

WM. HICOK SUICIDES.

Civil War Veteran Takes Own Life
By Hanging Self in Barn at His
Home Last Friday Noon.

Wm Hicok, a veteran of the Civil war, and a well known resident of this city for many years took his own life last Friday about noon by hanging

Mr Hicok lived with his wife in a cottage in the northwest part of town and Friday at noon, as was his usual custom, went to the barn to look after some chores. He was gone longer than usual and his wife, who is in poor health, asked Mrs. Jennie Waite, who was staying at the Hicok home, to go and see why he did not return to the house. She went to the barn and found Mr Hicok's body hanging from a beam in the barn.

The alarm was given and W A Lytle, a near neighbor went at once and when he found that life was extinct he called Dr Stuart and the body was cut down and removed to the house.

No cause is assigned for the rash act on the part of deceased. A number of years ago a brother of the deceased ended his life in the same way.

Wm Hicok was born in Alleghany county, New York, Dec 29, 1837, and moved with his parents to Michigan in 1853, where he grew to manhood.

When the Civil war broke out he answered President Lincoln's call for soldiers and was among the first to enlist. He volunteered and enlisted in the 14th Michigan Infantry and served four years. He was taken a prisoner and was for months in Libby Andersonville and Salsbury prisons. At the close of the war he was exchanged and returned home.

He was united in marriage to Mrs Emily Smith in 1866 and to this union two children were born Mrs M J Smith of Lansing Mich and Stephen Hicok of Nashua.

Later in life he was married again to Mrs Lucinda Bowers.

He was a brave soldier, a loving father and a good neighbor and his death was a great shock to his relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Monday Dec 1 at 10 a m and burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery. The services were in charge of Rev H D Green.

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