

[Johnson, George W.]

FALL ON ICE IS FATAL TO ESTEEMED CIVIL WAR VETERAN
George W. Johnson, 86, Well Known Roman, Suffers Fractured Skull.
ENLISTED HERE WITH 146TH N. Y. VOLUNTEERS
Fought at Gettysburg and in the Wilderness; Was Prisoner 300 Days

George W. Johnson, 86, highly esteemed Roman and veteran of the Civil War, passed away at 7:30 a.m. today at his home, 600 W. Embargo street, following an accident Monday night in which he slipped and fell on the ice, sustaining a fractured skull.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had been out visiting friends during the evening and about 10 p.m. they were taken to their residence by automobile. Mrs. Johnson went ahead and up the steps to unlock the door. She turned to see her husband lying on the ground near the foot of the steps. With the assistance of neighbors and passers-by, she succeeded in getting him into the house and medical aid was immediately summoned. He was unconscious until the end.

George W. Johnson was born in Rhode Island, March 26, 1839, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Johnson. At Florence in 1867 he was married to Miss Friddie Littler of Florence Hill, who survives. Early in life Mr. Johnson had been a tanner. Later he became a stationary engineer and for a number of years had been employed at Hughes & Wilkinson. About three years ago he retired from active work.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he answered the call for volunteers and at Rome enlisted with the 146th Infantry, New York State Volunteers. For nearly three years he saw active service with the victorious northern armies of Grant, engaging in the historic conflict at Gettysburg and the Battle of the Wilderness. Towards the close of the war he was taken captive by the Southern forces and spent 300 days in the Confederate prison at Andersonville, Georgia.

For the past 30 years Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have resided here. In Christian faith Mr. Johnson was a Universalist. He was a member of Skillin Post, Grand Army of the Republic, and for over 50 years a member of Baron Steuben Lodge, F. and A.M., of Lee Center. A man of sterling character, honest and upright, he had gained the esteem and respect of a host of friends who will mourn his sudden passing.

Surviving besides his wife are two sons, Bert T. Johnson of Fresno, California, and A. R. Johnson of Rochester, who arrived here this morning.

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