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"Pioneer and Honored Citizen Passes Away."

L.L. Sanders of Ben Wheeler died Thursday and was buried Friday

Mr. Levi Lindsey Sanders, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Van Zandt Co., died at his late home at Ben Wheeler, Thursday, Jan. 4 at 3:30 PM. He had been in perfect health till three months ago and had been confined to his room about ten days when death came to him suddenly while he was reading a letter. Funeral services were conducted from Marvin Chapel Church near Edom, interment in the Marvin cemetery. The religious service was conducted by the Reverend Sam N. Allen, followed by the Masonic burial service. Maj. James A. Harris of Willis Point pronounced a eulogy as a Confederate Veteran and Mr. A. W. Meredith of Wills Point presented a wreath and marker for the Willis Point chapter, U.D.C., explaining the significance of each as it was placed on the grave with other floral offerings. A large concourse of friends assembled with sorrowing relatives to pay last sad tribute of love and respect to this good citizen.

Levi Lindsey Sanders was born in Jackson county, Ala., February 21, 1837, his age being 79 years, 10 months and 17 days. He was a son of Buck Ben Sanders, a gunsmith and came of Irish Catholic ancestry, his people setting in North Carolina. Uncle Levi's paternal grandfather Ben Saunders, as the name was originally spelled, was converted from the Catholic faith at a camp meeting in Jackson county at the age of 96 years, dying two years later. Uncle Levi was one of nine children and left home at the age of 16 working on a steamboat on the Mississippi River for sometime. Later he settled in Arkansas following his trade of blacksmith. He came to Texas in 1857 and married Miss Susanne Collins in 1858, the marriage occurring in Dallas, Texas, when that city was a mere village. He had a blacksmith shop at The Old Trinity Crossing, now Oak Cliff, and he voted for the first mayor of Dallas. He moved this family to Brownsboro, Henderson county, in 1860, next enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving till the surrender in 1865. He belonged to Ross' Brigade, Sixth Texas Co. W. M. C. Dawson, T. A. Woodhouse, Uncle Tom Wilson and Uncle Billie Wilson are surviving comrades who live in Wills' Point but Mr. Woodhouse was the only one to attend the funeral. "Uncle Levi' had never missed an annual Reunion of Ross, Estor and Granbury's Brigades.

Returning from the Civil War, Mr. Sanders started life all over again in the Kaufman community near Owlet Green. Here he was converted and joined the Methodist Church in which he lived consistently the rest of his life. In 1869, he located the old homestead three miles east of where Ben Wheeler is today. His first wife died February 22, 1877, leaving ten children, six of whom survive the father as follows: Mrs. H. J. Craft, Canton; Mrs. H. E. Wallace, Ovallo; B. F. and J. F. Sanders, Ben Wheeler; Dr. D. L. Sanders, Wills Point; , Mr. T.C. Sharp, Murchison. The same year he married Miss Frances Smith of Garden Valley and to them two children were born, Morg G. Sanders of Canton and Mrs. Henry Cates of Ben Wheeler. The aged wife also survives "Uncle Levi." Grandma Sanders has truly been a woman of the old type having helped to mother numerous orphans beside her own children and step-children. Mr. and Mrs. Sands took one grand-son Gurley Sanders as an infant and he has been the comfort of their old age.

Several years ago Mr. Sanders went into the mercantile business at Ben Wheeler and engaged in that a number of years, quitting business about 16 years ago. The past 24 years he has lived at Ben Wheeler.

"Uncle Levi" Sanders was a good and useful citizen, a consistent and zealous Methodist, an exemplary soldier of the Confederacy, a true and loyal Mason and dyed-in-the-wool Democrat. He has a host of warm friends all over the county who will join the Herald in extending sympathy to the bereaved relatives. UGHI GALOMEL MAKES YOU DEATHLY SICK It's horrible

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