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CIVIL WAR VETERAN SUMMONED BY DEATH

James Helms Expired at East Randolph

SERVED WITH 154TH

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 community, 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 cemetery....