mile east of Bassett, where they lived and reared their family later retiring and moving to Charles City where they purchased a home on East Clark street.

ONE G. A. R. LEFT

**Uncle Joe Watts Not Last
Vet in the County**

Contrary to our statement last week, Uncle Joe Watts who died near Ionia Wednesday, Dec. 1, was not the last Civil War Veteran in Chickasaw county.

He was the last member of the local G. A. R. post, but one Grand Army veteran is still living in the county—John Coleman, 93, of Fredericksburg.