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Brothers,

With sadness I report the passing of Real Daughter Rachel Perine of Parkersburg, W.Va. on Friday, September 9, 2016 at the age of 100. She is survived by her son Edwin Sheila, husband Benjamin H. and son Benjamin D. having preceded her. Rachel was born on March 8, 1916 to Harvey and Virginia Elliott Smith and grew up in Doddridge County, W.Va. She was buried in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Parkersburg, W.Va.

Rachael was 13 in 1929 when her father died at the age of 83. Harvey enlisted in Company A of the 14th (West) Virginia Volunteer Infantry at the age of 17 in August 1862. The regiment defended the Baltimore and Ohio railroad line and took part in the skirmishes at New Creek and Burlington. He was captured at Cloyd's Mountain, VA on May 9, 1864, when he refused to leave his wounded cousin. He spent 6 months as a POW, including 20 days in Andersonville, and lost his eye site in his right eye after it became infected with sand.

Following the War, Harvey returned to Doddridge County where he ran a large farm that included gas and oil tracts and helped raise 14 children.

It is ordered that the National Web site, the Charters of all Departments and Camps and membership badges be draped in black for a period of 30 days from the date of this General Order.

Ordered this 8th day of March 2017.

Donald L. Martin
Commander-In-Chief
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Attested:
Jonathan Davis
Secretary, National Order,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War