

John was a faithful servant of the English king, and as tradition tells us, the name "Kingman or Kings-man" was given to the family by the ruling monarch because of his valued services to the crown. Leaving the happy home in England John A. and his wife Berdenia (Booker) Kingman came to Quebec, Canada. Four children graced their home circle: Nancy, Louise, Isabell, b. April 15, 1843, and John A. b. Aug. 25, 1847. While living in Quebec, Nancy, a child of four years, was kidnapped by the Indians and several attempts were made to regain her, but she remained with her captors and was married to their chief. Leaving Quebec, the family came to Cleveland, O., where the husband and father died of Asiatic cholera, and the family was raised by the loving mother. Already the clouds had darkened the horizon of our Nation and the whispers of war were borne on the winds from the South. Soon the deep yolleying thunders of Fort Sumter proclaimed the storm, not until then did the North fully realize the power of its fury. Thousands of men were in arms. When only a boy of fifteen years, John A. Kingman enlisted in Co. H, 124th O. V. I., 2d brig., 3d div., 4th A. C. He underwent the storms of shot and shell at Franklin, Chickamauga, Missionary Ridge, Knoxville, from Chattanooga to Atlanta including Dalton, Kenesaw Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, Big Shanty, in all one hundred days under fire, Nashville, Overton Knob and numerous minor engagements. The second day at Nashville his reg't lost two-thirds of its men in a charge. When Rosecrans was hemmed in at Chattanooga by Hood, on the night of Oct. 27 a detachment of four thousand men were ordered to capture Brown's Ferry three and a half miles below Lookout Mt. This was an important point as all supplies for the Union forces were sent from Bridgeport, Ala. across this ferry. 1,500 picked men, among them our comrade, under the gallant Gen. Hazen in 50 pontoon boats dropped noiselessly down the river, passed the rebel pickets and landed on the further side of the stream, threw up embankments, re-enforced by the remaining detachment of 2,500 men, built a bridge 900 feet long across the river and the rebels attacked them, but were repulsed. Comrade Kingman shared the hardships and the glories of his command during the long conflict, and was slightly wounded at Jonesboro in the left hand. In July, '63 he was confined in the general hospital at Tullahoma, Tenn. for two weeks and was sent to Nashville for about a month, and lastly was taken to the Bragg Hospital at Chattanooga for three weeks on account of rupture received in service and diarrhea. His entire career was characterized by unflinching loyalty and faithfulness. When the morning of Peace once more dawned upon our fair land, then the boy in blue was given his well-earned discharge July 9, 1865 at Cleveland, O. In the town of Hinsdale, N. Y., May 28, 1873, Emma, daughter of Isiah S. and Marie (Robbins) Washburn became the devoted wife of our subject. One son John W. born March 16, 1874, completed their

home. Mrs. Kingman's father was a member of Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., and died of fever in a hospital in Lookout Valley. Comrade Kingman is a member of the I. O. O. F., Lodge 540; Division 8 of R. R. Conductors of Rochester, N. Y., and Association of Stationary Engineers, No. 52, Olean, N. Y. His wife is a member of the Maccabees and M. E. church. Comrade Kingman is a member of Board Post of Olean, N. Y., and is by occupation an engineer, and in politics a Republican. He is one of the influential citizens of Hinsdale, N. Y.

ALEXANDER LAKE

Is the son of John and Lydia (Harmon) Lake and was born March 20, 1822 in Perry, N. Y. He was married to Philena Caswell, daughter of Joseph and Juliett Cook Caswell, Feb. 22, 1856 at E. Randolph, N. Y. Nine children were born to them: Edwin, Jan. 28, 1857, Fremont, June 4, 1858, George, dec., Alexander, dec., Elsie, July 12, 1865, Rose Ellen, dec., Ida Bell, dec., Manly Grant, dec., and Mary Myrtle, dec. Mrs. Lake was born June 13, 1834 on Sample Hill near Randolph, N. Y. Comrade Lake was first married to Harriet Fargo, by whom he had one child, Addison C. Mrs. Lake's father lived to be over one hundred years old and her mother over ninety. Alexander Lake was a stone mason when the war began, and he enlisted July 13, 1862 at South Valley in Co. A, 154th N. Y. V. I., 11th A. C., as a private. Among his battles we mention Chancellorsville, and the many attendant skirmishes. In June, 1863 he was sick in the hospital at Washington, later on David's Island, N. Y. II. with heart disease. In Nov., 1863 he was given a thirty day furlough, returned to hospital at end of time, where he received his honorable discharge May 23, 1863. He came home and once more took up his life and when able worked as a stone mason until his death which occurred Oct. 5, 1894 on the farm, death caused from heart disease, rheumatism, and general disability caused from army service. His widow is a bright lady, possessed of a excellent memory and is a member of the U. B. church and lives on the old farm in the town of Randolph, N. Y.

JOHN C. LEARN.

Sept. 26, 1824 at Hinsdale, N. Y., John C. the son of Jacob and Catherine (Moyer) Learn was born. He grew to manhood amid the hills of his native county. Oct. 25, 1859 at Lime Lake, N. Y. Kezia (Green) daughter of David and Phoebe (Brown) Green, became the honored wife of our subject. She was born Feb. 28, 1831 at Lackawanna, Pa. No children were born to them, but Ella R. (Cooley), an adopted child was born Mar. 20, 1866, a daughter of David J. Green. On the outbreak of the Civil War he was living peacefully on a farm near Isehua.