[Babbitt, Henry J.]

OLD SOLDIER GONE

Henry J. Babbitt, one of the few remaining survivors of the 151st Regiment of Civil War fame, died at his home on Tuesday of last week, after an illness of several months. Mr. Babbitt was eighty-four years of age and had resided in Albion most of his life. He was born in the town of Gaines. Mr. Babbitt enlisted at Albion [on] August 30, 1862, in the Union Army. He was a musician in Company D., 151st Regiment, New York Volunteers and served under Colonel William Emerson, participating in battles at Cold Harbor, Mines Runn, Kelly's Ford, Winchester, Fishers Hill and other places. At Fishers Hill, Va., he was taken a prisoner of war on September 23, 1864 and was confined in Libby Prison five and one half months after which he waa paroled and sent to Annapolis, Md., where he was exchanged for Rebel prisoners and later was honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., June 26, 1865, at the close of the war. Mr. Babbitt leaves his wife, Mrs. Louisa F. Babbitt; one son, Clark M. Babbitt, Sr., of Rochester, a grandson, Clark M. Babbitt, Jr., of Detroit, besides four brothers, Adellas D. Babbitt, Holley, J. C. Freemont Babbitt, Gaines, George M. Babbitt, Los Angeles, Calif., and Nelson C. Babbitt of Albion. The funeral was held Friday afternoon, Rev. L. [Lewis] H. Robinson [Universalist] officiating. Burial at Mt. Albion. Sheret Post, American Legion, fired a volley at the grave and their bugler sounded taps.

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