

Capt. Frank Stevens



Captain Frank L. Stevens was born on October 28, 1864, to Marcia and Samuel S. Stevens, one of the founders of the Stevens and Thompson Paper Companies of Walloomsac, North Hoosick, and Greenwich. Frank attended the Peekskill Military Academy and graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1884 as a mechanical engineer and practical machinist. That same year he became a charter member of the 32nd Separate Company of the New York National Guard, the first unit in the local armory. Stevens became a First Lieutenant in 1885 and promoted to captain in 1893. He retired from the National Guard in 1901 after serving in the Spanish-American War.

Stevens went to work in his father's mill and learned the business, becoming president of the firm in 1913. He remained in this position until 1935 when he became chairman of the board. During that time, he also served as

Postmaster of North Hoosick and was active in Republican politics. In 1904, he was elected a State Assemblyman for one term.

Stevens was also involved in banking, serving as director of the First National Bank. After the death of bank president Ira J. Wood, Stevens acted as head until it consolidated with Peoples National Bank. For several years, Stevens was a Director of the Federal Reserve Bank, Second District.

Stevens was a member of the Rensselaer County Historical Society and president of the Hoosick Falls Historical Society. He was an authority on the early history of Rensselaer County and the Revolutionary War, and he owned many pieces of memorabilia of this era. In the 1920s, he started a campaign to gain state recognition for the Bennington Battlefield in Walloomsac, New York. The Battlefield was dedicated on August 16, 1927, with Gov. Alfred E. Smith in attendance. Stevens was appointed President of the Bennington Battlefield Park Commission.

Stevens died on May 19, 1941.