

CIVIL WAR VET IS CALLED BY DEATH

W. K. Sanders, 86, Former Assessor, Dies This Morning.

William Kerr Sanders, former county assessor and Civil war veteran, died at 4:15 o'clock this morning at his home on Floral avenue, death being due to a stroke of paralysis last Wednesday afternoon from which he failed to recover. He had not regained consciousness since the stroke.

Mr. Sanders was one of Jay County's best known and highly respected citizens. He was born April 10, 1842 in Delaware county, the son of James and Phoebe (Rector) Sanders, residing there for a number of years before moving to Jay county and then to Portland about 30 years ago. He was soon after elected county assessor, in which capacity he served for six years. His activity before his residence in Portland and Jay County was varied. In August of 1862 he enlisted with the Union forces, being with Company E, 89th Indiana Infantry.

He was taken captive by the Southern forces September 17, 1862 at the battle of Munfordsville, Ky., and later was paroled and returned to the Union army. On April 30, 1862, Mr. Sanders was transferred to the marine fleet where he participated in the siege of Vicksburg, the Red river expedition under General Banks, and several other engagements. He received an honorable discharge February 22, 1865. After the Civil war Mr. Sanders located in Bearcreek Township and assisted in laying out the town of Bryant.

The deceased was married three times, the first January 1, 1866 to Sarah Perry, who died August 6, 1908; the second, October 26, 1910, to Ella Brown, who died June 23, 1927, and the third, June 9, 1928, to Leorie B. Chapman, who survives.

Survivors, other than the widow, are the following children, Mrs. Elmer Myers, Jackson township, Mrs. Leon Stults, Morley, Michigan, Mrs. Charles Shirk, Portland, James P. Sanders, Portland, three brothers and three sisters also survive, they being; Dan, Dennis and Jerry Sanders, all of Iowa; Mrs. Eliza Crowe, of Michigan, Mrs. Clara Cooper, of Iowa, and Mrs. C.R. Cole, of Florida, along with 22 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren and four step grandchildren and four step sons the latter of Muncie.