

DEATH OF A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF OTTO.

Dr. S. V. Pool Called Away in The Prime of Life.

Dr. S. V. Pool died at his home in Otto Friday morning, Oct. 18th. He had not been in good health for some time, but the fatal illness was only of about a week's duration. The disease was of a neuralgic character, and centered at last at the heart, and the most vigorous measures of the attending and counselling physicians could not break its hold.

Dr. Pool was born in Springville, N. Y., March 14, 1837. He was a graduate of the Springville Academy, and the Buffalo Medical College, and attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. He located in Otto in 1867, and became one of the most successful medical practitioners in the county.

Dr. Pool was a veteran of the war of the rebellion, having enlisted in the 154th Regt. N. Y. Vols. in September, 1862. He was commissioned as First Lieutenant of Co. B, and participated in the battles of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. With a large part of the regiment he was taken prisoner at Gettysburg, and was confined successively in rebel prisons at Libby, Macon, Ga., and Charleston, S. C., and Charlotte. After an imprisonment of 20 months he escaped from the prison at Charlotte, and after four weeks of hiding in the woods and wandering in the Blue Ridge mountains, succeeded in reaching the Federal lines at French Broad River, 80 miles above Knoxville, Tenn. Upon reaching the Union army he went immediately to Washington and reported for duty.

Dr. Pool was a life long republican, and was honored by his party by an election to the board of supervisors for three terms, and to the assembly of the state for the years 1878-9. He was a legislator who stood high in the esteem of his colleagues, being a man of broad intelligence and unswerving integrity.

He leaves a widow and two children, Dr. Bret Poole, a successful medical practitioner in Lowell, Mass., and Mrs. Mark Bensley of Buffalo.

The funeral was held on Sunday at 1 p. m. in the Congregational church at Otto, Rev. Johnson, a former pastor of the church, officiating. The bearers were colleagues of the deceased in the County Medical Society.

Dr. Pool's death will be widely mourned by those who highly regarded him as a man and a physician of skill and sound judgment.—Cattaraugus Republican.

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