

• Editors Mail

Editor Hub:—The recent death of Charles Fields of Whig Street in Little Valley is a reminder that veterans of the Civil War are very rapidly passing away. Mr. Fields was a member of Co. B. 154 Reg. N.Y. Volunteers. The writer's father was a member of this Company and like Mr. Fields joined at the time the Company was formed and serving until the close of the war. Eight companies of this Regiment and part of the ninth was composed of Cattaraugus County men and Company B was largely composed of men from the northwestern Towns in the county. The writer has before him a complete roster of the membership of this company.

The Regiment was recruited during the months of August and September 1862 and when it left its camp on the southern boundry of the present city of Jamestown for the front on the 28th day of September 1862. Co. B. consisted of its Captain Dan B. Allen of Otto and one hundred enlisted men. Later ten additional men were recruited to help fill its depleted ranks. When Captain Allen was made a Colonel, First Lieut. Simeon V. Pool also of Otto was promoted to the Captaincy of the Company. The latest previous death of a member of the Company before Mr. Fields was 7th Corporal, Philo A. Markham, who died June 12, 1932. Mr. Markham enlisted from Dayton and was wounded in the battle of Rocky Face Ridge, Ga. May 8, 1864 making it necessary to amputate his right arm. For many years he and Mrs. Markham have lived with their daughter and son-in-law Dr. and Mrs. Jolls at Orchard Park. As far as the writer knows there is now only one living member of this Company: Truman Hinman of East Randolph. He enlisted Sept. 9, 1864 at the age of seventeen years and had to swear that he was eighteen to be accepted. He still enjoys good health and mental vigor.

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