

[Stevens, Washington]

ALLENDALE.

—Capt. Washington Stevens, an old and highly respected resident of Henderson, died at his home April 9, 1903, after a long and painful illness. He was born Feb. 25, 1834, about a mile from the place where he died. He was the son of Orren and Amanda Edmunds Stevens, who had five sons and one daughter, and he was the last of the family to be called away. On Jan. 1, 1855 he married Fidelia A., daughter of Joseph and Susan M. Waterman Washburn. Soon after their marriage they moved to Pennsylvania, living there nearly seven years. While there he enlisted in the civil war in the 168th regiment Pennsylvania volunteers. They have also lived seven years in Mannsville; with these exceptions he has spent the rest of his life on his farm near Henderson. Two sons were born to them, Edon and Merton. Edon died when about ten years old, but Merton his living, with his wife and two sons, Olin and Harold, in Erie, Pa., where he is employed in the live saving service.

His son was summoned home during the last of his illness and reached his bedside about two hours before his death. Mr. Stevens for many years sailed the great lakes and was captain of several boats. He was a member of the Universalist church, also a member of Piper post and Henderson Grange No. 145, P. of H., where he was an interested and active member just as long as his health was so that he could attend their meetings. He is survived by his wife, son, and two grandsons, who will greatly miss the husband, father and grandfather from their midst, and who would express their thanks to all who were so kind to them in their darkest hours. His funeral was largely attended from the house at 1 p.m. April 11, Rev. George Adams, his pastor, preaching a very able sermon. The music was very beautiful and appropriate; there was a large profusion of flowers and ferns; the dear old flag he fought to save was wound round the casket and his old comrades held services at the grave. The bearers were: Comrades J. L. Wilkinson, William McKee, Frank Hadcock, and Adolph Penney. Interment in Carpenter cemetery.

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