

Ashby's Gap, Winchester, Charleston, Ashland, Dinwiddie, Five Forks, Kepponeck Creek, Manzine Church Station and Appomatox C. H. In June, 1861 he was in the Columbian College Hospital at Washington, and also under care of Sisters of Charity; later at Annapolis on account of fever. The most of the time he was insane, and Nov. 20, 1861 was discharged from here. July 12, 1863 he re-enlisted in Co. C, 15th N. Y. Cav. While detailed as teamster to go from Fredericksburg to Sugar Loaf Mt. with the signal corps, the rebels surrounded them, but with a wild dash they escaped. The 15th N. Y. was consolidated with the 6th N. Y. Cav. and called the 2d Provisional. Aug. 9, 1865 Com. Francis was given his discharge. Jerry Francis, a brother, served in a N. Y. regiment. Our veteran was first married to Ellen Gates, later to Mary Smith, Mar. 15, 1885, at Angelica, N. Y. His wife died July 12, 1892. He is a member of Fair Oaks Post, and a citizen of Ischua, N. Y.

WILLIAM A. FREEMAN,

Son of Elbert and Lucy S. Chapin Freeman, was born Sept. 25, 1832 a. Franklinville. He was a blacksmith when the war broke out; and he enlisted Sept., 1862, at Olean, N. Y., in Co. I, 154th N. Y. V. I. as orderly sergeant. While on the march to Fredericksburg in the night he caught his foot in a rut and broke his left leg near the ankle; was taken care of in camp. He had the small-pox and was confined to his tent for 12 days, and it was only through his determination to live that he ever pulled through. Among his battles we mention Burnside's Slick-in-the-Mud, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, where 800 of his regiment entered the fight and only 64 came out unharmed, and Kelly's Ford. In July, 1863 he was detailed to care for the wounded of Gettysburg, and was thus occupied for 3 months, then came home on a furlough of 30 days, and returned to Camp Distribution in Nov., 1863. Here he was transferred to the 18th Co. 1 Bat., later called 2d Bat. V. R. C. Before going into the service he had been hurt, and at Gettysburg this wound was re-opened, rendering him unfit for duty. For a time this 18th Co. acted as guard on the B. & O. R. R., and in April, 1865 was called to Bladensburg, Md. The bounty of thirty dollars was offered to the Union soldiers for the arrest and conviction of a deserter, of which he captured fourteen. "The quail were plentiful in the woods around our quarters, so on a Sunday morning I took my gun and set out for a day's hunt. As I went down the road I saw four finely dressed fellows sauntering towards me. When I met them

I said in a cheery, off-hand manner, 'Which way, boys?' 'None of your damn business,' they replied. 'I'll make it my business,' I said. 'The first man who moves is a dead man,' as I brought my rifle to my shoulder. I commanded them to proceed in single file and took them to the provost guard, H. Q., and turned them over to the officials. At first they denied it, but by the free application of the thumb screw they confessed. These men had sworn never to be taken alive. Late at night I met a large, powerful man at the hotel bar: I had left my shooting irons in my tent, and as the burly deserter came out, I commanded him to surrender, using my account book as a revolver. Being dark, he of course supposed that it was a revolver. I took him and in 30 days received my bounty. Two men entered an old store house and I suspected them at once, and with another comrade went to investigate. I went into the great room and with the point of my bayonet probed in every corner until I found them; one proved to be a Union deserter and the other a rebel." As you think of it, you can see what a risk he ran in entering that room, for had the deserters desired they could have shot him down in an instant. June 24, 1863 Comrade Freeman was given his honorable discharge at Washington. He had passed through the great Civil War, he had participated in the hardest fought battles of that war, he had witnessed the stirring scenes at Washington, had acted as guard over Mrs. Surratt and other Lincoln conspirators; had in all events showed himself worthy of his citizenship. Sept. 24, 1866 at Oil City, Pa., he was married to Irene Zents (Knight), daughter of Jacob and Anna Munn Knight. She was born Dec. 7, 1847, in Forest Co., Pa. Three children have graced this union, Edna, Mima and Vada. Mrs. Freeman was first married to Harmon Knight, by whom she had three children, Alza, Ida and Jacob. Her father was a veteran of the Civil War and served in a Penn. regiment. Comrade Freeman is a member of the A. O. W. and one of the influential men of his town; Philipps post, 329 honored by his membership. He may be addressed at Machias, N.

HYRAM W. FRANKLIN.

His life has been a checkered one. Born June 12, 1841, at Marsh Mich., and when three years of age was left an orphan. Little did his mother, Ruth Kearney Franklin, think that her son would in a few years become a soldier to fight for the preservation of the Union. He grew to manhood and was farming in Allegany Co., N. Y. When the war's volleying thunders proclaimed the mightiness of the struggle. He enlisted in May, 1861, at Nunda, N. Y., in Co. F, 33d N. Y. I., under Capt. McNair, 3d Brig., 2d Div.; 3d A. C. His battles are some of the bloodiest of the war, Yorktown, Fair Oaks, William