



Town of Southampton ~ Civil War Veterans

Dr. Charles E. Halsey

Hometown: Bridgehampton

Halsey served in the 40th New York Volunteer Infantry Regiment, known as the "Mozart Regiment."

In August 1861, at the age of 28, he mustered in with the rank of Assistant Surgeon.

Halsey died of Typhoid Fever, July 17, 1862, on David's Island, New York Harbor.

He is buried in the Old Bridgehampton Cemetery.



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HALSEY.—At Baltimore, Md., on the 30th ult., of typhoid fever, Dr. Charles E. Halsey, assistant surgeon of 40th Mozart Regiment, N. Y. S. V., and son of the late Judge Hugh Halsey of Bridgehampton, æ 28. His remains were brought on to Bridgehampton for interment.

Sag Harbor Express, August 8, 1862

Obituary—The late Dr. Halsey.

Another victim to this cruel rebellion has fallen, in the person of Dr. Chas. E. Halsey, Assistant Surgeon of the 40th (Mozart Regiment) N. Y. S. Volunteers, who died in the National Hospital at Baltimore on the 30th of July, after a fever contracted while in the discharge of his arduous duties, after the battle of Fair Oaks. Dr. Halsey was the second son of the late Judge Hugh Halsey of Bridge-Hampton. He was born the 27th of April, 1834, prepared for College under Prof. Samuel B. Woodworth, entered Williams College in the fall of 1852. After spending about two years time in College, he was prevented, by the failure of his eyesight, from prosecuting his collegiate course. He then entered the office of Dr. Brown of Greenport and read medicine with him a year and a half,—entered the college of Physicians and Surgeons of New-York in 1855, and graduated in 1858. He was engaged thereafter in the Long Island College Hospital, which he left for an European voyage. He visited in Europe the Medical Schools in London and Paris: on his tour he kept a close journal, some of which was published in the SAG-HARBOR EXPRESS, signed C. E. H. After his return he opened an office in Brooklyn and was soon engaged in a fine practice.

Being fired with patriotism, and a desire of perfecting himself in his profession, he offered himself to his country. In May, 1861, ~~received his commission and appointment as~~ Assistant Surgeon in the 40th Regiment, N. Y. V. Dr. Halsey was a young man of no ordinary talents—*bright, active, and industrious*. He was an ornament to his profession, Decended from a parentage honorable at once for their piety and patriotism, he went forth at the call of his country to devote himself to service, and most nobly did he perform his part, even to the sacrifice of his life, and we may say that he was a martyr to the cause of Constitutional Liberty; for, being urged by a friend to come to the north that his health might be recruited, he refused, saying that he would remain at his post of duty, and never did he leave his post from the time of his enlistment up to the time of his last sickness. In a letter to his sister just before the expected battle of Yorktown—having been detailed to the field, he said—“If the path to glory leads us to the grave, let us die at our posts and never flinch while duty calls, though the leaden hail fall thick and fast.”

So faithful was he in the discharge of his duties, that he had been most earnestly recommended to Surgeon General for promotion.

The captain of the Regiment in a letter to the family, says, Dr. Halsey had not an enemy in the Regiment, and never had one, that he was universally respected and beloved—that his death had cast a gloom over the entire camp.



Halsey, Dr. Charles E.

Old Cemetery, Bridgehampton