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CIVIL WAR VETERAN SUMMONED BY DEATH

James Helms Expired at
East Randolph

SERVED WITH 154TH
Oct 27 — 1924
Had Spent his Entire Life
Near Community where
he was Born—Three
Children Survive

James Helms, a Civil war veteran and a life long resident of this vicinity, died at his home in Church street, East Randolph, Monday, October 27th, after an illness of a little more than two weeks, due to cerebral hemorrhage. He was born in East Randolph 78 years ago and his entire life has been lived in and about this village. His parents, Chauncey C. Helms and wife, were among the early settlers of this vicinity. Mr. Helms was but a young man at the outbreak of the Civil war but feeling the call of his country, he enlisted and served with Company A, 154th New York Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at the close of the war.

He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Susan Curtiss, who passed away many years since. His second wife was Mrs. Laura Helms, to whom he was married, about 24 years ago. Three children were born of the first marriage, namely, Chauncey Helms of Ridgeway, Pa., Mrs. Nellie Hammel of Tiona, Pa., and Lee Helms whose whereabouts are unknown. Besides the widow and children, he is survived by one brother, John Helms of Lockport, and two sisters, Mrs. Liza Helms

of Oxford, N. Y., and Miss Deliah Helms; a half sister, Miss Mary Helms of St. Petersburg, Fla., also survives.

The funeral was conducted from the late home Wednesday at 2 o'clock, Rev. T. H. Delbridge officiating. Members of D. H. Wiggins Post, G. A. R., attended in a body, acting as special escort and having charge of the ritualistic services at the grave. Interment was made in the East Randolph

THOMAS A. BLANCHARD DIED AT SALAMANCA

Veteran of Civil War who
lived at East Randolph

5 CHILDREN SURVIVE
Dec 9 — 1924
Funeral to be Attended this
Afternoon at Salamanca,
Burial Services in East
Randolph Cemetery

Thomas A. Blanchard, for many years connected with the building industry in this section, and a man who erected some of the best buildings to be found in several townships, died at his home in Salamanca, Tuesday morning. Mr. Blanchard had been sick about three years.

Born in Canada, September 16th, 1843, he came to this country and enlisted in the Civil war, being member of the Pennsylvania Volunteer Cavalry, Co. E, 21st regiment. After serving faithfully, he located at Leon where he lived some time and then moved into East Randolph.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Frances Blanchard, he leaves three daughters, Mrs. Elmer D. Cook of Salamanca, Mrs. Eugene Monroe of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. F. W. Gates of Steamburg; two sons, Claire Blanchard of Buffalo and Claude Blanchard of Olean; four sisters, Mrs. Martha Gilson and Mrs. H. B. Hoover of Barnes, Pa., Mrs. Emily Taylor of Bradford, Pa., and Mrs Gertrude Wilson of Seattle, Wash., and three brothers, Carlos of Jamestown, Delbert of Onoville, Pa., and Calvin of Oakland, Cal.

The funeral will be held privately Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Thornton of the First M. E. church will officiate. The funeral party will motor to East Randolph where interment will be made in the family plot in Maple Hill cemetery.

