

[Dewey, Lester R.]

Capt. Lester R. Dewey was born in Herkimer county, July 24, 1802, and in 1832 settled on lot No. 39, in the town of Sherman, but subsequently removed to the village where he died, December 5, 1872. He was a whig, and a member of the Universalist Church, and served his town several times as assessor, highway commissioner and supervisor. He commanded a company of militia for some years and on March 23, 1825, as mentioned by both "Young's History" and the New York State Gazetteer, he married Fanny Patterson, who was born in Pompey [Onondaga Co.], N. Y., October 6, 1802. This was the first marriage in the town and was solemnized by Otis Skinner, the first justice of the peace of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Dewey were the parents of eight children, six sons and two daughters : Calista A., wife of Charles Hall; Talcott P., who married Mary Benson¹, by whom he had three pair of twin daughters, and died in Iowa in 1874²; Perry C., of Nebraska, who married Sarah Gill, and after her death, Matilda Goldsmith, and served in the Union army in the southwest; Alfred B., who married Maria Hubbard, who died in 1880, and in 1881 he married Mrs. Marcia Paddock; Margaretta K., wife of Merritt Wolcott; Lester R.; Chauncey M., who died in infancy; and Tyler T., who married Ellen Wilcox, served in Co. E, 9th New York Cavalry, was captured at Bull Run, spent twenty-two days in Libby prison, and now lives in Sherman.

Hon. Obed Edson, *Biographical and Portrait Cyclopedia of Chautauqua County, New York* (Philadelphia: John M. Gresham & Co., 1891), p. 490

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¹ She died on 4 Mar 1915 and was buried in Strawberry Point Cemetery in Cass Twp., Clayton Co. Iowa

² He died on 19 Feb 1874 and was buried in Strawberry Point Cemetery in Cass Twp., Clayton Co. Iowa