

[Dunham, Larmon H.]

LARMON H. DUNHAM

Larmon H. Dunham, an old and respected resident of this place, died Monday morning about one o'clock, in the 83rd year of his age. He had been in feeble health for about three years and for the past six months had not left the house, having been an intense sufferer from heart and kidney trouble of a chronic nature.

The deceased was born in the town of Hamilton Sept. 14, 1818, and was the son of Hazael and Abigail¹ Dunham, who had a family of eight children, he being the sixth son. When about eight years of age he moved with his parents to the "Half-Way" house between Utica and New Hartford, where they lived about eight years, moving from there into Utica.

He was married June 6, 1843, to Miss Harriet Muir, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Muir, then residing near Earlville. To them were born four children: James H. Dunham of Syracuse, Mrs. Wm. Van Slyke of St. Louis, Mo., Hazael Dunham and Mrs. Sanford [Jane] Baker of Lebanon, all of whom with the exception of Hazael, who died about twenty years ago are living.

After their marriage they commenced housekeeping on the farm known as the Dowell farm, situated just east of the D. L. & W. depot. After residing there for about two years they moved into this village and kept [operated] the hotel on the site now occupied by Hotel Sawdy. In 1850 Mr. Dunham went to California, and on his return home they moved to Frenchman's Island, Oneida Lake. After remaining there a short time they moved to Syracuse, where they resided for about twelve years, returning to Earlville in 1865, where they have since resided.

Mr. Dunham was a fine musician, having been the leader of several of the most prominent bands of his time, and at the outbreak of the Rebellion he formed a regimental band and joined the 75th Regt. N.Y. Vols, then stationed at Auburn. The regiment was sent to Fort Pickens, Fla. He was honorably discharged from the service in September, 1862.

He held no office of special note, being of a quiet and unassuming nature; a man of good character, commanding the respect and esteem of all who knew him.

The funeral services were held from his late residence yesterday afternoon, Rev. [Frederick W.] Betts [Universalist] of Syracuse officiating. Burial was made in the village cemetery. The bearers were his old band-mates, George E. Nash, Frank Kinney, Mott Richardson and Ed Curtis.

He leaves to mourn his loss the loving wife, who has tenderly cared for him during his long illness, the above mentioned children, and one sister, Mrs. Abigail Conger of Syracuse.

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¹ Per her gravestone her name was spelled Abigail.