

[Fish, Ransom]

RANSOM FISH DIED THURSDAY AFTERNOON
One of the Few Veterans of Civil War Succumbed to Lingering Illness—
All Members of His Family at His Bedside at End

Surrounded by his family last Thursday afternoon at 5:45 o'clock, Ransom Fish lapsed into the last long sleep. His demise came as a welcome release from months of illness following a shock [a stroke].

Born in Independence township, he was in the 85th year of life. He was a son of Lewis B. and Fanny Remington Fish.

At the age of 19 years he enlisted in the New York Dragoons on August 13, 1862, and served with the Northern army until honorably discharged on July 19, 1865. He was in many battles.

He was united in marriage with Miss Abbie Collins on November 25th 1866, and she, together with three daughters, Mrs. D. G. [Sarah Jones] Spicer of this village, Mrs. Florence McGinty of Hornell and Mrs. Fred Patterson of Akron, O., and one son, W. D. Fish of Coudersport, Pa., survive, as does also one brother, Frank B. [Benjamin] Fish of Stanards.

The funeral was held from the house at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, June 2nd and interment was made in Rural cemetery, Rev. R. S. Kellerman [Universalist] officiating. At the cemetery the body was borne to the grave by his seven grandsons, the sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. [Daniel Grant] Spicer.

Ranse, as he was familiarly known about town, was a carpenter of no mean ability, a man who took great pride in doing his work in workmanlike manner. He was a big, whole-souled man who had the respect of all who were privileged to know him. He was an active member of Sawyer Post, G.A.R. until it was disbanded and he made it a duty to (until this year) see that every soldier's grave bore its flag for Decoration Day, but this year he was just entering his last rest and others had to take up his work where he laid it down.

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