

17, 1861 at Elmira, N. Y. He was a private in ranks and bravely met the enemy in the following battles:- Fair Oaks, Seven Day Retreat, and Fredericksburg; in the last named battle, Sept. 13, 1863, he was wounded in the left foot by a gunshot and taken to the Carver hospital, Washington, where he remained until June, 1863. With the exception of a 60 day furlough given after his wounding, he was constantly on duty with his regiment. Being rendered unfit for further duty, he was honorably discharged June 9, 1863. He came home and after a year he was again in good health, but the wound was still tender; he re-enlisted August 30, 1864 at Conewango, N. Y. in Co. K, 154th N. Y. V. I., 3d brig., 2d div., 11th A. C. He joined this famous regiment at Atlanta, and was on the glorious "March to the Sea" ending his military career with the campaign in the Carolinas, at Bentonville. He was given his final and well-earned discharge June 11, 1865 at Bladensburg, Md. He left the army with a noble record; one of which any man might justly feel proud. Comrade Mason once more returned home and was welcomed by his friends. His comrades who fought by his side said: "Tommy was a faithful soldier, a patient sufferer, and one of the stubborn, unyielding kind." He is a member of the Presbyterian church and is spending his declining days in the pretty village of Rutledge, N. Y.

ALONZO MERRITT

A son of Sylvanus and Debro Miller Merritt, was born July 8, 1863 near Pecksville, Dutchess Co., N. Y. When the low mutterings of Civil war were borne on the winds from the South he was a cabinet maker in Albion, N. Y. When 29 years of age he entered the ranks of Co. K, 1st N. Y. Vet. Cav., Aug. 1, 1863 at Rochester, N. Y.; this command was assigned to 3d brig., 3d div., Sheridan's Cav. Corps. He has a remarkable history; although passing through many of the hardest battles of the war, he was never wounded, captured, sick, or in the hospital. His battles are some of the bloodiest of the war:- Leestown, Piedmont, 1st and 2d Winchester, Sheridan's campaign in the Shenandoah, and following movements of Lee into Md.; fighting almost constantly through all those years. He was given his honorable discharge in 1864 at Rochester, N. Y. On his return home, he came to live in this county. He had been married May 1, 1861 at Albion, N. Y. to Eliza (McKaffery), the daughter of Samuel and Mary (Glenn) McKaffery. Mrs. Merritt was born in Albion, N. Y. Five children have crowned their marriage vows, Samuel, Daniel, Frank, Harry and Eliza. Comrade Merritt's brother Allen was in the service, sickened and died there. Comrade Merritt is still a cabinet-maker, a member of the D. T. Wiggins Post, 297, and one of the influential men of his town, Randolph, N. Y.

WILLIAM MERRILL

Is the son of John and Martha (Ford) Merrill and was born Sept. 13, 1840 in Howard, Steuben Co., N. Y. He was a fireman on a railroad when the War of Secession began, and in July, 1862, at Olean, N. Y., was enrolled in Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., as a private. He passed through the storms of shot and shell in many battles, but never was hurt. He bore conspicuous part in the engagements of Suffolk, Blackwater, Lookout Mt., Missionary Ridge, Kennesaw Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, Peach Tree Creek, Big Shanty, Before Atlanta, "March to the Sea." Campaign in the Carolinas, and on to Raleigh, N. C. In Feb., 1863 he was given a thirty day furlough, and returned promptly to Alexandria at end of time. During the last year of his valued service he was detailed as wagon-master in the Corps train. His service was characterized by loyalty, faithfulness and exemplary obedience to his superiors. June 11, 1865 at Bladensburg, Md. he was given his well-earned discharge, and returned home to his wife and child. They had been married Sept. 24, 1862 at Ashville, N. Y. Mrs. Emily (Moore) Merrill, his wife, is the daughter of Seth and Nancy (Coville) Moore; she was born Feb. 8, 1847 in Cattaraugus Co., N. Y. Their daughter, Ida May, was born May 29, 1865. John Merrill, a brother, was a veteran, served two enlistments, and was discharged after his wounding. Henry Moore, Mrs. Merrill's brother, was in the 9th N. Y. V. Cav., and lives on a farm near Cherry Creek, N. Y. Comrade Merrill has lived for the most part in Big Rapids, Mich. He went there in Oct., 1865, in July, 1867 came back for his wife and child, and remained there until 1887. He ably filled the office of Constable and Deputy Sheriff for three years. He is by occupation an engineer, and lives in a cosy home in E. Randolph, N. Y.

VIRATUS G. METCALFE

Is a son of Henry L. and Juliette Smith, and was born July 1, 1845 at Conewango, N. Y. He was engaged in farming when our flag was trailed in the dust of the South. He enlisted in the 24th, '64, at Dunkirk, N. Y., in Co. A, N. Y. Cav. He fought with this noble command at Liberty Mills, before Gordonsville and on the Gordonsville Ridge, receiving his discharge in June, '65 at Westchester, Va. He was first married to Charlotte Salisbury, by whom he had two children, Josephine Boirst, born in 1869, and Henry L. born in Oct., 1873. His second marriage was to Julia C. Nuttung (Maybee). A. Labor Metcalfe served three years in Co. E, 9th N. Y. and is now living in Houston, Texas. In 1875 Comrade Metcalfe went to California, where he resided until 1893 in the Sacramento Valley. He was a member of Gen. Punkey Post, 845 Cal., and is a member of the Odd Fellows and K. of