

[Fox, Herman F.]

HERMAN F. FOX.

Death of Well Known Geneva Citizen,
Veteran of the Civil War and Active in Many Local Affairs

Herman F. Fox, one of Geneva's well known residents, died at 1 o'clock this morning at his home on William street, aged 69 years, 9 months and 21 days. He had been ill since October.

Mr. Fox was born in German and was by occupation a cabinet maker. He enlisted in the war of 1862 at the age of 19 years and participated in the battles of Harper's Ferry, Gettysburg and Auburn Ford, when he was captured by the enemy. He was afterward exchanged and returned to the regiment May 27th, 1864, and was in the battles of Tolopotomy and Cold Harbor. He was then detailed brigade flag bearer at brigade headquarters and in that capacity was in the actions at the front and left of Petersburg, Deep Bottom, Strawberry Plains, Ream's Station, assault on the lines around Petersburg, Roydon plan road and Sutherland's Station. At the latter place, April 2d, 1865, while charging the enemy's works the second time, he was severely wounded, losing a hand, and fell from his horse, clinging to his flag with his other hand, but the brigade having been repulsed, leaving him on the ground, the enemy tore the flag from his grasp and by threats, thrusts and blows, tried in vain to force him to rise. The brigade immediately reformed, made a third charge and carried the position and Mr. Fox was rescued. He was discharged at the close of the war.

After his discharge from the war he engaged in the cigar business with W. H. Steigelmaier, in 1868, where the Howard Dry Goods Co., now has a store. After a time Mr. Steigelmaier withdrew and Mr. Fox went into partnership with George Wilkinson. Later he took up the cigar business for himself and has been at the same stand for 38 years. He was the oldest cigar maker in the city. Mr. Fox was also active in political affairs as a Republican, holding the office of chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Ontario County for several terms; was postmaster under the administration of Benjamin Harrison; was a[n] inspector for the state department of public works during the construction of the sea wall and breakwaters on Seneca lake, and collector for the Cayuga and Seneca Canal.

Mr. Fox was also deeply interested in the affairs of Swift Post, G.A.R., No. 94, and was commander during the years of 1878-79-80, 81 and 1888. In recent years he has served in the office of quartermaster. He has been sent, for many years, as delegate to all the state and national encampments.

Mr. Fox is survived by two sons, Charles H. and Frederick H. Fox; four sisters, Miss Louise Fox, Mrs. G. A. Gilbert, Mrs. Lena Fink and Mrs. Mary Sipple, and two nieces, Miss Ruby Fox and Miss Lena Siple, all of Geneva.

The funeral services will be held from his late home, 120 William street, Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. George Cross Baner of Utica [a Universalist], officiating. Interment will be made in Glenwood Cemetery.

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