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HIS LAST ROLL CALL:

ANDREW MARTIN KELLER was born in Alexander, Genesee County, N.Y., March 19, 1830. During the early part of his life he lived in Detroit, Mich., where he mastered the mason's trade. From there he moved to the town of Yorkshire. In 1854 he was married to **LOUISA I. WHITNEY**, with the exception of a few years. He has spent the greater part of his life in the town of Yorkshire in the village of Delevan or what was known for many years as Yorkshire Center. In 1862 when Pres. Lincoln called for 300,000 men, he heartily responded to the call. In the Universalist Church in this village, on the eve of Aug. 5, 1862, MR. KELLER enlisted under **CAPT. HARRISON CHENEY**, Co. D. 154 Reg. N.Y. Vols., he being the 2nd man to enlist; an honor held sacred to memory. He engaged in battle at Fredricksburg, Chancelorville & Gettysburg. The 1st day's fight at Gettysburg he was taken prisoner, the beginning of starvation. He was then marched to Bell Isle prison, & from there to Andersonville, where the horrors of prison life began. He remained there 16 mo. & 20 days. From 120 lbs. in weight he was reduced to 72 lbs.-not from sickness, but from starvation. After being without food or water for 3 days, MR. KELLER was taken to Milan where he was exchanged. He was then sent to Annapolis, Md., where he received a 30 day furlough. He returned to camp & remained there until honorably discharged. MR. KELLER departed this life March 4, 1900, at twilight. After 6 weeks of suffering he passed peacefully away. He leaves a wife, one daughter, **MRS. CARRIE MYRICK**, & 3 grandchildren; also 1 brother in the west, and 1 nephew, **W.J. PARKER**, of Cadiz, N.Y. The funeral was largely attended, many from Machias being among the number. **REV. FAIRCHILD** of Ripley Memorial Church, Buffalo, officiated. Interment at Mapledale.

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