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IN MEMORIAM

Amos B. Weast

Amos Baxter Weast, whose death on Monday, Dec. 4th, was noticed in last week's Star, was the son of Benjamin and Olive Fuller Weast, early residents of Ashford, and was born in that town on Nov. 6th, 1842. His life was passed there with the exception of five years during which his home was in Machias.

He enlisted in the United States Military Service on Aug. 8th, 1862, and served as a member of Co. D, 154th Regiment, New York Infantry, until the close of the war, receiving an honorable discharge at Bladensburg, Md., on June 11th, 1865. He was in the battle of Gettysburg, where his Company, sent out to draw the enemy's fire, in the first day's battle, returned with but seven men. He participated in many other battles and was with Sherman in his "March to the Sea." He was promoted to Corporal in 1864 and to Sergeant in 1865.

He was married on Nov. 1st, 1868, to Miss Sophia Steffenhagen, who survives him. Nine children were born to them of whom six survive. Two died in infancy and the eldest, Mrs. Ida Day, died in March, 1921. The surviving children are Henry H. Weast, Fred E. Weast, Mrs. John C. Heidel and Mrs. Geo. H. Hall of Machias and John B. Weast and Mrs. E. E. Rice of East Ashford.

Mr Weast was an honest man, a public spirited citizen and an earnest Christian, who possessed the sincere esteem of all who knew him. He and his wife were strong pillars of the East Ashford Methodist Episcopal Church for nearly a half century. His time, his money and his influence were always at the service of his church. Others might flinch but everybody knew where to find Amos Weast.

The funeral services were held from the East Ashford church on Thursday, Rev. A. B. Taylor officiating. The Springville G. A. R. Post, of which the deceased was a member, conducted a short service at the church. The Post has but five members left, four of whom were present at the funeral.

The burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.