

ness and terrible pain. Feb., 1865, near Petersburg, he was wounded by gunshot, while on picket, in right leg. Oct., 1864 he was given a furlough for election, returned to his regiment, and was discharged June 8, 1865, at Alexandria, Va. He was first married to Augusta Buffington, and his second marriage was solemnized Jan. 12, 1868, at Salamanca, N. Y., to Mrs. Jennie (Prince) Hammond. She was born Sept. 2, 1855. She is the mother of two children, Claude and Maude Hammond. The Comrade's brother, David of 64th N. Y. V. I., shot at Fair Oaks and died of wounds in New York City; Edwin killed at Ft. Donelson; and James of 90th N. Y. V. I. The wife's brother Fred B. was in the service. Com. Ingalls is a pleasant and respected man, kind and patient through all his suffering. He is a member of VanAernam post, Ellicottville, N. Y., where he lives in a quiet home.

## STEPHEN T. JOHNSON,

Son of Roswell and Polly Shower Johnson, was born April 4, 1829, in Granby, N. Y., and came into this county in 1856. Sept. 3, 1864, at Fulton, N. Y., he was married to Aschah Beals, child of William and Olive Green Beals; she was born Sept. 7, 1833, in Jacksonville, N. Y. Nine children brought happiness to their home: Mary, Hiram, Dayton, dec., Myron, Fred, Martha, Emma, Nellie and Hattie. Sept. 5, 1864, he was enrolled as a private of Co. A, 188th N. Y. V., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 5th A. C. On the Weldon R. R. raid he was wounded in right cheek by a spent ball, broke off one tooth, knocked him down; also injured his right knee by piece of shell, and dislocated shoulder while tearing up the railroad; he stayed with his regiment. In Mar., 1865 he was in hospital with cold and dropsy and had no use of his lower limbs; his right knee swelled stiff after he had walked on it three days, and broke out, but he heroically stayed with his regiment. He was never excused from duty more than half a day till sent to hospital at City Point, eight days; then to Lincoln Hospital, Washington, until April 26, 1865, when he was furloughed and came home. He reported to Elmira, N. Y., and there discharged in June, 1865. Among his battles we mention 1st Hatcher Run, Weldon R. R., Jerusalem, Plank Road, where he narrowly escaped wounding, ball passed through his hat and grazed the artery in his neck. He is a member of VanAernam post of Ellicottville, N. Y., and is spending the declining days of life in a quiet home in that village.

## CAPT. BYRON A. JOHNSTON,

Son of William and Mary (Hurlbur:) Johnston, was born Jan. 31, 1827, in Ellicottville, N. Y. He early chose the trade of a mechanic and has been a hard working man all his life. July 14, 1851, in town

of his nativity, he was married to Cornelia Dills, daughter of John and Rhoda Dills, by Judge Ranslear Lamb. Mrs. Johnston was born on Nov. 21, 1825, in Seneca Co., N. Y., and after 48 years of devoted companionship, the wife and mother passed away, Feb., 1899. One son, William B., born June 15, 1856, crowned their happiness. He now is a leading M. D. of Ellicottville. May 17, 1861, Byron Johnston was enrolled at Ellicottville, as a private of Co. H, 37th N. Y. V. I., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 3d A. C. Oct. 16, 1862 promoted to sergeant; Oct. 31, 1862, 2d Lieut. of Co. B; 1st Lieut., April 7, 1863, of Co. I; and Capt., July 9, 1864, of Co. F. He was to the front at battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Mission Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Resoca, New Hope Church, Pumpkin Vine Creek, Kenesaw Mt., Peach Tree Creek, All Burnt Hickory, Before Atlanta, March to the Sea, campaign in the Carolinas, ending in the grand review at Washington. At Chancellorsville he was slightly wounded near right temple. He was sent to Washington on account of sickness, but did not go to hospital; was doctored and discharged Jan. 19, 1862. He left the command, 154th N. Y. V. I., at New Hope Church and taken to Chattanooga, boarded at a private place and doctored. May 15, 1863, was given a ten days' leave of absence, reporting at end of time; again, Jan., 1864, a 20 days' sick leave from Lookout Valley. July 15, 1862 he re-enlisted in Co. A, 154th N. Y. V. I., and was with this regiment during all its hard campaigning in the West and South. He was on the staff of Brig. Gen. P. H. Jones from Atlanta to Washington, and was discharged June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. A brother, William, see record. Daniel and Charles Dills, brothers of the wife, were faithful soldiers in Mian. regiments. Com. Johnston has ably filled the office of constable and deputy sheriff. He is past commander of the Henry VanAernam post, 232. Since the death of wife he has made his home with son, Dr. William B., in Ellicottville, N. Y.

