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General Order #9
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Passing of Union Soldier Widow Helen Jackson

1. It is my sad duty to report the death of Helen Viola Jackson, the last documented widow of a Civil War soldier, on 16 December 2020, at the age of 101 years. She had been a resident of Webco Manor Nursing Home in Marshfield, Missouri for many years.
2. Helen Jackson married Private James Bolin, Company F, 14th Missouri Cavalry, on 4 September 1936. He was 93 years old; she was 17. Her father had volunteered her to stop by his house each day and assist him with chores as she headed home from school. Bolin did not believe in accepting charity and, after a period of time, asked Helen for her hand in marriage in order to provide for her future by leaving her his Union pension. She accepted and Bolin recorded the wedding in his personal Bible. Bolin died in June 1939 and Helen never remarried; she never applied for the pension.
3. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War's social media platforms, and the Charters of all Departments and Camps will be draped in black. All Brothers will attach a black mourning ribbon to their membership badges in remembrance of her.
4. This order shall remain in effect for 30 days from this date.

Ordered this 2nd day of January, 2021

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Attest:

Jonathan C. Davis
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National Secretary
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