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PATRICK HENRY FOLEY

Funeral Services for Veteran of Civil War Held in G.A.R. Hall, East Leon.

Decoration Day 1923, will find one less in the number of rapidly depleting ranks of the G.A.R., for Patrick Henry Foley has responded to the final roll call. In the very best of health until Saturday, Dec. 16th, the eighty-three years old, it seemed that he would be with his comrades at their annual reunion for years to come, but an impairment of health, from which it was hoped he would speedily recover, proved fatal, and he passed quietly away on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at 10 o'clock.

Patrick Henry Foley was born in Ireland on the 31st of August 1839. At the age of seven he came to America with a sister but two years older than himself. Arriving in New York, the sister went to Boston while Mr. Foley came to the home of Charles Darby in Gowanda as a foster-child. He remained with the Darby family until he was twenty-one years of age.

At the outbreak of the Civil War he was among the first to volunteer, and he remained in the service until the close, first as a member of the 64th then the 154th Regiment. During the years of his service he was wounded three times, and was a captive in Libby prison for three hundred days. When he was released as an exchange prisoner he weighed but eighty pounds, and had to be carried out of prison by his comrade Del. Chapman. He was then discharged only to re-enlist. At Gettysburg he with his staunch comrade and life-long friend was among the first of his company to arrive. It was a very touching scene, when, at the funeral service, Mr. Kelly took final leave from his comrade and friend.

Returning to this neighborhood at the close of the war Mr. Foley was married to Miss Lydia Peters. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Foley took up their residence on a farm near East Leon where they were residents for forty-four years. On January 25th, 1911, Mrs. Foley preceded her husband in death. For the last six years the deceased made his home with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Foley on Buffalo street.

After a brief service at the Foley home here, the remains were taken to G.A.R. Hall at East Leon where many of the friends of the departed had assembled to pay their final respects. Those who saw the friends, both old and young, file sorrowfully past the lifeless form of their former townsman could not but be greatly impressed at the evidence of respect and love in which Mr. Foley was held.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. R. H. Keller of Trinity Church, Gowanda. Interment was in the East Leon cemetery.