

Obituary of George Parker, “Last Soldier” of Harrison County Indiana

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LAST CIVIL WAR VETERAN IN COUNTY DIES

George Parker Was Slave In Kentucky

George Parker, colored, the last Civil War veteran in Harrison county, passed away Monday morning at 10:25 o'clock at the home of his nephew, Dewey Parker, in Boone township, eight miles south of Corydon. Death was caused from a four day illness of pneumonia.

Mr. Parker was born in Kentucky, February 25, 1837 and had he lived eight more days he would have reached his 104th birthday anniversary. The deceased was a slave on the Joe Wolfolk farm south of Brandenburg, Ky. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he enlisted in Company A, 122nd Kentucky Infantry (Note: There was no 122nd Kentucky Infantry, but he probably served in the 124th U.S. Colored Infantry, Co. D). At the close of the war he came to this county and settled here. The deceased was never married. He was one of a family of five children.

Funeral services are being held this Wednesday afternoon at the Parker home conducted by the Rev. W. C. Shrode. Burial is in the Collins Chapel Cemetery nearby.

Harrison Post American Legion conducted military rites.

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