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## FALL FATAL TO CHAS. W. SLOAT

Well Known Business Man and Veteran Dies

Fractured Leg on May 19

Had Been Confined To His Bed Since That Time—Long Prominent in Civic Affairs

Charles Watson Sloat, 83, died at his home, 406 Franklin street, at 11 this morning following an illness of long standing, death being directly the result of a fall which Mr. Sloat suffered on May 19 at his home at which time he suffered a fractured right leg. Mr. Sloat suffered a stroke about four years ago and for a time he was partly paralyzed. He recovered from the effects of the stroke and had been in good health up to the time he fell about ten weeks ago.

Since the fall he has been confined to his bed nearly all of the time. His condition showed marked improvement during the last three weeks and he had been critically ill only a few days. The seriousness of the fall was enhanced by Mr. Sloat's advanced years.

Charles W. Sloat was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the city, having been a prominent lumber dealer in the city for many years. He was also prominent in the affairs of the city, having served on the board of education and the old public works board. He was for many years the senior member of the lumber firm of Sloat and Greenleaf of this city. He was also a veteran of the Civil war.

Mr. Sloat was born in this city Oct 10. 1840, the son of the late John and Lydia Doane Sloat, and had spent practically all of his life here. On his 21st birthday, Oct. 10, 1861, he enlisted as a private at Watertown in Company H of the 94th New York volunteer Infantry.

Shortly after his enlistment he was made a sergeant and on June 11, 1862, he received the commission of second lieutenant, which rank he held until the expiration of the three year enlistment term, he being discharged from the Union forces in December, 1864.

He was taken prisoner by the Confederate forces during the first day's fighting at the Battle of Gettysburg. He was also engaged in the battles of Cedar Mountain, the second battle of Bull Run, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredericksburg. Chancellorville [sic], Mine Run, Gettysburg, Cold Harbor and the assault and siege of Petersburg. He was paroled soon after his capture at Gettysburg.

Mr. Sloat told many interesting stories of the war of the rebellion. In 1914 there appeared an article in The Times in commemoration of the birthday of Lincoln which was written by Mr. Sloat. In the article the former soldier told an interesting story of seeing the war president review the Union forces under Pope, at which time Mr. Sloat saw Lincoln. In the article Mr. Sloat paid a high tribute to Abraham Lincoln and vividly described him riding a horse as he passed down the long columns of soldiers.

Mr. Sloat was married in Clinton, N.Y., on June 17, 1868, to Miss Ada L. Budlow of that village. After his marriage he returned to this city and entered the lumber business. Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Sloat, all of whom survive him.

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Mr. Sloat received his education in the schools of the city. He was a student at the Stone school house on Bradley street and also at the old Institute on the present site of the State street school.

He first went into the lumber business with his uncle and later on March 30, 1876, he organized the lumber firm of Sloat and Greenleaf and continued to be senior member of the business for a number of years. About eleven years ago his son, Wallace B. Sloat, entered into partnership with his father and the business later became known as the firm of Sloat and Son. Mr. Greenleaf, the former partner of the firm, died about two years ago.

The firm of Sloat and Son is one of the best known in the city and for many years has done an extensive business in lumber and mill work, paints, glass, roofing material and all kinds of builders' supplies. The mill and offices of the company are located at 408-420 Mill street.

June 17, 1918 was the golden anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Sloat and the occasion was celebrated by a reception to old friends and relatives at their home. Rev. William P. Payne who married them 50 years ago previous was present at the reception. Mr. Payne was pastor of the Clinton Universalist church at the time he married Mr. and Mrs. Sloat.

Last October Mr. and Mrs. Sloat were the guests of honor at a family dinner party in honor of their birthdays, which fell near together. Both were at that time in the best of health.

Mr Sloat is survived by his widow, Mrs. Ada B. Sloat, two daughters, Mrs. C. E. Pierce and Miss Helen M. Sloat, all residing at the family home, 406 Franklin street, and by one son, Wallace B. Sloat of 327 West Main street, this city.

The funeral services will be held from his late home, 406 Franklin street Sunday afternoon at 2. Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls Universalist church officiating. Burial will be made in Brookside Cemetery.

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