

[Shorkley, Pardon T.]

BRAVE SOLDIER DEAD

Another veteran of the Civil war has answered the last roll call. Pardon T. Shorkley died at his home in Scipio Monday, after a brief illness. His health had not been good for some time and he became an easy prey to death in the end. He was a native of Scipio, having been born there November 2, 1838. He was a son of James Shorkley and Julia Thornton and it was in his father's honor that the hamlet a mile north of Scipio Center was named Shorkley's Corners. At the age of 28 years he enlisted at Scipio as a private in Company E, 188th Infantry. That was August 11, 1862 and August 22 he was mustered into service. He was the second man to enlist in E Company under Captain Selah Cornwell. John VanLiew, of this city, was the first to enroll. [On] December 9, 1862 the company was transferred to the Ninth Heavy Artillery under the command of General William H. Seward. Mr. Shorkley was warranted as a corporal and was mustered out at the close of the war at Washington, July 6, 1865.

Mr. Shorkley was a loyal citizen, to his friends honest and sincere, and to his family a kind and loving husband and father. He was a member of the Universalist church and took a deep interest in the organization. He was a vocalist and for many years he sang in the churches of Scipio. He was a member of Selah Cornwell Post G.A.R. Besides his wife Alice Rumsey Shorkley he is survived by two sons, Glenn and George, all of Scipio. One brother, Allen Shorkley, now of California, also survives.

Funeral services will be held at the Universalist church, Scipio, Thursday the 21st instant at 11 a.m., Rev. A. S. Yantis of Auburn officiating, and burial will be in the cemetery at Scipio Center.

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