

[Webster, John D.]

THE CONESUS NEWS.

John D. Webster, who died at his home in this village on Wednesday night of last week, was born upon the farm now owned by Edward Webster, about two and one-half miles south of this place, on January 16, 1848, and he had always resided in town. He was a blacksmith by trade and was capable of doing many kinds of mechanical work. For years he was leader of the Conesus cornet band and was proficient as such. He was also master of the violin and his music upon this instrument in the country districts was seldom equaled. For years he had calls for miles around to furnish music for dances and entertainments. In the way of benevolence his heart was always open to the cause, to assist in a financial way or to give his musical talent to the advancement of any worthy effort. John had a score of friends who will miss him. The wife [Anna Coe Webster] and one son, George C., our present supervisor; one brother, Mahlon, at Webster's Crossing; two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Clemons of Sparta, and Mrs. Mary Clemons of Allegany county, survive him. The funeral services were held from the Universalist church Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. Miss Clara Morgan officiating. The services were in charge of the Masonic order, of which he was an old member, and the burial took place in the Arnold cemetery.

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