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## **David W. Pipes, 94-Year-Old Planter, Soldier With Lee, and Business Man, Expires**

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Own Affairs 'Til Recently

David W. Pipes, planter, business man and only surviving veteran of General Robert E. Lee's Army of Northern Virginia during the War Between the States, died Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. at his residence, 1238 Philip street. He was 91 years old.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete Tuesday night.

Mr. Pipes, a native of East Feliciana parish, was active in the management of his business affairs until he became ill about three months ago. He operated two plantations in the state and was a stockholder in several firms.

Mr. Pipes and his father, the latter of whom was born during the second year of the first term of George Washington as president of the United States, lived during the terms of every president in the nation's history.

Mr. Pipes was the only surviving veteran of the Washington Artillery, which served with General Lee in Virginia in the War Between the States. He joined the Fourth Company of Washington Artillery in 1862 and served with it throughout the war.

Mr. Pipes was born in 1845 on Beech Grove Plantation, near Clinton. When the War Between the States started he was at 16, captain of the Clinton Cadets, also known as the Clinton Rifles, a rank to which fellow schoolboys elected him. [

Unable because of their youth to get into the service as a unit, members of the Rifles joined other commands. Mr. Pipes became a private in the Fourth Company, Washington Artillery, with which he served until the end of the war. He participated in all the battalion's engagements, including battles at Gettysburg, Drewry's Bluff and Williamsport. He returned to the family plantation on termination of the war. Since that time he has devoted his time to numerous pursuits, foremost of them cotton planting. At the time of his death he operated Avondale Plantation near Clinton and one of his sons operated the Doss Plantation in Morehouse parish for him. Mr. Pipes also was president of the Morehouse Planting Company. He was an anti-lottery member of the House of Representatives of Louisiana from 1888 to 1892; of the state Senate from 1892 to 1896, and was a member of the Louisiana constitutional convention of 1898. He then was re-elected to the Legislature without opposition.

Mr. Pipes organized and built the Bank of Clinton and was the oldest stockholder of the National Bank of Commerce, as he was in the Canal Bank and Trust Company, which preceded it. He was an organizer of the original New Orleans Edison Company and was considered one of the pioneers in electricity in this section.

He also owned and published for a time the

Clinton Watchman, a weekly newspaper, which he sold in 1892. For a number of years he was president of the East Feliciana Fair Association, and at one time served as president of a yarn mill at Clinton

Mr. Pipes was happily married for 55 years to Anna Key Fort of West Feliciana parish. He is survived by the widow; four sons, Windsor Pipes of Doss, La.; David Pipes, Jr., of Houma, and Fort Pipes and Randolph Pipes of New Orleans, and a daughter, Mrs. Green Davis of Hammond.