

he displayed such gallantry in action that in 1864 he was voted by congress a medal of honor. In the battle of Port Republic, September 26, 1864, he was shot through the leg by a rifle ball and taken from the field. On February 16, 1864, he was appointed quartermaster sergeant, and February 18 was transferred to Company B; honorably discharged and mustered out, October 23, 1864, and then returned home. He was later connected with the adjutant general's office at Washington, D. C., and May 8, 1866, was commissioned second lieutenant in the United States regular army; October 12, 1867, was promoted first lieutenant, and assigned to duty in Florida. He served as assistant adjutant general on the staff of General J. G. Foster from July, 1866, until 1867, when General Foster was ordered north and the department broken up, and was in command of his company until 1870. He resigned from the regular army in December, 1870. After leaving the army, Captain Lyman became a traveling salesman, with headquarters in New York City. Later he located in Elmira, New York, where he established a hat and fur store, which after a few years he sold. He has since resided in Randolph, New York. He was a brave and intrepid soldier, and it is particularly pleasing to his friends that congress recognized his gallantry with the medal of honor. Captain Lyman is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion and the Army and Navy Medal of Honor Legion. He stands high in the Masonic order, in both the York and Scottish rites, being a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Mason, holding his Scottish rite degrees in Rochester Consistory.

He is a Republican in politics, and has served as president of the village corporation of Randolph. He is a warden of the Protestant Episcopal church, and interested in the welfare of his village. His clubs are the St. Augustine (Florida), Yacht and Golf, also Army and Navy Club, of New York City.

He married (first), October 21, 1868, Caroline E., born 1847, died June 24, 1902, daughter of Edward and Elizabeth (Robins) Carter, of New York City. Children: 1. Edward Carter, born December 24, 1869, died December 1, 1903; married, April 21, 1897, Sarah C. Logan; child: John Carter, born April 6, 1898. 2. Alvin Robins, born September 7, 1874. Captain Lyman married

(second), November 17, 1903, Laura A. Edwards, born October 31, 1867.

The Messingers of Salamanca are of German ancestry and parentage, the original name being Moessinger. The father, Peter Messinger, son of John, was born in Menzlinger, a small village near Carlsruhe, Baden, Germany, June 5, 1832, and died at Salamanca, New York, July 4, 1904. He received a good education in the German schools, served his allotted years in the army, and in 1856 came to the United States. He located at Hemlock Mills (now Salamanca), Cattaraugus county, where he secured employment in the lumber mills, continuing until 1862. In that year he enlisted in Company A, 154th Regiment, New York Volunteer Infantry. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Potomac, and with that hard fought army he saw continuous service until the battle of Gettysburg, when he was severely wounded by a shell, taken prisoner, and sent south. He spent twenty-two months in the prison pens at Andersonville, Belle Isle and Libby. He returned home in 1865 greatly broken in health. After regaining strength he returned to his work in the lumber mills, situated on the south side of the river, and at that time almost the only industry at Salamanca. In 1880 he entered the employ of the Erie Railroad Company as car inspector, continuing until his accidental death while in the performance of his duty, July 4, 1904. He was passing underneath a train which suddenly started, crushing him beneath the wheels. He was a good soldier, a faithful employee, and highly respected by all. He was a member of Cattaraugus Lodge, No. 239, Free and Accepted Masons; H. O. Wait Post, Grand Army of the Republic; the German Lutheran church, and was a Republican in politics. He married, July 4, 1857, Catherine Bachmann, born April 6, 1838, died September 18, 1904. Children: Carl H., of further mention; Cora May, born May 29, 1866; Emma, September 30, 1868; Kittie, February 26, 1872, died 1884.

