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**G. W. Wiltse 1930**  
**Dies Sunday**

Civil War Veteran and Former Postmaster of Montezuma Dies There Sunday.

**FUNERAL AT MONTEZUMA  
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AT 2**

**Mr. Wiltse Has Been Prominent In  
This Part of the State For  
Many Years.**

George W. Wiltse passed away at his home in Montezuma at 6:30 Sunday evening, after an illness of a few days. He was 85 years and five months of age at the time of his death. George Wiltse has been prominent in public affairs of Poweshiek county for many years, having become postmaster of Montezuma in 1903. He was also a Civil War veteran. Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church at Montezuma at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The public record of George W. Wiltse is most creditable. As postmaster at Montezuma, his administration has been characterized by single-mindedness of purpose, by promptness and loyalty, whereby he has won the high commendation of all concerned. He has ever been classed as a progressive citizen, manifesting the same faithfulness to his country in times of peace that he did in time of war. He was born in Clayton county, Iowa, Feb. 17, 1845, his parents being Leonard and Jane Smith Wiltse.

George Wiltse is the eldest of a family of eight children. He resided in Clayton county until he enlisted for active service in the Civil War, in August, 1862, when a youth of 17 years. He fought in the battles of Champion's Hill and Black River Bridge, and was wounded in the assault on Vicksburg. He was only in the hospital for ten days with this wound, however.

After the war was over, he became a resident of Clayton county again until 1877, when he moved to a farm south of Montezuma. Here he carried on general agricultural pursuits until 1883, when he entered the coal and dray business in Montezuma. He was connected with the mercantile interests of the city until 1903, when he was appointed postmaster.

In July, 1870, in Colesburg, Iowa, Mr. Wiltse was married to Emily J. Twombly, who died in Montezuma. They had five children, D. O., who died at the age of five years; Frank, a resident of Emmetsburg; Lottie, the wife of Fred Wiegant of Clayton county; Maude, the deceased wife of Richard Pierce; and William, of Waterloo, Iowa. In May, 1889, Mr. Wiltse was again married, this time to Tillie F. Myers of Montezuma. They had one child, Lois.