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William Russell, one of the pioneer residents of Adams county, died Sunday morning at his home on Chestnut street, in the south part of the city, at eleven o'clock, after an illness of several years duration, death resulting from paralysis. He was sixty-nine years of age and during the greatest part of his life had been a resident of this county, leading the life of a farmer, until a few years ago, when he was forced to give up this work and moved to this city, where he has since resided until his demise. A little over a year ago he was afflicted with paralysis, and during the most of that time had been confined to his bed, the use of his lower limbs being deprived him, owing to the ravages of this disease, and it was a severe attack of this paralysis that affected his heart and caused his demise Sunday morning. During the war of 1861 to 1864, Mr. Russell was an active member, having enlisted in the army on August 9, 1862, being a member of Co. H, 89th regiment, Indiana infantry, he having enlisted in this city. He served until the war was over and was mustered out of the service on July 19, 1865, at Mobile, Alabama, receiving his final discharge on August 8, 1865. He was an active member in the service and participated in the following named battles during that time: Mumfordsville, Ky., September 14-16, 1862; Jo Davis Plantation, Miss, February 4, 1864; Meridian, Miss, February 4, 1864; For DeBusy, Louisiana, March 14, 1864; Pleasant Mills, Louisiana, April 9, 1864; Gov. Moore's Plantation, Louisiana, May 7, 1864; Marksville, Prairie, Louisiana, May 16, 1864; Yellow Bayou, Louisiana, May 18, 1864; Lake Chicot Arkansas, Jun 1864; Tupelo, Miss, July 14, 1864; Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 16, 1864; Spanish Fort and Fort Blakely, Alabama, April 9, 1865. He was a member of the M. E. Church of this city, from where the funeral services were conducted this afternoon at two o'clock, Rev. John C. White officiating, who spoke at length concerning the past life of the deceased. Interment was made in Maplewood cemetery. The G. A. R., of which he was a member, attended the funeral in a body, and performed the last ceremony at the cemetery. He leaves a wife, three sons and four daughters to mourn their loss.