

Times Herald

Franklinville Doctor Was Surgeon-In-Chief

(A clipping from an 1894 Franklinville paper is quoted here.)

FRANKLINVILLE — The Hon. Dr. Henry Van Aernam died Friday, June 1, 1894.

Probably the largest funeral ever held in Franklinville was that of the Hon. Henry Van Aernam, which occurred Monday afternoon.

Services were held in the large First Presbyterian Church which was filled with a large concourse of people, among them many prominent ones from out of town.

Many old veterans attended the funeral in their uniforms and carried their guns, colors, etc. Two Sons of Veterans marched ahead of the casket and two in the rear, each couple carrying floral tributes which were beautiful and appropriate.

The bearers were A. P. Adams, Dr. H. Walker, William Ely, Dr. R. Terry, William Swinton and Dexter C. Weed, all old and warm friends of the deceased.

As a mark of respect all the business places were closed up as was the First room of the District School. Ten Broeck Academy, of which Dr. Van Aernam was one of the honored trustees, was kept closed all day.

The Hon. Alfred Spring, a life-

long friend of the physician, wrote a lengthy biography of him, from which are quoted:

Dr. Van Aernam early acquired prominence in the practice of his profession. Of excellent judgment, accurate in the diagnosis of a disease, with an intuitive insight into

the mental characteristics of his patient, sympathetic in temperament and yet vigorous in his treatment, and with a willingness to ride with his pill bags to the hut of the poor as well as the residence of the rich, were qualities that alike established his reputa-

tion as a skillful practitioner and endeared him to the people of eastern Cattaraugus.

When the rebels of the south sought to dismember the Union Dr. Van Aernam was energetic and unequivocal in his fidelity to the Republic. August 20, 1862, he was mustered into the State militia service as a surgeon of the 154th Regiment, New York State Volunteers, and on the 26th of the following month into the United States Service with the rank of major.

On the 5th of October, 1862, he was assigned to duty as surgeon-in-chief of the Second Brigade, Second-Division, of the Eleventh Army Corps, and on the 28th day of December, 1863, surgeon-in-chief of the Division, and in April of the following year surgeon-in-chief of the Second Brigade, Second Division of the Twentieth Army Corps. He was discharged at Atlanta, Ga., by reason of disabilities, Nov. 7, 1864.

This military life of Dr. Van Aernam, though compressed in a sentence, signifies much to the army with which he served. He came from fighting stock, for the two preceding generations of Van Aernams had shown their valor in their country's service, one with the Continentals of '76, the other in the second war with England.



Civil War Engineers Dug Canal

TO AVOID Confederate batteries at a bend in the James River, the engineers dug Dutch Gap Canal near Richmond, Va.

This constituted a major task in view of the lack of mechanical earth-moving equipment during the Civil War.

SEARL, WALTER
Parents—Almond and James S. Scott
Navy
Entered Sept. 1, 1864—1 year
19 years old when enlisted
Discharged at close of war

SEARL, HANFORD
Parents — Samuel and Sophronia Burlingame
Sergt. 85th Regt.
Enlisted 1861
Wounded and died in hospital
Buried at Franklinville

STIMSON, GEORGE
Parents — William and Sally A. Bennett
Enlisted June 1861
17 years old when enlisted
Discharged because of health and died at home

SEARL, DALTON
Parents — Almond and Jane M. Scott
64th Corporal
Enlisted June 1861
21 years old when enlisted
Served 3 years
Discharged

SIMONDS, JUSTIN
Father — Oscar
106th Inf.
Enlisted 1861
Died during Gen. Sherman Campaign

WARNER, MARTIN
Parents—Roswell and Emily Illinois
Entered 1862
25 years old when entered

WINTON, WILLIAM, JR.
Parents — William and Ophelia Smith
64th Inf.
Enlisted June 1861
Wounded at Fair Oaks and died in hospital

WINRID, JAMES BENJAMIN
Parents — Jacob and Mary N. 64th
Enlisted June 1861
Served 3 years
Wounded in left arm
Discharged 1864

WHITNEY, JOHN
Sergt. 6th N.Y. Cav.
Enlisted November 1, 1861
31 years old when enlisted
Discharged because of injuries received in service

WHEELER, JOHN
154 Co. D.
Enlisted August 1862
28 years old when enlisted
Served to close of war

WILLIAMS, ALLEN
Parents — Simeon and Prudence Morgan
Sergt. 154th Co. D.
Enlisted July 31st 1862—3 years
19 years old when enlisted
Promoted to Regt. Color Sergeant
Served to close of war
Mustered out June 1865

WILLIAMS, CLINTON
86th Inf.
Enlisted August 1864
Discharged at close of war

WILLIAMS, CHARLES P.
Parents — Simeon and Prudence
Navy Gunboat
Enlisted August 1864
20 years old when enlisted
Died on Gunboat Feb. 1865
Burial unknown

WEEKS, BARGILLA R.
Navy—Gunboat Cincinnati
Enlisted Aug. 1864—1 year
28 years old when enlisted
Discharged at close of war

WING, WILLIAM
Parents — Elnathan and Henrietta Lockwood
15th Cav.
Enlisted Feb. 1864—3 years
In Sherman campaign
Mustered out at close of war

WHITE, JAMES
Parents — James and Summah Burrows
15th Cav.
Enlisted February 1864
Captured by Gen. Lee and sent to Andersonville
Died of starvation August 1864

WING, CHARLES
Parents — Elnathan and Henrietta Lockwood
Navy — Gunboat Tawa — transferred to S. S. Cincinnati
Enlisted Sept. 3, 1864—1 year
19 years old when enlisted

KERR, RICHARD W.
Father — John F.
Enlisted June 1861
64th Inf.
Enlisted July 30, 1862
20 years old when enlisted

FARRAL, MICHAEL
Father — John
Enlisted June 1861
Served 1 year and died

WING, JUDSON
Enlisted February 1864
15th Cav.
Died of starvation August 1864

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