

[Richardson, Edwin J.]

CIVIL WAR VETERAN DIES

Edwin J. Richardson Was Loom Fixer by Trade—Retired About 30 Years Ago

Edwin J. Richardson, a well known Civil War veteran, died at the Homeopathic Hospital at 10 o'clock last night after a long illness. He had been sick at his home in the [Kanatemah?] about six months with a complication of diseases, but had been confined to his bed for three weeks.

Mr. Richardson was born in Fayetteville, Onondaga County, November [13?], 1845. He was brought up there until the time he was 15 years old and then went to Clark Mills where he worked in the factory as loom fixer. [On] August 26, 1862, when he was not quite 17 years old, he enlisted in Company G of the One Hundred and Forty-Sixth New York Volunteer Infantry for three years.

He took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Rappahannock, Chancellorsville, Williamsport Md., and the Battle of the Wilderness in Virginia May 5, 1864. Here he was captured and sent to the prison at Andersonville, Ga., where he remained about five months and then was transferred to Florence, S. C., prison, where he remained two months. [On] December 10, 1864 he was paroled and was retained in the parole camp for quite a number of months.

[On] June 1, 1865 he was promoted to corporal as he was mustered out at the close of the war July 16, 1865. He served under Captain Rowell in Company G and made a very good soldier. Since [?] he has been a member of Post Bacon, No. 54, G.A.R. in which he served as quartermaster sergeant and he is also a member of the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment Veterans' Association in which he served as color bearer.

On his return from the war, Mr. Richardson resumed his work as loom fixer at Clark Mills and then came to Utica, where for 10 years he was employed in the Utica Steam Cotton Mills in the same capacity. Since that time he had been engaged in a number of employments, and he retired about 30 years ago.

He was a very well preserved man, fond of outdoor sports and during summer visited Oneida Lake frequently. He always attended the annual reunions of his regiment and nothing gave him more pleasure than to greet his old comrades. He attended the Universalist Church.

Mr. Richardson was highly esteemed and had many friends who will regret to hear of his passing. He is survived by his wife, two sons, George of Utica and Charles of Whitesboro, and by one grandson, Howard G. Richardson of Utica.

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