

Hanson Boyd. She was born Feb. 26, 1844. Three children were the fruits of this union, Alice M., Ernest E. and Lottie Eva. Uncles Ichabod Cottrell, Lewis Gross and Lafayette Gross were in the service. Comrade Cottrell is one of the valued members of the John Brandon Post, No. 488, North East. Pa. and resides on a fertile farm near Arbuckle, Pa.

WILLIAM COVEY,

The son of Williard and Louisa (Manley) Covey, of Dutchess county, N. Y., was born May 14, 1844, at Westfield, N. Y. His father and mother have gone to their reward. He was early taught that honest toil befit a man, as it is written. "Thou shall earn thy bread by the sweat of thy face." At the breaking out of the Rebellion, he was working at his trade as a stone mason. Laying aside his chisel and mallet at the age of 18, he enlisted Aug. 22, 1862, at Westfield, N. Y., in Co. E, 154th N. Y. V. I., assigned to 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. On the second day of May, 1863, Comrade Covey was wounded by grapeshot in the ankle and was captured at Chancellorsville, and held at Castle Thunder and Bell Isle for five months. While in these prisons, he contracted diseases from which no man ever recovers, and which left Comrade Covey a physical wreck, unable to earn a dollar. At Missionary Ridge he received a gunshot wound in the hand but preferred not to be treated in hospital. Recalling the fierce battle of Resaca, where the rebels charged our position seven times and were splendidly repulsed; where we undermined a rebel battery, captured three guns and had hatched on to another, but were driven off, and captured it the next day; at Altoona Mt., we captured a second battery of guns, a recent present to the "rebs" by Europe; a little indirectly, but nevertheless a gift to Yankee Pluck, for we plucked them all. Our Comrade was finally discharged at Bladensburg, Md., June 11, 1865, having taken part in the following battles: Chancellorsville, Wauhatchie, Missionary Ridge, Look Out Mt., Ringgold, Resaca, Altoona, Kenesaw Mt., Peach Tree Creek and Raleigh, N. C. Our Comrade is a member of Sackett Post, No. 324, of Westfield, N. Y. Nov. 2, 1864, Mary F. Westfall became the beloved wife of William Covey. Four children have graced this union, Louisa and Kate, dec., Harry C. and Mary E. They are living at Westfield, N. Y.

GEORGE W. CRANSTON,

A son of John C. and Melissa (Newell) Cranston, was born Dec. 22, 1842, in Springfield, N. Y., and settled in this county, in April, 1854. He was a student in the Fredonia Academy when the war of the Rebellion began. He exchanged the pen for the sword and on Aug. 9,

1862, enlisted at Forestville, N. Y., in Co. C, 112th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 10th A. C. He was present at the Siege of Suffolk, and in November, 1862, was sent to the hospital at Suffolk on account of sickness, where he remained until February, 1863; receiving a sixty days' furlough, with extension, he came home. In November, 1863, he reported at Rochester, where he was finally discharged April 15, 1864. Dec. 22, 1870, his birthday, at Sheridan, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Mary Haskins, the daughter of Fernando and Sarah (Keech) Haskins, who was born July 3, 1847, in Sheridan. Two children were the crown of this marriage; Malissa (Tadt), born March 22, 1873, and married March 28, 1895, and Mary H., born April 13, 1883, in Sheridan. Comrade Cranston is still in the government employ as a mail clerk on the R. R.; he is a member of Holt Post, No. 403, and one of the most valued citizens of Fredonia, N. Y.

HENRY G. CRAWFORD.

The hero of this sketch was born in Sheldon, N. Y., Dec. 5, 1842. His parents, Orval G. and Louisa B. (Rodgers) Crawford, are now deceased. Mr. Crawford was married on Sept. 8, 1861, to Miss Teresa M. Fox, daughter of Charles M. and Teresa (Bump) Fox, both of whom are no longer living. Five children, Henry W., Charles D., dec., Phil. S., dec., Guy H. and Edith A., blessed this happy marriage. Comrade Crawford enlisted on Sept. 3, 1864, at Sheldon, N. Y., in Co. G, 9th N. Y. Cav., 2d Brig., 1st Div., Cav. C. Later Private Crawford was honored with the title of corporal. Corporal Crawford was one of the three soldiers of the 9th N. Y. Cav. who served through Sheridan's entire campaign during the last year of the war, and the only one of fourteen men recruited from Sheldon, N. Y., for the cavalry. William H. Crawford, who died of typhoid fever Jan. 8, 1865, at Winchester, Va., was a member of Co. G, 9th N. Y. Cav. Walter M. Fox, brother of Mrs. Crawford, after serving in the 21st N. Y. V. I., was transferred to the artillery, and shortly afterwards was shot dead by a sharpshooter before Petersburg. Charles M. Fox, when wounded in the first battle of Bull Run, belonged to the 21st N. Y. V. I., but later re-enlisted in the 9th N. Y. Cav. These two brothers were the first men who enlisted at Sheldon, N. Y., in 1861. No where did Corporal Crawford more fully display his brave loyalty than in the battles of Fishers Hill, Gordonsville, Petersburg, Dinwiddie, Five Forks and Appomattox C. H. After a faithful and valuable service, in which no duty, however dangerous and unpleasant, was slighted by Corporal Crawford, he received his honorable discharge on June 30, 1865, at Cloud's Mills, Va. Jas. M. Brown Post, No. 285, G. A. R. of Gerry, N. Y., now claims him as an honored member.