

## **Bluffton Chronicle, Wells County, Indiana; Dec. 30, 1914**

### DEATH OF G. A. R. VETERAN WHO ENLISTED HERE

Sunday at Monroe was held the funeral of John Elzey, one of the well known residents of Adams County, who died suddenly on Christmas Eve, from an attack of heart disease. He was at his home in Monroe when stricken and died before a physician arrived.

The funeral services were in charge of the G. A. R. of Decatur.

Born in Adams County March 18, 1843, Mr. Elzey had spent practically his entire life in that county. He had relatives and many friends in Wells County. He was the father of four children, three sons and one daughter; the sons are Alpha Elzey and Homer Elzey of Monroe and Ira Elzey of Decatur; the daughter, Mrs. John Miller died in 1885. The widow also survives and there also survives four brothers and a sister.

### ENLISTED IN BLUFFTON

When the Civil war broke out and President Lincoln called for troops to suppress the insurrection, Mr. Elzey responded and in July, 1862, enlisted at Bluffton, Indiana, in Co. K. of the 75th Indiana Volunteer Infantry, for a three years service. He went at once to the front and saw much hard service. In 1864, while fighting in front of Atlanta he was badly wounded and soon afterwards was sent to Columbus, Ohio, where he was placed in a convalescent camp. He was never able to re-enter the active service and on June 8, 1865, was mustered out of the service at that place.

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