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### CAPTAIN SAXTON J. ARNOLD

The funeral of Captain Saxton J. Arnold, who died on Sunday, January 4th, was held at his late home in Strafford, Vermont, on Tuesday afternoon. The Rev. P. H. Fisk officiated, assisted by three members from the G.A.R. Post of Tundbridge: Comrades Hayward, Tuller and Osborn, who attended as honorary bearers, and read their service for the dead. Charles Hayes, a grandson of the deceased, sang two selections.

Captain Arnold was a native of Whitehall, N. Y., son of Oliver and Jane Cox Arnold, and was born Feb. 26, 1826. When quite young he went to Norfolk, N. Y., where he learned the trade of carriage building. Here he met Miss Jane Bishop who became his wife in 1850. Five daughters were the result of this union, two of whom died in early childhood. From Norfolk the family moved to Hubbardston, Mass. where a married daughter, Mrs. Frances Hayes, died in 1898. Later they moved to Everett, living there some ten years, Capt. Arnold being a member of James A. Perkins Post, G.A.R.

Captain Arnold was a soldier of the Civil War with a capital record. He enlisted Oct. 10, 1861, in the 92nd New York regiment. Before his company left for the seat of war he was elected a second lieutenant and about six months afterward he was promoted to the first lieutenancy of his company. On March 1st, 1863, in little less than a year from the date of that promotion he was mustered in as captain. He was honorably discharged on the field in August, 1864, after serving his country nearly three years.

He participated in the battles of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, White Oaks Swamp, Malvern Hill and several engagements in North Carolina. His regiment built Fort Anderson opposite Newburn, N. C. From there it went to City Point and under Gen. Butler, participated in the battles around Petersburg. Capt. Arnold was not wounded, but met with many narrow escapes.

Alter the war he returned to Norfolk and resumed his business of carriage making. It was during this period he suffered the loss of his right arm. Notwithstanding this handicap, with characteristic pluck he continued his mechanical work, having to use his remaining member with skill and adroitness.

Since 1896 he had lived in Strafford, Vermont with his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Stickney, his wife having died in 1901. For the past seven years his condition had been one of chronic invalidism. Despite his advanced age his naturally keen mind remained clear until within a few days of his death. He was intensely patriotic and an interesting personality.

Besides many friends he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. H. A. Stickney, whose unremitting care did much to prolong the life of her father,

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and Mrs. Emma Morse of Hubbardston, Mass.; six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren.

The casket was draped by a beautiful silk flag, the gift of the grandchildren, by the request of the deceased, there being no flowers. The interment was made in Hubbardston, Mass. He was a member of the Universalist church at South Strafford and the G.A.R. Post of Tundbridge, Vermont.

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