

Capt. **Oliver D. Peabody** was born in Plattsburgh on March 19, 1805 and died at Keeseville, December 19, 1882. He was born in Plattsburgh, and went to Keeseville in 1822 with his lawyer father, **Adriel Peabody** and his mother, the former, **Phebe Pennoyer**. His roots were with the well-known New England families of the Peabodys, Hales and Hutchinsons. After a brief clerkship he worked in Keeseville 1850. He was a member of the firm of Goulding & Peabody, extensive Foundrymen and Machinists, with which he was affiliated through almost his entire active business life. He was fond of politics and held various public positions, among them that of Postmaster of Keeseville, and Collector of Customs for the Champlain District.

Peabody was commissioned when he was 56 years of age and went out as Captain in the 22nd Regiment NY Volunteers, served through the term of his enlistment and was mustered out June 19, 1863. At the Second Battle of Bull Run, August 9, 1862, he received a gun shot wound in the right forearm which disabled him for a time, and gave him trouble to the day of his death.

He was appointed Captain in the Invalid Corps, December 4, 1863, and in the Veteran Corps, August 1, 1864, was actively engaged in these several positions. Peabody was in eleven battles, including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Antietam, South Mountain and Second Bull Run among them.

He was a good soldier, ardent, cool, and without fear, and never gave out on a march even at his age, but stood the severest service better than most younger men. He went into it upon principle, as a duty, and was invigorated by an intelligent appreciation of the contest. He claimed that the Second Battle of Bull Run, in which he was wounded, was not a fair fight, and could not speak of it with patience. If **Fitz John Porter** did his duty in this battle, then was Capt. Peabody much mistaken in his impressions.

While engaged in the Invalid and Veteran Corps he was constantly occupied in important duties. At the great review in Washington, after the fall of Richmond, he had command of the guard stationed at the President Lincoln's stand. Later he had command of those engaged in the assassination of President Lincoln and the attempted assassination of his Cabinet. He was brevetted Major and Colonel, but preferred to be known under his first rank of Captain.

Such men, by the spirit they inspired, conquered the rebellion. Capt. Peabody's head was white when he entered the service, and his example was a constant and irresistible call upon those around him "to follow his white plume."

Mr. Peabody's insurance business that he had for fifteen years will be continued by his grandson, **George P. Pitkin**, who has been with him for nearly two years. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Keeseville.

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