

[Myers, Oscar F.]

### Death of Oscar F. Myers

Union Springs, March 18.—After a long illness and much suffering, Oscar F. Myers, aged 72 years, died Thursday at his home a few miles southeast of this village. Mr. Myers was a member of the A. A. Hoff Post, 494, G.A.R. and had resided in the town most of his life. Besides his wife [Eliza Schenck Myers] he leaves one son, Theodore, of this place.

The funeral will be held Monday from his late home. Rev. A. [Arnold] S. Yantis [Universalist] of Auburn will officiate and interment will be made at Chestnut Ridge [Cemetery].

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### Oscar F. Myers

At his home about two miles east of the village of Union Springs, in the town of Springport, on Monday, March 16, 1911, occurred the death of Oscar F. Myers.

Mr. Myers was born near Power's Corners, in the same town, Dec. 8, 1839. Early in life he was deprived of a mother's care and spent his childhood and youth with the family of Zimri Allen, near his early home, and all attest the love and respect the respectful, good-natured boy. When twenty years old, accompanied by Joseph Waldron of Springport, he made a journey of eleven thousand miles on salt water, "Rounding the Horn" to California, in search of gold. Not understanding the nature of shrub oak, he was terribly poisoned and so was forced to return to the States.

When about twenty-two years of age he answered the call for volunteers to defend his country, by enlisting as a private, Company K, 137th Regiment of N.Y. Volunteer Infantry, and was enrolled at Groton, N.Y., Aug. 1862. After participating in battles, in many hardships of war and tramping with Sherman on his famous "March to the Sea," and with health impaired by the three years of active service, he was discharged June 9th, 1865, at Bladenburg's Pike, Dist. of Columbia.

[On] February 9th, 1867, he was married by J. [Jacob] A. Harter [Universalist] of Auburn, to Eliza A. Schenck, with whom he lived forty-four years. One son was born of this union, Theodore C. Myers, who pays one of the highest tributes to him that can be paid to a father. "I never needed a chum, my father was such a good companion, so nice to associate with."

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Although his health was badly impaired by his service in the army, he never complained or regretted the loss, but was thankful for the chance to do his duty, and that strength held out for an honorable discharge, and while his physician and comrade Benjamin Fordyce and other friends urged him to take a pension, he stoutly refused for years, saying "I was glad to do my duty and would have died, if necessary, for the good of the cause."

On Nov. 20th, 1910 his health became so impaired that he was forced to undergo a serious operation at the House of the Good Shepherd in Syracuse. Although he returned to his home and was able to go about some, he had not regained his former health and became a prey to la grippe, which resulted in pneumonia, followed by death. He bore the operation and consequent sickness with uncomplaining fortitude and cheerfulness, and seemed to think only of the care to his wife and son. He was a kind, loving father, a faithful, devoted husband, and no one ever accepted the hospitality of their home who will not certify to the cheerful companion of this genial man. A man true in his friendship, never refusing a favor he could rightfully grant, in sickness and trouble ever willing to lend a hand to alleviate sorrow, he will long be missed by this community in which he so long resided.

A large circle of neighbors, friends and relatives gathered on Monday, March 20th to pay the last tribute of respect to him, and all join in extending their sincere sympathy to his sorrowing family.

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