

[Chambers, Charles]

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES AT AGE OF 93

Charles Chambers, naval veteran of the Civil War and last remaining member of the G.A.R. forces in the Honeoye Falls area, died Monday afternoon, in his home on N. Bloomfield after an illness of several days. He was 93 Saturday.

Born in Victor, December 14, 1847, he moved to Honeoye Falls at the age of 12 years where he attended public school and worked in a general store in North Bloomfield.

At the age of 16 he slipped away from his home, walked eight miles to Fishers, boarded a train for New York and on July 18, 1864, enlisted in the Navy. He was in the blockade off Fort Fisher for five months, and as powder boy, participated in the capture of the fort on Christmas Eve, 1864. Following hostilities he served two years on the sloops of war Susquehanna and Rhode Island, cruising along the Atlantic seaboard. On July 2, 1867, he received his discharge.

In 1869 he went to California over the first trans continental railroad, and worked for an organization which constructed the Central Pacific Railroad between San Francisco and Sacramento. He returned to North Bloomfield in 1878, where he married Genevieve Ideson, who died a year ago. For 20 years he served as postmaster of North Bloomfield, and for 26 years conducted the general store there. He served as a post commander of Lewis Gates Post, G.A.R., and a charter member. He was a member of the former Universalist church of North Bloomfield.

Surviving are two sons, Horace and Joseph, and a daughter, Mrs. William Carmichael, all of North Bloomfield, and a sister, Mrs. Don Braisie, of Flint, Mich, also six grandchildren and a great grandchild.

[He was interred December 19, 1940 in the North Bloomfield Cemetery, North Bloomfield, NY.]

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