

## WILLIAM W. GOULD,

A son of Jesse and Sally (Smith) Gould, was born in Vermont; among the rugged mountains of his native state he grew to youth. Just at the beginning of the great Civil strife which meant so much to the Nation, our Comrade was peacefully engaged in farming near Hinsdale, N. Y. On the formation of the 145th N. Y. V. I., he was one of the many brave boys to don the blue and go forth in the defence of the Union, being enrolled as a private of Co. I., Sept. 1, 1862, at Hinsdale, N. Y., and before the end of his military career was made corporal. He bravely met the enemy in all the battles of his command, but more dangerous than shot and shells was the dread disease which at last conquered him. He was confined in 1863, in the hospital at Alexandria, where he passed away on Jan. 22, 1864, death resulting from kidney disease, brought on by his hard service. His faithful wife Amelia to whom he had been married on Sept. 14, 1862, by Rev. Reuben Cherryman, is the daughter of Moses and Laura (Cleary) Haney, is still true to her marriage vows, and all through the years has remained a widow. His brother, Dewang Gould, was in the service, while Mrs. Gould's brother W. J. Haney, served four years in Co. K, 85th N. Y. V. I., being held 11 months in Andersonville pen. Mrs. Gould is a member of the Baptist church, and has the respect and love of the community in which she lives, Hinsdale, N. Y.

## LEVI HOLCOMB,

The son of Levi and Lois Holcomb, was born in 1807, in Chenango county, N. Y. In the year 1825, Miss Harriet Elliott became his wife. To them ten children were born. Betsey, Violetta, Maria, Calpenia, Nancy, Angelina, Orissa, Sherman, Mary and R. R. At the time of his enlistment he was farming, and was enrolled November, 1862, as a private in Co. G, 150th Pa. Inf. Having lung trouble he was sent to hospital, and when convalescent was detailed as prison guard at Washington, D. C., for nine months. In 1886, he was again married to Harriet Harris of Portville, N. Y., where he has served as constable three years; he is 92 years old, bright and active, and reads without the aid of spectacles. He is a member of Wessel Post, No. 85, of Portville, N. Y.

## WILBUR S. JOHNSON,

The son of George J. and Lucy H. (Hayes) Johnson, was born April 28, 1832, at Voryburg, N. Y. He was lumbering when the Civil war began, and enlisted at Portville, N. Y., in Co. A, 85th N. Y. I. He was in the battles of Whitehall, Goldsboro, Kingston and Plymouth,

N. C. He was discharged June 27, 1865, at Elmira, N. Y. His father served four years, and his brother Timothy was a member of the 33rd N. Y., re-enlisting in 85th N. Y.; brother Gaddell, of 33d N. Y., spent nine months in Andersonville, was exchanged, and died at Annapolis, Md.; Samuel, also in 33d N. Y., died enroute for home; Edward, served in 33rd N. Y., and now lives in Avon, N. Y. Mrs. Johnson's four brothers also served: Chas. C. Jewell, in 154th N. Y.; Isaac L., of 2d Ia., was wounded while fastening the flag to the staff on a gunboat at New Orleans; Moses T., in 10th Mass., was killed at Missionary Ridge; Frank left his team with a friend when he went to enlist in the 2d Ia., and served four years. Nov. 24, 1857, he was married to Miss Sarah Jewell, who was born Nov. 14, 1838, in Portville, N. Y. Seven children came to bless their union, Frances A., who married Chas. B. O'Donnell, Cora E., Jennie M., married George Wilton, John W., Nellie F., married Eugene Pierce. Comrade Johnson joined the ranks of the grand army "beyond the skies" Dec. 6, 1898, sincerely mourned by his large family and all his comrades.

## CATTARAUGUS COUNTY IN THE CIVIL WAR.

BY A. W. FERRIN.

Cattaraugus county was ablaze with patriotic fire during the memorable struggle which opened with the firing upon Fort Sumter in April, 1861, and closed with Lee's surrender at Appomattox in April, 1865. Every appeal made by President Lincoln met with prompt response from the yeomanry who poured forth from our hills and valleys with the firm resolve to make every sacrifice required for the preservation of the Union. Nearly 3,500 men enlisted from the county and followed the flag faithfully and loyally through that long and terrible conflict. The county was represented in more than 180 different regiments, and there was also a considerable number of Cattaraugus boys in the navy. There were one or more companies in eight different regiments, and in two regiments a majority of the companies were raised in this county.

The first organizations to leave the county were those subsequently known as Companies H and I, of the 37th Regt., N. Y. Infantry. They were recruited immediately after the firing upon Fort Sumter, under President Lincoln's first call for troops. One company was raised at Allegany by Capt. Luke G. Harmon, and the other was raised at Ellicottville by Capt. Wm. T. Clarke. The first was called the "Chamberlain Guards," and the other the "Cattaraugus Guards." These organizations left the county May 20, 1861, and at New York were made a part of the 37th regiment. The regiment was in the first battle of Bull Run, and served in the Peninsula campaign in the spring and summer of 1862, participating in the battles of Williamsburg, Fair