

Civil War Veteran Answers to “Taps”

Lige J. Whiteaker, 89, one of the dwindling rank of Putnam County’s Civil War veterans died at his home in the 10th Dist., April 10 after an illness of a week. Funeral services were conducted at the Bethany Church of the Rev. Dow A. Ensor and the Rev. Elisha Henry of Mulberry, and burial took place in the family cemetery.

Affectionately called “Uncle Lige” by the hundreds who knew him, his funeral attracted a large crowd who wished to pay their last respects to one whose sterling honesty and integrity had created for him its own tribute.

He was one of Putnam County’s most highly respected and best known pioneers and had engaged in farming since the Civil War ended. He was married in his youth to Miss Fannie Byrne who died 20 years ago.

He is survived by 8 children as follows: Mrs. Sid Elrod of Stephenville, TX, Mrs. Comer McBroom of Jamestown, TN & Mrs. Mary Huddleston, Dempse Whiteaker, Miss Sonora Whiteaker, Mrs. Ocie Watts, Mrs. Cleo Watts of Baxter, Rt. 1.

Pallbearers were his grandsons.

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Note: Sue W. Elrod married Winburn Elrod, s/o Jane (Carr) Elrod. She was the sister of Naomi Tennessee “Tennie” Carr or Kerr, d/o Andrew Carr & Carolyn Jared. Naomi Tennessee Carr md George Washington Boyd, s/o Bransford Boyd & Eliza Jared.

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