

# ISCHUA VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## TAPS SOUND FOR LONE VETERAN

Michael H. Constantine, Last of Franklinville Civil War Veterans is Given Military Funeral.  
Flags at Half Mast.

*News article found in the Ischua Valley Historical Society Files dated July 1st, 1937.*

Michael H. Constantine, husband of the late Elizabeth Wheeler, who died in his home at 16 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Thursday night, was born October 27<sup>th</sup>, 1847 in Oneida. He is survived by three sons, John of Hamburg, Mayor Claude Constantine of Franklinville and Earl of Buffalo, three daughters, Mrs. Jesse Graham of Ellicottville, Mrs. Sadie Hubbard of Red House, and Mrs. Mae Graham of Machias, 24 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

He was the last Civil War veteran residing in Franklinville. He was a member of the [24th New York Cavalry](#) and the local G.A.R. unit until the latter was disbanded. He was the last of seven brothers who served in the Union Army, one of whom was killed in the Battle of Bull Run. Mr. Constantine participated in 24 battles.

Funeral services were held in the home at 1:30 o'clock Monday afternoon and at 2:00 o'clock in the Free Methodist Church of which he had been a faithful member for 35 years. [Burial was in Mount Prospect](#). Members of the Franklinville Memorial Post, American Legion, acted as bearers and had charge of services at the cemetery. Flags on the village streets were displayed at half mast.

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