

CENTENARIANS "CARRY ON"

In a special ceremony conducted at his home at Sutherland, Iowa, held on April 3, 1947, ninety-nine year old Civil war veteran James P. Martin was installed as state commander of the Iowa Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, of which he now is the only surviving member. He enlisted in Company H, 1st Wisconsin Heavy Artillery.

The installation ceremonies were in charge of Miss Amy Noll, of Des Moines, daughter of a former state commander, and department secretary of the Iowa G.A.R., and members of other Sutherland patriotic organizations—the Women's Relief Corps, the American Legion, and the American Legion Auxilliary—together with many personal friends.

Seated in his home Commander Martin received the badge of his office from W. T. Alstrand of Fort Dodge, past department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander Martin will be one hundred in November next.

There is one other Civil war veteran still living in Iowa, but he retains his membership in the Ohio Department of the G.A.R. He is Ebeneser McMurray, aged 102, of Iowa City, and widely esteemed.

HORSES AND WAGONS ON SIDEWALKS

What right have people to leave their horses and wagons on the sidewalks? We are indignant now, having been partially blinded a few minutes since by running against a wagon in the dark . . . There is no propriety, no civility, no courtesy, and in fact no sense in having horses, wheelbarrows, store boxes, and miscellaneous goods blocking up the sidewalks of the city.—*Iowa Citizen*, Des Moines, January 12, 1858.

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