

I. Stevens Called Suddenly.

News which was passed from mouth to mouth about 11 o'clock today morning that Fred Stevens, of Nashua's best citizens, had died away suddenly at his home a short time before, seemed almost incredible and was a great shock to his friends.

Stevens got up feeling as well as usual that morning. Sometime about 9 o'clock he came down town to get his morning's mail, and on returning called for the mail for his neighbor and comrade, S. D. French. The latter was busy painting his house. Mr. Stevens was given his mail paper. Thankfully accepting it he went on home and laid down on



the couch to read the news. Shortly after his wife heard him gasp. She was once alarmed the neighbors and a physician was hurriedly summoned, but he arrived almost immediately after, and his services were not needed. Mr. Stevens had evidently died at the time he gasped. Death was due to cerebral hemorrhages. His age at the time of his demise was 71 years, 10 months, and 22 days. Frederick Israel Stevens was born at Freetown Corners, Cortland county, N. Y., April 22, 1840. At the age of 15 years he moved with his parents to Illinois, settling on a farm near the town of Tiskilwa. In 1861 he enlisted in Co. F., 57th Illinois Volunteer Infantry, at Princeton, Ill., and served three years and four months in the Union army. In the spring of 1866 he came to Floyd county, Iowa, where he located on a farm in River-ton township. In the fall of this year he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Briggs, at Sabula, Iowa, and to this union was born one child, Orlo Stevens, of Nashua, who survives. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens lived for 37 years on this farm, retiring from active life in February, 1894, when they moved to Nashua, where they have since resided.

Deceased was a member of Geo. W. Dodge Post of this city, and also of Bradford Lodge No. 129, A. F. and M. His record as a soldier, that of the very best, was equalled by his life as a civilian for it was one of usefulness to both his own family and to humanity in general. Those who survive him besides the wife and son are one brother, S. M. Stevens, of Peabody, Kan., and two sisters, Mrs. Alice E. Shannon, of Rock Rapids, Iowa, and Mrs. Emma Yearnshaw, of Princeton, Ill.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Ray Eckerson at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon and were attended by a vast crowd, a testimonial of the respect in which he was held by his acquaintances. Interment was in Oak Hill cemetery.

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