(II) Carl H., only son of Peter and Catherine (Bachmann) Messinger, was born at Hemlock Mills, now Salamanca, New York, June 4, 1858. He enjoys the distinction of being the first white child born in the town, his parents being among the very first to

settle there. He attended the public school until he was twelve years of age, then began work in the lumber mills with his father during the summer, and going to school again during the winter months. In 1880 he began working for the Erie Railroad Company as yardman. In 1882 he was promoted to the baggage room at Salamanca, where he was in charge until 1891. In the latter year he was again promoted and made ticket agent at Union Station, a position he still holds. Salamanca is an important point, and the position of ticket agent one of unusual responsibility. Mr. Messinger has had thirty-one years of continuous service with the company, twenty of these having been passed in his present position. He is quiet and unassuming in manner, but a most valuable and efficient official. He is very popular with his associates and townsmen, and is held in high esteem. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to lodge, chapter and commandery in Salamanca, and to Ismailia Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, at Buffalo. He is a member of the Lutheran church, and a Republican.

He married, February 27, 1886, Frances N. Langton, born November 22, 1861, daughter of Charles and Jane (Lamb) Langton, who came to the United States from England. Children: Joseph, Elizabeth, John H., Frances, Nannie V., Harriet L., Frederick and Grace. Children of Carl H. and Frances Messinger: Frances Evelyn, born August 26, 1888; Kittie Langton, September 11, 1892.

WILSON This branch of the Wilson family are of direct English descent, the original settler being Daniel Wilson, born in Yorkshire, England. He came to the United States in 1832 and settled at Lockport, New York, where he engaged in farming. He married, in England, Martha Robinson. They continued their residence in England until after the birth of their twelfth child. One child, William R., was born in the United States. Children: Thomas, born June 12, 1804; Mary, September 12, 1806; John, September 6, 1808; Richard, November 29, 1810; Martha, March 27, 1813; Elizabeth, March 16, 1815; Joseph, June 26, 1817; Eleanor, October 6, 1818; Daniel, of whom further; Henry, December 21, 1824; Robert, March 28, 1826; Margaret, April 16, 1829; William R., September 2, 1832.

(II) Daniel (2), ninth child and fifth son of Daniel (1) and Martha (Robinson) Wilson, was born in England, April 24, 1822, died at his farm on the Wheeler road, Newfane, Niagara county, New York, October 25, 1884. He was ten years of age when he came with his parents to Niagara county, where he was educated in the public schools. He worked on the home farm until 1848, when he purchased a tract of unimproved land containing seventy acres. This he cleared and brought under cultivation excepting fourteen acres. He engaged in general farming, also fruit culture, and was quite successful. He was a man of industrious, thrifty habits, and left a good name behind him. He was a Democrat in politics, but did not mingle in public affairs. He married, November 16, 1843, Elizabeth Temple, born in England, May 6, 1825, died December 16, 1898, daughter of Adam Temple, born in England, emigrated to the United States, where he died. Children: 1. Martha, born October 6, 1844, died 1847. 2. William T., born March 4, 1846; married (first) Martha, daughter of Stephen Wilson, who bore him four children: Raymond, Robert D., Lester and George; married (second) — Adams, to whom was born one child, Eugene. 3. Elizabeth A., born April 2, 1849; married John M. Farnsworth; children: Daniel H., died May 9, 1899; Fanny, married Frank Carlton; Loesa, resides at home. 4. Robert D. (of further mention).

(III) Robert D., youngest child and second son of Daniel (2) and Elizabeth (Temple) Wilson, was born on the "Wheeler" homestead farm in the town of Newfane, Niagara county, New York, June 12, 1853. He was educated in the public schools, and until the death of his father in 1884 remained at home as his assistant. He then purchased the homestead which he now (1911) owns and cultivates, with the exception of fifteen acres of fruit he devoted himself to general farming. In 1887 he became one of the incorporators of the Newfane Basket Manufacturing Company, was chosen secretary, and still holds that position. In 1907 he was one of the incorporators of the Newfane Hardware Company, of which he is also secretary. He is interested in the Wrights Corners Cemetery Association, of which he is secretary and treasurer. Mr. Wilson possesses fine business qualities and fills his several offices with

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