

JAMES LINGENFELTER

Civil War Veteran.

James Lingenfelter, a veteran of the Civil War and a re-ident of this town for 84 years, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. L. D. Beckwith, on Friday evening, Nov. 4th, 1921, from heart trouble, in the 89th year of his age. The deceased was a son of Archibald B. and Rachel Brewer Lingenfelter and was born in the town of Victory, Cayuga County, on June 29th, 1833. His father, a native of the Mohawk Valley and a veteran of the last war with England, brought his family to this town in 1837 and settled on a farm in the Gulf District where James passed the greater part of his life. He was married on March 29th, 1861, to Cordelia A. Wright, daughter of Eliakim Wright, a pioneer of this town. On Sept. 2nd, 1862, he enlisted in the military service of the United States and served as a member of Co. I, 154th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry, until the summer of 1865, when he received an honorable discharge. Returning to this town, he passed his life on the homestead farm until a few years ago, when he sold it to his son and came to this village where he has since resided.

Besides his widow, he is survived by five children: Mrs. Ida Ruple of Beech Creek, Pa., Ralph Lingenfelter, Mrs. Maude Beckwith and Mrs. Isma Fish of this town and Mrs. Mabel Little of Farmersville. He was the last survivor of his father's large family of twelve children, his brothers and sisters having long since passed to their eternal rest.

Mr. Lingenfelter was an industrious and honorable man, an accommodating neighbor and a good citizen who possessed the esteem of all who knew him. He served the town for several terms as Highway Commissioner and made a very efficient officer.

The funeral services took place from the home of his daughter on Sunday afternoon, Rev. John M. Williams, pastor of the Christian Church, officiating. The burial was in Maple Grove cemetery.

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