

[Force, Isaiah F.]

Veteran of the Civil War Died at His Home in This City

Major Isaiah F. Force died at the family residence, No. 100 East avenue, Tuesday [July 2], aged 67 years. He is survived by the widow [Jennie Wright]; one daughter, Mrs. Gilbert [Mary] Reynolds, of New York City; and one son, John W. [Josephine Sargent] Force, of Rochester.

Major Force was born in Easton, Pa., and came to Rochester when a young man. When the Civil War began, he was a member of Rochester Light Guards. [On] September 10th, 1862, he enlisted in the 140th Regiment and was commissioned a major. Major Force was with his regiment during some of the bloodiest battles of the war, being in the thick of the fight at Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg.

[On] November 14, 1863 he was discharged from the army, on a surgeon's certificate of disability. Soon after he was brevetted a lieutenant colonel for gallantry on the field of battle.

When his army life was ended Major Force came to Rochester, residing in the house which he occupied until the time of his death. During this time he engaged in the lumber business. He was an active member of the First Universalist Church, contributing generously towards its support. There were very few men in the city with a larger acquaintance and circle of friends.

Major Force was a member of Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar, and of the Valley Lodge. He represented the old tenth ward for three years on the board of supervisors.

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