

John C. Griswold was born in Oneida County, New York, on August 1, 1819. His father Seth, died in 1821 and ten years later his mother came to the town of Arkwright with her eleven children. At the age of eighteen, John was the Captain of Company A of the 169th Regiment, Forty-Third Brigade, 26th Division of the Home Militia. He held this position for a number of years. In 1862, he helped to raise what became Company F of the 154th Regiment of N.Y. Vols. and was commissioned first lieutenant. He was raised to captain on the following day. He took part in the battle of Chancellorsville and had his arm shattered by a bullet. He was taken prisoner on May 2, 1863, and spent some time in Libby Prison, but was exchanged and returned to service. After a severe illness, he was honorably discharged at Chattanooga in 1864. For forty years he was the Justice of the Peace in the town of Arkwright, and for six terms he represented the same town on the Board of Supervisors of Chautauqua County. He died July 24, 1892.

The Centennial History, Vol. II, p.271; F.C.: May 12, 1863, reported as being killed; June 24, 1863 his promotion; August 3, 1892, an obituary.