

[Bowen, Hezekiah]

## THE PASSING OF HEZEKIAH BOWEN

Well Known Medina Citizen Died Yesterday

### Sketch of His Career

At the Outbreak of the Civil War He Recruited the "Independent Rifles"  
and Was Brevetted for His Service—Orleans County

Colonel Hezekiah Bowen, of Medina, who has been ill for some months, died early Wednesday morning, aged 81 years. He was born in Sennett, Cayuga county, N.Y., his early life being passed on a farm and his education obtained in the common schools. He located in Orleans county in 1855 and immediately became prominent in the political life of the county. He was elected supervisor from the town of Ridgeway, but when the war broke out he resigned to recruit a company of "Independent Rifles" which was afterward attached to the One Hundred and Fifty-First New York Voluntary Infantry.

He served through the war and in recognition of his service to his country he was brevetted lieutenant-colonel. He always took a deep and vital interest in the organizations of the war veterans and was a prominent G.A.R. man. After the war he retired to his farm and became one of the leading practical farmers of the state. Beginning as an exhibitor at the State Fair, he was soon appointed general superintendent and served in that capacity for twenty-five years.

In 1892 he was elected to secure and take charge of the New York state agricultural exhibit at Chicago, and his success in this direction is flatteringly recognized in the report of the director-in-chief. He was always an active, enthusiastic and unswerving Republican from the formation of the party to the day of his death, rising from a sick bed to cast his vote at the late election. He was liberal and progressive in thought, a man of strong conviction, and had many friends.

He had resided in and near Medina for nearly a half century and had been prominently identified with every grand movement for improvement or for good. The surviving family consists of the widow [Calista Remington Bowen] and one daughter, Mrs. H. B. Howell [Helena Adelaide, wife of Rev. Henry Bowen Howell, Universalist], of Medina.

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[Universalist Church]. November 4, 1866, in the ministry of Rev. T. [Theodore] D. Cook, ...Hezekiah Bowen...received by right hand of fellowship.

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OBITUARY.  
BOWEN.

Hezekiah Bowen, one of Medina's oldest and most respected citizens, passed away at his home on the Gravel Road north of this village at an early hour Wednesday morning. Mr. Bowen had been confined to the house for some time with a chronic kidney disease, and an operation was performed a few days ago from which it was expected he would obtain temporary relief. He rallied, but in his weakened condition he could not withstand the shock.

Mr. Bowen was born in Sennett, Cayuga County, on March 28, 1821, and was, therefore, in the eighty-second year of his age. In 1855 he moved to Medina and settled near what is now his present house. In 1862 he resigned the office of supervisor and recruited an independent company of sharpshooters, which was afterwards known as Company A, 151st New York Volunteer Infantry. For the work he did he was brevetted lieutenant colonel. Soon after the war closed he was appointed general superintendent of the state agricultural society, which position he filled for twenty-five years. In 1892 he was selected to procure and take charge of the agricultural exhibit at the World's Fair in Chicago. In politics he was a Republican, having become affiliated with that party at its birth [from the former Whig party].

He is survived by an aged widow [Calista Remington Bowen], one daughter, Mrs. H. B. [Adelaide] Howell [wife of Rev. Henry B. Howell, Universalist], and three grandchildren—Fred B. and Claude B. Howell and Mrs. Burt [Erma] Chubbuck, all of this place. The funeral will be held from his late residence on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. G. [George] W. Powell of Oxford, a former pastor of the Ridgeway Universalist Church, officiating.

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