

[Mack, James]

James Mack

James Mack, for many years a resident of this village, died at the Soldiers' Home hospital, Monday, Sept. 1st, of infirmities incident to old age. His remains were brought to this place, this (Wednesday) afternoon and the funeral was held at 8 o'clock at the Universalist church under charge of R. E. Harris Post of which he was a member. Rev. I. [Isaac] K. Richardson conducted the services. The interment was in Maple View Cemetery, this village.

Com. N. J. Wagner gives us some particulars as follows: Deceased was born in slavery in Virginia and when young was sold with his father to a man by the name of Mack near Jackson, Miss., from whom, as was the custom, he took his name. After the emancipation of the slaves he came to the lines of the Union Army at Baton Rouge, La., in the spring of 1863, and for a time acted as the captain's servant, finally enlisting in the U. S. service regularly and was assigned to the duty of cook for Company I, 161st regiment, and served to the close of the war.

At that time he was a middle aged man, so it is thought that at the time of his death he was 85 or 90 years of age. When the company was mustered out in Oct. 1865, he came to Cohocton and made his home with the late Pliny Horr to the time of Mr. Horr's death. Since then he has devided [divided] his time between this place and the Soldiers Home.

He was a faithful member of R. E. Harris Post, G.A.R., and that organization, and the W.R.C., attended his funeral in a body this afternoon.

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