

day, while behind a stone, he and a "Johnnie" had a match at sharp-shooting; he fired eighteen shots and at last the "reb" was silenced. He was discharged June 1, 1865, at Winchester, Va. John P. Annis is the son of Phineas and Belvera (Putnam) Annis, and was born in Carroll, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1835. In the spring of 1854, April 20th, Mr. Annis and Miss Harte S. Dickenson sealed their vows at God's altar and started on a long life voyage. Three children came to be the sunshine of the dark days, Ida Annis (Harrington), Annetta Annis (Taylor) and Miles D. Mrs. Annis was born in Carroll, N. Y., June 16, 1837, and is a daughter of Hiram and Sally (Pierce) Dickenson, both of whom are deceased. Comrade Annis is now a member of Cyrus Adams Post, No. 589, and a successful farmer of Frewsburg, N. Y.

FRED B. ARCHER,

The son of John and Catherine O. (Innman) Archer, was born May 11, 1838, in Ripley, N. Y. April 6, 1859, he was married to Sarah A. Brownell, of Clymer, N. Y., who became the mother of four children: Emma M., now Mrs. W. Luke, of New York; Frank J., now Mrs. Witheral, of Montreal, Canada; Grant, and Erminie, now Mrs. Geo. Gitzelmon, of Ripley, N. Y. A little more than three years of wedded life, when the call to rebuke the slave power became his first duty. Aug. 25, 1862, he entered Co. E, 154th N. Y. V. I., which was assigned to the 11th Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. His father too exchanged the plow for the sword and joined Co. E, 112th N. Y. V. I., participating in its battles, and returned home to die at Westfield, N. Y. Comrade Archer bears honorable wounds received at Chancellorsville: gunshot in the breast and right arm; he was captured and held fourteen days and was paroled to die, but seven weeks in the hospital and a thirty days' furlough gave him his strength, and he returned to parole camp. He was present at the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, where he was severely wounded, and being rendered unfit for further service was discharged at Clifton Barracks in March, 1864. Mrs. Archer had two brothers in the service, Irenaeus (see history elsewhere), and Thomas, now living near Lowville, Pa. Comrade Archer having suffered the loss of his first wife, after years of loneliness was again married, to Fanny A. Hutchins, Dec. 16, 1890. They are now living happily on the farm near Ripley, N. Y.

JOHN G. ARCHER.

John G. Archer, a son of Valentine Archer, was born Jan. 1, 1814, at Ripley, N. Y., and was married Jan. 3, 1836, to Katie A. Inman, a daughter of Elish and Fannie (Brown) Inman; her father was a giant, six feet and five inches in height. Mrs. Archer was born Jan.

9, 1818, in Herkimer, Seneca Co., N. Y. Seven children were given to this union, Caroline E. (Ludlow), Frederick B., Charles B., Henry A. B., Charles, dec., Augustus B. and William N. Comrade Archer was one of the boys to don the blue at the president's call for volunteers. He was enrolled Oct. 1, 1861, at Ripley, N. Y., in Co. B, 112th N. Y. V. I., 1st and 3d Brig., 2d Div., 10th A. C. He participated in the following battles: Deserted House, Siege of Suffolk, Blackwater, Carrsville, St. John Island, Ft. Wagner, Bermuda Hundred, Petersburg, Cold Harbor, Ft. Fisher and Wilmington. Having performed faithfully the service of a true soldier, he was discharged June 13, 1865, at Raleigh, N. C. His son, Frederick B., was a member of the gallant 111th N. Y. V. I. His ancestors were all patriotic, his father, Elish, and brother, Abraham, were veterans of the Revolution; his grandson, Frederick Ludlow, was a mechanic and electrician in the U. S. Navy during the late Spanish-American war. Our Comrade, John G. Archer, passed from earth July 5, 1879, in Ripley, N. Y., death resulting from heart disease. Although his widow, Katie A., is an elderly lady, she still possesses an excellent memory and is bright and intelligent; she receives a pension and lives near Ripley, N. Y.

THOMAS ARKISON.

Thomas Arkison was born Aug. 25, 1829, in Dublin, Ireland, and after coming to America was married to Miss Nancy J. Keeler, a daughter of Ace and Paulina L. (Dickerson) Keeler. Mrs. Arkison was born in Mence, Cayuga Co., N. Y., June 25, 1833. Six children added their blessing to this sacred union: George, Samantha, Amelia, William, Hattie and Seward. On Aug. 8, 1861, Mr. Arkison enlisted in Co. G, 49th N. Y. Vol. Inf., Davidson's Brig., 4th and 6th A. C. Comrade Arkison was first discharged Dec. 15, 1863, at Brandy Station, and re-enlisted Dec. 16, 1863, in Co. A, 49th N. Y. Inf.; he was detailed as camp cook for the entire service. Mr. Arkison saw some very severe struggles, having been present at the battles of Mechanicsville, Malvern Hill, White Oak Swamp, Siege of Yorktown, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Mine Run and Rappahannock Station. On June 27, 1865, Private Arkison was finally honorably discharged at Washington, D. C., and is now among the venerable heroes of the war laid to rest June 26, 1887. Mr. Arkison at different times served his town as school trustee and pathmaster. His widow now resides on a pleasant farm near Ashville, N. Y.

EZRA R. BAIRD.

Ezra R. Baird, son of Russell E. and Martha (Howard) Baird, was born June 30, 1838, in Jefferson, N. Y. His boyhood days were soon past and early in May, 1861, he united his fortunes for life with Maria Snyder, the daughter of John and Getty (Keater) Snyder. Mrs.