

[Oliver, Squire H.]

DEATH OF SQUIRE H. OLIVER
Was for 34 Years Station and Express Agent at Glenfield

Squire H. Oliver, a life-long resident of the town of Martinsburg, died Tuesday morning at his residence in Glenfield, death being due to hemorrhage of the brain. He had been ill for about six weeks, and his condition the past two weeks was of a serious nature. Mr. Oliver was born in the eastern part of the town of Martinsburg on June 3, 1832. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Oliver, were pioneer settlers of that section. Opportunities for education for the sons and daughters of the early settlers were very limited, consequently the deceased had more days hard labor than days at school, and did not attend school after he was ten years of age in the summer, but he improved such opportunities as came to him and was practically a self-made man. He attended Lowville Academy two terms, taught common schools three terms, and followed civil engineering and surveying to quite an extent. When the Black River railroad was extended to Lowville in 1868 he was appointed station and express agent at Glenfield, which position he held continuously until October, 1902, when he resigned owing to advanced years and declining health. He was the oldest agent on the line in years of service, which is conclusive evidence of his appreciation by the company, and of his integrity and business ability. From the date of his resignation he was placed on the pension list by the Central Railroad company.

In politics Mr. Oliver was a republican. He served his town twelve years as justice of the peace, and was postmaster at Glenfield for six years. He was a man of strong character, honest, upright and reliable, always battled for the right and condemned the wrong. For several years Mr. Oliver served as correspondent for the JOURNAL & REPUBLICAN at Glenfield, and his work in this line was always fully appreciated.

[On] January 16, 1856, Mr. Oliver was united in marriage with Miss Ada A. Chapman, who survives. Four children also survive: Maturin S. Oliver, Mrs. George [Sadie] H. Littlefield and Mrs. Spencer [Mary] E. Burdick, of Glenfield, and Mrs. Harry Van Allen, of Utica. The funeral services will be held from the late residence of the deceased to-morrow (Friday) noon, Rev. Dr. A. Harris [Universalist] of Watertown officiating, and the interment will be made at Glenfield.

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GLENFIELD
Funeral Services of the late Squire H. Oliver
Were Largely Attended

The funeral of Squire H. Oliver, for thirty-four years station agent at this place, was held from his late residence Friday. The attendance was very large and included many of the older railroad men and the following officials of the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg Railroad: Superintendent J. H. Hustis, General Passenger Agent G. O. Gridley, Traveling Passenger Agent Clare Hartigan, Trainmaster B. P. Ketchum and Assistant Chief Engineer Philip Winchester. The officials were taken from Watertown to Glenfield and return on the superintendent's private engine Ontario. The floral tributes were beautiful and included a star bearing the word "Our Friend" from ten well-known railroad men: H. W. Hammond, J. D. Tapley, Nicholas Arthur, Chauncey S. Lucas, T. Howard Doig, James Ellard, William Hamlin, F. J. Gordon, John F. Evans, and W. J. Capron. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Harris, pastor of the Universalist church at Watertown, who spoke very feelingly and appropriately in memory of the deceased. The bearers were John D. Tapley, Nicholas Arthur, Emory Jones and Louis H. Stiles. Interment was made in the old Glendale cemetery.

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