OBITUARY James Gaylor Campbell

The death of James Gaylor Campbell, one of Cooperstown's oldest citizens, took place at his home on Elm street, Wednesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, following an illness of about a week's duration.

Mr. Campbell was born at Frankfort, N. Y., November 11, 1824, and had resided in that part of the state a large portion of his life. He was a veteran of the Civil War, his remarkable record having covered practically the entire struggle. He enlisted [on] October 7, 1861, from Mohawk, Herkimer county, and was mustered into the United States service at Fort Worth as a private in Battery K, Second Regiment, N. Y. Vol. Heavy Artillery. He was on duty with the army in defense of Washington. D. C., until March 1864, attached to the Second Army Corps. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1862. He participated in many battles among the best known of which were Bull Run, 1862, Second Bull Run, 1862, Battle of the Wilderness, 1864, and Spottsylvania Court House in the same year. He was twice wounded, the first time by a sabre cut in the left wrist at Bull Run, and the second time by a piece of shell in the arm. He was captured in the second Battle of Bull Bun by Stonewall Jackson but paroled after being held three days.

In 1863 he married Miss Mary S. Howell, whose death occurred September 30, 1907. Surviving from this union are three children: Mrs. F. A. Coleridge of Syracuse, Mrs. Charles Lansing of Herkimer and A. Jarvis Campbell of Saranac Lake, four grandchildren and-five-great grandchildren. Mr. Campbell came to Cooperstown in the year 1908 and married Miss Mary Williams, [on] July 14, 1910, who also survives. The bereaved widow and children have the sincere sympathy of the community. The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the house, the Rev. Charles Cramer, pastor of the Universalist church, officiating, with the G. A. R. ceremonies in charge of the comrades of L. C. Turner Post of Cooperstown. Interment in Lakewood cemetery.

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