

[Buckingham, Charles Levi]

CLASS OF 1862

CHARLES LEVI BUCKINGHAM, son of Dan P. and Harriet L. Buckingham, was born in Deansville, Oneida Co., January 17, 1841, and fitted for College at the Clinton Liberal Institute. Few young men leave College with so many and such various tokens of intellectual superiority. He won prizes in English Composition, in Elocution, in Mathematics, in Chemistry, in Original Oratory, and graduated with one of the highest honors of his class. He studied law a little more than a year in the office of Hon. Charles H. Doolittle, of Utica. But his heart was not with the law books. While he was reading, the fire of patriotism burned within him, and gave him no rest. [On] October 10, 1863, he received a commission as Second Lieutenant in the 146th N.Y.V., and immediately started for his regiment. His first engagement was in the battle of "The Wilderness," where he was severely wounded and barely escaped being captured. While at home in July he was commissioned as First Lieutenant. Three days after re-joining his regiment, September 2, 1864, he was shot by a rebel sharpshooter, on the Woldon Road, Va., and died three hours after. Funeral honors were paid to Lieut. Buckingham in the church of the Reconciliation [Universalist] in Utica, September 14, 1864. The services were conducted by President [Ebenezer] Fisher, Rev. Dr. Fowler and Professor Upson. After each of the speakers had touchingly recalled the brilliant intellect, the impassioned eloquence, the social magnetism, the unselfish heroism of the youthful patriot, his remains were carried to their final resting place in Forest Hill Cemetery.

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