

TAPS SOUNDED FOR W. H. BUCK

Another Veteran Passed to the Eternal Camping Ground.

THE SUMMONS WAS SUDDEN.

Death Came Tuesday Morning after an Illness of Less than Forty Hours--Funeral and Burial Thursday.

William Henry Buck died at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at his home midway between the villages of Randolph and East Randolph after a brief illness which attacked him on Sunday evening while he was visiting at the home of James Williams on Jamestown street, in company with his wife.

Mr. Buck had suffered at interludes for many years from liver complaint but was apparently as well as usual on Sunday until the old malady appeared in violent form. He was removed to his home but continued to sink despite the best efforts of medical science. On Monday evening his heart action began to fail. The attending physicians made an heroic effort to maintain life until the arrival of his daughter, Mrs. Jessie Merritt of Westfield, who hurried home as rapidly as possible, but the sufferer passed away about four hours before her arrival. His closing hours were marked by much suffering but he bore his trials bravely and died like a soldier with his face to the foe.

Mr. Buck was born at Bath, Grafton county, New Hampshire, November 8, 1840, and came to this vicinity with his parents when a small boy. The family settled in the township of Coldspring near this village and Mr. Buck's life was mainly spent in this community. His parents died several years ago. On August 12th, 1862 he enlisted as a volunteer in the service of his country and was an active soldier of the northern army for three years, being a member of Company A, 154th regiment, N.Y.V.

During his term of service he passed some time in the notorious Libby prison and was with General Sherman on his famous march through Georgia from Atlanta to the sea.

February 29, 1868, Mr. Buck was married to Miss Sarah A. Bryant of Randolph who survives him. To this union were born two children--Lulu, who died January 1, 1870, and Mrs. Jessie Merritt, now of Westfield, N.Y. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. Hattie Powers and Mrs. Victoria Stone of Steamburg, Mrs. Edna Wright of Flint, Mich., and Mrs. A. B. Wells of Norfolk, Va.

Deceased was a member of D.T. Wiggins Post, G.A.R. and of Randolph lodge No. 448, I.O.O.F. He served the latter order for many years as secretary. He was also a member of the Maccabee lodge for some time but dropped his membership about a year ago when the insurance rates of that order were raised. Mr. Buck was a quiet, industrious and unassuming man who by strict attention to duty won the esteem of neighbors and the friendship of those with whom he came in closest contact.

He was an affectionate husband and father and a patriotic citizen whose loss will be felt in this community.

A prayer service was held at the home at 1:30 yesterday afternoon and the funeral in charge of the Odd Fellows lodge was held from the M.E. church at East Randolph. Rev. E.W. Robinson officiated and the burial was made at East Randolph.