



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

Charles W. Bachelder

Hometown: Sag Harbor

Bachelder served in the Civil War, his regiment is unknown. He may have enlisted in another state. In an 1872 wedding announcement, it states, he married Adelaide Fordham of Sag Harbor, and was from Hartford, CT.

(The Corrector, January 13, 1872)

He is buried in Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor.



1861~1865



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Death of Charles W. Batchelder.

We are called upon to record another and a sorrowful accident this week. That of Charles W. Batchelder, of Sag Harbor, who lost his life while fishing at Patchogue Thursday of last week.

Mr. Batchelder has, for years, been a traveling salesman, and of late employed by the Collier Publishing Company, of New York. At the time of his death he had been at Patchogue for some two weeks, prosecuting his business, and on this occasion hired a boat to go out fishing. While thus enjoying himself, in some unknown way he fell overboard. About 10 A. M., while Mr. Carter was getting another boat ready for Edward Woodruff, a young man on the shore was heard to cry "a man overboard," when Mr. Batchelder's boat could be plainly seen with no one on board. Mr. Woodruff rowed quickly to the spot, but could see no one, when he rowed to the shore and got Mr. Carter to join him. They returned to renew the search; but in the meantime Peter Hanlon, who was fishing on the lake, had observed Mr. Batchelder standing up in the boat fishing, and later, upon looking, found the boat empty. He immediately pulled up anchor and rowed there, when he saw Mr. Batchelder in the water, about eighteen inches under the surface. He managed to reach him and get him into his boat, when he was taken ashore. Efforts to resuscitate him were made, but to no avail, and when Coroner Bennett arrived a few moments later, he pronounced him dead. He had been under the water some thirty five minutes. The Coroner's jury rendered a verdict of "accidental drowning."

The body was brought to this place Friday noon and the funeral was held from the residence of Samuel Fordham, father-in-law of the deceased, Saturday afternoon, Rev. C. H. Wilson officiating.

During the slippery weather of last winter Mr. Batchelder had a serious fall on the ice in Connecticut, when he was obliged to come home, where he was laid up for several weeks. Since that he has never been well, and has often complained with dizziness, and it is thought that while out in the boat he was taken with one of these spells, fell overboard, and met with his sad fate.

DIED.

BACHELDER.—Drowned, at Patchogue, June 27th, Charles Wallace Batchelder, of Sag Harbor, æ 53 years. Remains brought here for interment.

Sag Harbor Express, July 4, 1895



Bachelder, Charles W.

Oakland Cemetery, Sag Harbor