Newspapers by ancestry
https://www.newspapers.com/image/1032088980/

Downloaded on Feb 11, 2026

92-Year-Old Civil War Veteran Still Active

WADSWORTH, Kas. — Thomas Jefferson, 92-year-old Civil War veteran, is the oldest Negro resident of the Soliders' home here. He is the only Civil War veteran here.

Mr. Jefferson entered the home 37 years ago from Weston, Mo., in Platte county. He will be 93 years old on November 27, 1937.

The aged man is as active as a man of 50. He smokes a pipe and eats his meals in the dining room, asking no special favors because of his age.

Born in Shelby county, Ky., Mr. Jefferson at 2 was brought to Missouri by his mother who was a cigar maker in slavery days. Jefferson, himself a slave for 15 years, was one of the few who came out of slavery with the ability to read and write.

At the age of 16, Mr. Jefferson enlisted in the army in September, 1863, and fought in he Civil War in the Eighty-third regiment. He once served as first sergeant.

Copyright © 2026 Newspapers.com. All Rights Reserved.