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WHITESVILLE'S FOREMOST CITIZEN IS DEAD

Judson D. Jacobs, Everybody's Friend, Died Saturday Afternoon—
Was a Public-Spirited Citizen, a Good Soldier, A Worthy and True Christian

Our town was greatly shocked late Saturday afternoon was it was given out that Judson D. Jacobs had reached the end of his earthly journey. Although he had been afflicted with a mysterious stomach trouble for years, he had of late been gradually failing in strength. This turn for the worse took place four weeks ago Monday. Since then, he had gradually grown weaker, although at intervals a brightening up gave the hope that he might overcome his difficulty once more and be spared for a while. But the final change took place last Friday when a severe hemorrhage of the stomach followed by another later, was indicative that the time of his demise was not far off at the longest. But the end came with great peace.

His long and severe illness was borne with the utmost patience, characteristic of his personal nature. It does not seem that a man like Mr. Jacobs should be attended with such physical distress, in consideration of his high ideals and practical everyday living. But the army life, which he endured as a good soldier, soon began to tell upon him. All of these things which occur in life, conspire to some end, which sooner or later tells.

Mr. Jacobs was born June 8, 1841, in the town of Willing, commonly known as the Sculley farm. His early boyhood days were marked by industry and good habits. His affectionate nature seemed to find its natural place in the hearts and lives of those with whom he came in contact.

In the summer of 1861, he was employed on a farm in this vicinity. During the spring of that year the Civil War broke out between the North and South—"a nation divided against itself." At first, no great danger was anticipated, as it was thought that after a little skirmish there would be some compromise made and the ravages of war would subside. But the interest grew on both sides until President Lincoln felt the necessity of issuing a call for more volunteers. The call was made for 300,000 recruits.

On the night of August 16, 1861, a mass meeting was called in the local Baptist church for the purpose of securing a company of volunteers. After the situation was presented to the people and the appeal made, the roll was laid upon the table and the first to enter his services was "Jud" as he was well and favorably known.

He arose to his feet, turned to the boys around him and said, "Boys, I am going." He took the initiative and fifteen others quickly followed.

Enthusiasm ran high. Mothers and sisters of these young men were moved to tears, other neighbors and friends because of the spirit of patriotism and love for country, shouted for joy, because of the bravery and

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gallantry of these men who hated the evils of slavery and wanted to see the union preserved under one flag.

Soon after they left for Elmira, where the usual instructions and training was given preparatory to soldier life. He was finally assigned to the Eighty-fifth New York Infantry, Colonel Uriah L. Davis, and Company H, Captain John A. Brown.

In due time, he went into the active service, suffered its hardships, became acquainted with its privations, and did the work of a good soldier until he was honorably discharged and mustered out on July 7, 1875, as a paroled prisoner [of war], having been in the service three years and ten months, having but four of the original one hundred and one members of the company.

By actual experience, he knew of the misery and torture of Andersonville prison, for it was here that he was confined 366 days.

It was his response to the appeal of service in every department of life that was strongly characteristic of the man. On Nov. 6, 1865 at the breakfast table, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Forsythe, daughter of the late Guy and Nancy Forsythe, by the Rev. E. W. [Elhanan Winchester] Fuller [Universalist]. Two children were born into their home, Allee who was married to Charles Armstrong and Herbert D., who married Miss Agnes Bailey. Besides his wife, his is survived by his son and wife; three grandchildren, Guy Armstrong of Dansville, Donald Armstrong who is attending the Agricultural school at Ithaca, and Elvena Armstrong, at home, besides a sister, Mrs. Julia Bidwell of Galeburg, Michigan, together with a great many other near and dear relatives and friends.

The farewell services were held from the Universalist church on Monday afternoon at three o'clock, his pastor, Rev. J. [James] D. Herrick officiating, assisted by Rev. F. M. Baker.

In conformance to his request the church choir sang, "Abide With Me," and "Only One Step at a Time," and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Forsyth sang the beautiful duet entitled "Peace, Troubled Heart." His pastor preached a very inspiring and helpful sermon on the ideal life, making an earnest appeal for higher Christian living. He used for his text II Timothy 4-7.

The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. The Whitesville Club attended in a body, as did the Grand Army [of the Republic: G.A.R.], Women's Relief Corps and Crittenden Camp of Sons of Veterans.

Undertaker Brown had charge of the funeral. Interment was in Rural Cemetery of which he was president.

Mr. Jacobs was justice of the peace at the time of his death and had served many other offices in the town, always being a staunch Republican. He was Commander of Sawyer Post. He had been chorister of the Universalist church choir for over thirty years, his rare bass voice always

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ready to sing and praise God. He had sung at hundreds of funerals. He was the efficient teacher of the Silver Gray Sunday School Class and the honored church treasurer.

Realizing the fatality of his illness he expressed his preference of those he would like to have take his place and discharge their duties. His loyalty and devotion to the Universalist church of which he had been a member so many years was unswerving and constant to the end. Surely all of these various causes have lost a most loyal and generous supporter. He had an interest in everything good.

The following acted as bearers: D. C. Barney, A. M. Richmond, H. S. Richmond, G. E. Day, Theodore Cobb and A. A. Babcock. The floral tributes were many. Whitesville Club, Mar A. Livermore Club, Sons of Veterans, Women's Relief Corps, Grand Army of [the] Republic, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Lee of Wellsville, Mr. Frank Clark of Andover, Universalist church and others sent flowers.

Those from out of town in attendance at the funeral were: Guy Armstrong of Dansville, Donald Armstrong of Ithaca, Mrs. Daniel Forsythe and Mrs. E. E. Heath of Smethport, Pa., Mrs. Mary Chapin of Scio, Granville Barney, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Crandall of Andover, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler Coats and Charles Lee of Wellsville, David Hauber and Giles Hauber of North Bingham, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Forsyth of Bingham Centre, Miss Emily Barney West Union, Mrs. G. F. Chapman and Mrs. Delotte Potter of Genesee, Pa., Theodore Cobb of Spring Mills and several from Hallsport.

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