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<b>Edgar, David</b> Edgar. Suddenly, December 24, 1889, at 9 p.m., David B. son of Owen T. and Frances A. Edgar, aged 29 years 11 months 20 days. Funeral private.	d. 24 Dec 1889	29 yrs. 11 mos. 20 days	<b>R91/358</b>
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<b>Edgar, Francis A.</b> Edgar. On Thursday, July 2, 1903 at 1:30 a.m., Mrs. Francis Ann Edgar, wife of Owen T. Edgar aged 68 years 6 months and 2 days. Funeral private at her late residence, 922 E. Capitol street, Saturday, July 4 at 10 o'clock a.m.	d. 2 Jul 1903	68 yrs. 6 mos. 2 days	<b>R91/357</b>
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<b>Edgar, Henry O.</b> Edgar. On February 20th, 1885, at 10:45 a.m. of membranous croup, Henry Owen, only beloved son of J.A. and Emma A. Edgar. Funeral private.	d. 20 Feb 1885		<b>R93/325</b>
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<b>Edgar, Owen Thomas</b> <i>The Evening Star, Wednesday, September 4, 1929</i> <i>Last Mexican War Soldier Dies at 98</i> <i>Owen Thomas Edgar Expires Following Fall That Fractured Leg</i>	b. 1831 – d. 3 Sep 1929		<b>R91/357</b>
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The Nation has lost its last living contact with the Mexican War of 1846-1848. Owen Thomas Edgar, who since June 16, last had been the sole survivor of the American forces who fought in that conflict, died yesterday at the John Dickson Home, 5000 Fourteenth Street.

**Soldier of 1846 Dies**



OWEN THOMAS EDGAR

Mr. Edgar survived the next to the last active participant in the Mexican War by about three months. William Fitzhugh Thornton Buckner, a banker at Paris, Mo., died there June 16. The following day Mr. Edgar observed his ninety-eighth birthday. Mentally alert and surprisingly strong for a man of his advanced age, he seemed pleased that he should be the last man in the Nation who could recall armed service under the flag against Mexico.

Mr. Edgar was a private on the United States frigate *Potomac* and later on the frigate *Allegheny* at the time Ulysses S. Grant and Robert E. Lee were seeing their first active service after leaving West Point.

#### *52 Years in U.S. Employ*

He put in 52 years of active work in the civilian employ of the Government and with a bank after he was mustered out of the naval service. About a year ago he suffered an attack of grippe, but was able to be about until last Tuesday, when he fell from a chair and broke a leg. He was the "great joker" of the John Dickson Home maintaining a cheerful disposition throughout his 10 years at the institution. Nurses said it was the shock of his recent injury that caused death.

Born in Philadelphia June 17, 1831, Mr. Edgar worked as a printer in that city until the outbreak of the Mexican War, when he enlisted in the Navy. He came to Washington in 1861 and was employed at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where he worked for 21 years. Then he transferred to the Columbia National Bank, where he worked for 31 years. He was retired from the bank in 1919 and went to the John Dickson Home to live.



#### *Rarely Talked About War*

With all his cheerfulness, Mr. Edgar was modest about his own achievements and rarely talked about his part in the Mexican War.

Mr. Edgar's last birthday anniversary was the occasion for a general celebration at the home. His daughter, Mrs. Philo L. Bush of 1812 Park road, carried flowers and candy to him and other gifts were placed in his room by attendants at the home.

His acquaintances found him a delightful character. "He is a great joker," one of the nurses said at the time. He enjoys his meals and never misses one. He eats everything--roast beef, pork, lamb, vegetables and sugar. He has a very sweet tooth and likes to keep candy on hand to give others."

*The New York Times, September 4, 1929*  
*The Final Survivor of Mexican War Dies*  
*Owen Thomas Edgar, Who Served in the Navy,*  
*Lived to Age of 98 Years*  
*Washington, September 3*

Owen Thomas Edgar, only surviving veteran of the Mexican War, died today at the age of 98.

The distinction of being the last survivor of the Americans who had part in the conflict of 1846 came the day before his ninety-eighth birthday, June 17, when William Filtzhugh Thornton Buckner, 101, died at Paris, Mo.

Mr. Edgar was born at Philadelphia in 1831. Before the war he had worked as a printer. He had been a resident of Washington for more than fifty years.

On Mr. Edgar's ninety-eighth birthday, Secretary of the Navy Charles Francis Adams wrote him a letter of congratulation in the course of which he cited Edgar's Mexican War records as disclosed in the files of the Navy Department. Enlisting as a second-class apprentice on Feb. 10, 1846, he served on the frigates Experience, Pennsylvania, Potomac and Allegheny until his discharge as a first-class apprentice on Aug. 8, 1849.

*The New York Times, June 19, 1929*  
*Veteran of 1846 Honored*  
*Secretary Adams Congratulates T.O. Edgar on 98th Birthday*  
*Special to the New York Times*  
*Washington, June 18*

Thomas O. Edgar, an inmate of John Dickson Home here and said to be the sole surviving veteran of the Mexican War, was the recipient of a letter of congratulations from Secretary of the Navy Adams yesterday on his ninety-eighth birthday. Edgar served in the navy during the war. The letter read as follows:

June 17, 1929

"Dear Sir:

"An item in the press this morning stated that this was your ninety-eighth birthday.

"The records of the Navy Department show that you enlisted in the navy Feb. 10, 1846, as a second class apprentice, and served on the U.S.S. Experience, U.S.S. Pennsylvania, U.S.S. Potomac and the U.S.S. Allegheny until Aug. 8, 1849, when you were discharged as a first class apprentice by order of the Secretary of the Navy.

"While I have not gone into the records thoroughly, I doubt if there are few men alive who served with you in the navy during your period of service.

"It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you upon this, your ninety-eighth birthday, to wish you many happy returns of the day and to extend to you the hope that you will be spared to your family and friends for a long time to come.

"Very sincerely yours,

"Charles Francis Adams."