## AUGUSTUS V. LAING,

Son of William and Jane E. Grimmet Laing, was born Feb. 6, 1837, in Buffalo, N. Y., and was a mechanic when he donned the blue in defence of the Stars and Stripes, May 13, 1861, at Ellicottville, N. Y., as a private, in Co. I, 37th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 3d A. C. He was with the regiment at Williamsburg, Yorktown, Fair Oaks. He was taken sick while on the march to Harrison's Landing, and was sent to Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, where he stayed from July till Oct., when he secured a 24 hour pass with extension. In Nov., 1862 he was detailed at Ft. Hamilton, on garrison duty until discharged, June 22, 1863, New York City. Sept. 15, 1864 he re-enlisted at Rochester, N. Y., in Co. H, 154th N. Y. V. I.; he joined his regiment at Atlanta and served on the March to the Sea, campaign

in the Carolinas, and was one of the heroic veterans to swing into line in the Grand Review. June 11, 1865 he was given his honorable discharge at Bladensburg, Md. He returned home and united in marriage. Christmas Day, 1865, at Mansfield, N. Y., to Alzina A. Courter, daughter of Alanson S. and Diantha (Harvey) Courter. Two children were given to them, Effie, dec., and William. His brother, David G., Co. H, 37th N. Y. V. I., wounded twice at Williamsburg, and Theodore of 37th N. Y., and William of 154th N. Y. V. I., were in the Northern army. Com. Laing is oldest member of the F. & A. M., of Otto Lodge, 620, since 1863; is member of W. T. Wickham Post, Otto, N. Y., in which he is Surgeon. He is living on a pleasant farm near Eddyville, N. Y., in town of Mansfield.

## CAPT. WILLIAM LAIDLAW,

Son of Gilbert and Margaret (Lamb) Laidlaw, was born in romantic Harwick, Scotland, New Year's Day, 1839. The village was on the border and youthful William attended school until he was 12 years of age. He came to America, and when the War of the States began, he tendered his services to the North, and was enrolled as a landsman in New York City, May, 1862, on gunboat "Montgomery" of the West Gulf Blockading Squadron. Before the close of his memorable career he was made ordinary seaman, able seaman and captain of the fore-castle, and was never off duty while on this boat, from which he was discharged, and began to recruit men from Olean, Hinsdale, Ischua, and Farmersville townships for the navy, and was very successful, getting over 60. They went to Erie and he re-enlisted on the "Tawah." Their vessel was sunk in action near Johnsonville, and Com. Laidlaw was among the number who went to Nashville and were transferred to the "Cincinnati." This vessel served in Lower Miss. Squadron, was in bombardment of Mobile, and on long cruises up the Tombigbee and Alabama Rivers. In May, 1865 he was sent to report for examination for Asst. Paymaster under waiting orders to Admiral Spaulding, but as the war had closed, Com. Laidlaw is still under his 'waiting orders.' When the war had closed, he was discharged and came home. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, and has been one of most successful criminal lawyers of Western New York. Sept. 1, 1864 at Franklinville, N. Y., he was married to Elizabeth McVey, daughter of William and Margaret Dow McVey. She was born June 4, 1837, in Covington, N. Y. Three children were given to this union, Gilbert W., Archie M. and the Rev. Clarence L. The wife's brother, Archibald McVey, was Navy Paymaster of the fleet off Charleston, and his brother James was Paymaster's clerk. Comrade Laidlaw has ably filled office of Dist. Atty. for six years, Supervisor of Ellicottville for one year, Congressman for four years, and is now

the leading lawyer of the county. He is a mason of 25 years membership; he is a member of H. VanAernam post, and is now living in a quiet home in Ellicottville, N. Y.

## JOHN LANGHANS,

Son of John and Dora (Merow) Langhans, was born Oct. 21, 1843, in Lauenburg, Germany, and came to America in winter of 1857. He was farming near Ellicottville when summons came for the boys to fight for their country. He was enrolled as a private Sept. 12, 1864, at E. Otto, N. Y., in Co. H, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 20th A. C., and in due time was promoted to corporal. He joined regiment at Atlanta and served on March to the Sea, campaign in Carolinas, and was one of the worn veterans to swing into line in the Grand Review at Washington. While on March to the Sea, he was detailed to forage with 50 men, and was always successful in his expeditions. He was given his honorable discharge June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. Oct. 21, 1865, at Ellicottville, he chose for his companion, Sophia Block, daughter of Joachem and Dora Kruse Block; she was born on May 2, 1851, in Mecklenburg, Germany. Three children were born to them, Augusta (Ranke), Frank J. and Emma (Dunkleman). Mrs. Langhans' three brothers, Charles, William and John, served during the war. Com. Langhans is a member of Lutheran Church, and is assessor of Ellicottville for past 9 years; a member of H. VanAernam post. He lives on a large farm near Ellicottville, N. Y.

## ABRAM MABIE,

Son of John and Nancy Mabie, was born July 4, 1839, Canajoharie, N. Y. He was employed as a barber in Ellicottville, N. Y. when he went out as a cook in Co. I, 36th N. Y. V. I., May, 1861. He was with Capt. Clark until hired by the government to drive in wagon train under William Frech, and in Va. was transferred to Q. M. Dept. under Hall; in the wagon trains carrying ammunition and commissary supplies for 3d A. C. under Kearney. At Stafford C. H. he was taken prisoner when their train was captured by rebel cavalry, but 8th Ill. came up and recaptured them. He left the service to join the U. N. S. T., when he re-enlisted July 1, 1863, at Ellicottville, in Co. A, 20th N. Y. V. C. T. He fought at Port Hudson, Little York, Doy River, Maumec, Pursuit of McGruder's Cav. into Texas to Galveston, fights at Brownsville and Mansville, Texas. He was detailed with rebel prisoners as a guard to Dry Tortugas from the Red River expedition, and was on provost guard duty for a long time in New Orleans. In fall of 1865 he was sick with breach, diarrhea fever in New Orleans in Court of Foring or Africa for three weeks, receiving his honorable discharge in Sept., 1865. In July, 1867, at Ellicottville, N. Y., he