

[Lewis, Benjamin F.]

DEATHS.

In Rush, N.Y., Jan. 5, of chronic diarrhea, Mr. Benj. F. Lewis, aged 45 years.

In August, 1862, he enlisted in the 8th Cavalry of New York State Volunteers, under the command of Gen. Sheridan. He was in nearly eighty skirmishes and battles, and always behaved himself bravely. On the 16th of September, he was taken prisoner at Snickers' Gap and marched to Richmond, and was in Libby Prison until transferred to Belle Isle. From poor and insufficient food he became sick, and was paroled by the rebels for 90 days. He returned home on furlough, and soon died, still subject to rebel authority. His parole was closed by the hand of death, and he is at rest, where no rebel can reach him, but where he has joined the wife whose body he buried a few years since. He leaves four sons and two daughters. One of his sons is now in the 3th [sic] Cavalry, bravely contending for the right.

His funeral was attended on Sunday, Jan. 8th, in the Victor [Universalist] church, where the consolations of the Gospel were presented by the writer...

G. W. M. [Rev. George Washington Montgomery of Rochester]

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