

Miles Tupper

son of William and Jerusha Knapp Tupper
Born 15 April, 1835 at Eldred, Pennsylvania.

Miles Tupper was educated in the school of hard work except what he gained by diligent personal study at home. After his marriage in ~~1854~~ 1855 (to Fannie Pipher, May 20) he settled near the tow-path of the Genessee Canal, a few miles south of the village of Hinsdale, N.Y. wher 4 children were born, Ellen, Willis, Edwin and Franklin, before the Civil War.

President Lincoln's call to preserve the Union was responded to by him in 1862 as a private in Co. G 154th Regt. N.Y.S. V.I. and he served in the battle of Chancellorsville, was wounded, taken prisoner May 3, 1863 and paroled by the Confederates, taken to Alexandria and to Philadelphia hospital on the 18th of June, 1863. At the close of the war he was honorably discharged on July 7, 1865 at Philadelphia.

After the close of the war 2 more children, Nettie and Myrtie were born.

In June 1867 he engaged in farming and purchased the farm about 3 miles west of Eldred, Pa. (locally known as West Eldred) on the Knapps Creek road, cleared a place to put up a shelter for a house and gradually cleared the farm and built a home. Myrtie was the only one of the children born on the farm.

It was on this farm the children were raised and received their education in the country school-house nearby. It was also here he received the call to preach the Gospel and in 1877 was licensed a Local Preacher in the Methodist Episcopal Church and was ordained deacon in 1882.

He served regular charges or appointments and was forced to retire from the active ministry on account of ill health in 1885.

The farm was again made his home until 18 June 1909 when his wife died and the home was temporarily broken up. In 1912 he married Mrs. Addie Rockwell and continued residence on the homestead until 1919 when the farm was sold to his son Franklin Tupper, and he moved to the village of Eldred, Pa.

On the 23rd of December, 1923 Miles Tupper died and was buried in the Pleasant Valley Cemetery at Olean, N.Y. Cause of Death old age.

Mrs. Miles Tupper (Fannie Pipher) was guest passenger on the first train of the Erie Railroad to pass through Hinsdale, N.Y.

Rev. Miles Tupper Dies

Veteran G. A. R. Member Passes Away Sunday After a Long
and Useful Life. Age 88 Years.

Death removed one of the county's oldest G. A. R. veterans Sunday morning at one o' clock when Rev. Miles Tupper passed away at his home on 1st Street, death resulting from infirmities of old age.

Deceased was 88 years of age and was born in Eldred Township at the site where the Shawmut depot is now located.

At the age of 18 he went to reside in Catt. Co., from which place he enlisted and saw 3 years of hard service in the Civil War.

In 1855 he was united in marriage to Miss Fannie Pifer, of Olean, whose death occurred in 1909.

In 1867 he moved back to Eldred Township to his boyhood home at which place he has resided until four years ago when he moved to Eldred Bourough to make his home.

His grandfather and grandmother were among the first pioneer settlers of ~~the~~ this county, arriving via ox team and clearing their way as they came.

They endured many hardships in those early days and reared a family of 21 children under trying circumstances.

In 1912 Rev. Miles Tupper was united in marriage and his widow, Mrs. Addie Tupper, survives him.

The children surviving are 3 daughters, Mrs. Ellen Wright of Allegany, N.Y., Mrs. Nettie Freis of Franklinville, and Mrs. Mertie Hetchler of Rochester; 3 sons, Willis of Olean, Edwin, located in the ~~Sauk~~ South, and Frank of Otto Township.

The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon and burial was made in Pleasant Valley Cemetery at Olean.