

NATHAN KEECH, a native of Otsego county, removed with his parents to Augusta, Oneida county, when he was seven years old, where he married Matilda Case. He removed with his bride to Randolph about 1828 and first settled on what is now known as the Nickerson farm. He was quite a dealer in real estate, and frequently sold his improvements. After about three years he returned to Augusta and remained there until 1861, when he returned and bought a farm on the south line of Conewango, now known as the Dix farm. He sold this to his son, Esau P. Keech, and removed to an improved farm on the Jamestown road and finally to the place owned by his son Esau P., in Randolph, where he died about 1874. He had ten children, six of whom attained maturity. Esau P. Keech, born in Augusta, N.Y., in 1835, married Mary Emogene Marole in 1859. Previous to this he spent three years in gold mines in California. In 1861 he settled on a farm in Conewango and in 1863 became a farmer in Canada. Returning about 1868 to Conewango he settled in 1882 where he now lives. He has been an indomitable worker and has chopped hundreds of cords of fire-wood. William Adams, editor. *Historical Gazetteer and Biographical Memorial of Cattaraugus County, N.Y.* (Syracuse, 1893), p. 1061.

Note: Nathan Keech is listed as age 62 in the 1865 New York State census, indicating he was born about 1803, and so was approximately 59 years old when he enlisted in the 154th New York in 1862.