D. M. GRAVES PASSES AWAY

Was With Sherman on March to Sea - Held Public Office

Randolph, Jan. 17 – Darwin M. Graves, a well known Civil war veteran, aged 80, died yesterday afternoon at the home of W. A. Bragg in this village, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 1 p.m. Services will be conducted by D. T. Wiggins Post, G.A.R.

Mr. Graves spent nearly his entire life in or near this village. He responded to President Lincoln's first call for volunteers and was continuously in service till the end of the Civil war. He was a member of the 154th New York Infantry. He was a wagon maker with Sherman's forces on the March to the Sea, and was at Goldsboro when General Johnston surrendered to General Sherman.

Mr. Graves held many village and town offices. He was such an efficient poormaster that he has been the unanimous choice of the people for that office for the last 10 years. On account of failing health he declined the nomination last November. Upon his request Mrs. Alice Bragg, who had assisted him with his work, was unanimously elected.

Mr. Graves is survived by a son, --ward Graves, of Jamestown.

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