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N. A. CHAFFEE DEAD

Prominent Citizen and Civil War Veteran Succumbs to Sickness Covering Comparatively Short Time

In the death of Newton Adelbert Chaffee which occurred this morning at the family home on Main Street, Gowanda suffered another great loss.

Mr. Chaffee was stricken with apoplexy about two weeks ago, from which he never rallied, and the last of the original family of Chaffee Brothers was called. He was the youngest son of the late Amasa L. and Lydia Chaffee, and was born in this village August 31st 1841, and spent his boyhood days here. He obtained his education at our public schools, after which he entered the northern army. He enlisted August 2nd 1862 as a private in the 54th New York State Vols., later served as a Quarter-Master Sargent until the close of the war, and was honorably discharged, June 20th. 1865. He was in the battles of Gettysburg and Chancellorsville, with the 11th Corps, and accompanied General Sherman on his famous march to the sea.

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After returning from the war, he entered the grocery business in the store now occupied by Schaack and Hawkins, which he ran for several years until 1868, when he opened a store at Dayton which he successfully ran until March, 20th 1883. He then went to Westfield for two years and engaged in the Mercantile business, coming here with his oldest brother, the late A. W. W. Chaffee, conducted a merchant tailoring business until he retired from active business, and has since enjoyed an ideal life.

Mr. Chaffee was married to Miss Luna Woodin, June 6th 1866, and had he lived until that date next June they would have rounded out a half century together. Mrs. Chaffee and one daughter, Mrs. Edwin B. Dewey of Jamestown survive him.

He was a director of the Bank of North Collins, had at different times officiated as village trustee, was a member and Elder in the Presbyterian Church, was on the board of Managers of the Thomas Indian School for eighteen years, a member of Phoenix Lodge F. & A. M. of the local G. A. R. Post, and a man respected and looked up to by all who knew him.

The funeral will be held from the family home, Saturday afternoon at 2:30. Burial at Pine Hill Cemetery.

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