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## George W. Hess.

Geo. W. Hess died Monday evening at 7.30 of pernicious anaemia, after an illness of six weeks.

Mr. Hess was 62 years of age, had been a resident of Springville for about five years, and for 54 years had lived in this immediate vicinity.

A widow and three children are left to mourn him. The children are: A. Ulenna, a teacher in the Buffalo schools; Mrs. F. D. Gibbs, also of Buffalo; and Earl L., pharmacist at Canisteo, N. Y. All were in attendance at the funeral services, which were held at the Baptist church, of which the deceased had been a member for twenty years; Revs. I. S. Kuecland and H. C. Cooper, a former pastor, officiated. Burial in Maplewood cemetery.

The G. A. R. and W. R. C. were among those who gave beautiful floral tribute, and these organizations formed a part of the large procession.

George Washington Hess was born in Heekimer County in August, 1834. His parents were agriculturists, and moved to Ashford when he was but eight years of age.

Arriving at the age of manhood he went to Jamestown, where he married Miss Amelia Gibbs, the adopted daughter of Rev. Wm. Look, who was at one time pastor of the Springville Baptist church.

Later, himself and wife moved to Ashford, where he purchased a farm and sawmill. The latter was destroyed by flood a few years after Mr. Hess became its owner.

In 1862 he enlisted in Co. G. 154th New York State Volunteers, and served till the close of the war. He was active in twenty-three regular engagements, and numerous skirmishes, and at the Battle of Gettysburg he was taken prisoner, and for some time was confined in Belle Isle prison. While a prisoner he suffered sunstroke, and never entirely recovered from it.

After returning from the army he purchased what is known as the "Hess Farm," situate in the town of Ashford, four miles from Springville, where, with the exception of five years spent in the oil region of Pennsylvania, he lived until 1891, when he moved to the place where he died, on Elk street, this village.

Mr. Hess was a true Christian character, honored and respected by his associates. He had held positions of trust in municipal government, and had kept such trust with honesty and integrity. His familiar form and figure, and kindly presence will be missed by all who knew him.