

[Snell, Charles E.]

CHARLES E. SNELL DIES IN POTSDAM

Was a Veteran of the 14th N.Y. Cavalry

Potsdam, Sept. 2.—Charles E. Snell, aged 76, died at the home of his son, I. E. Snell, in Bay street, about 3 o'clock Saturday. He had been in feeble health for some time.

Mr. Snell was born in Jay, Vt. He was a well known lumberman of Northern New York for many years, having been associated with John and Hollis Snell, both of whom are dead.

Mr. Snell was a Civil war veteran, having served in the 14th New York cavalry. He was the last surviving member of a family of nine children.

Thirty-five years ago or thereabouts, when the last of the tracts of spruce lying along the upper reaches of the Racket were being cut off and floated down to the great mills that then were slashing out the boards and plank at Potsdam, Sissonville, Hewittville and Norwood, the Snell boys were the leading lumbermen of the Adirondack country, employing hundreds of choppers each winter, mostly French Canadians from the Province of Quebec, and the name of "Snell" was known in every village of Lower Canada. Gangs of choppers arrived here in the fall by the hundreds, with their "turkeys" or bran sacks filled with clothing over their shoulders, and clad in the gaily colored mackinaws and blanket coats of the Habitant, whose English vocabulary consisted of the words "Potsdam" and "John Snell," and with this meagre description of where they desired to go, they never found any difficulty in reaching one of the big lumber camps of the Snell boys.

Surviving Mr. Snell are his wife, one daughter, Mrs. E. W. Hitchcock, of Hannawa Falls, and two sons, O. A. Snell of Watertown and Irving E. Snell of this village. The funeral was held at the home yesterday afternoon, with the Rev. D. L. Fisher of the Universalist church officiating. Interment was at Bayside cemetery.

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