

Death of E. A. Ross

Esbon Andrews Ross passed away from his home in Pleasant Valley, Friday evening, August 5th at the age of 70 years and 8 months. Although for many years he had not been in the best of health, the end came unexpectedly. Apparent feeling as well as usual during the day and evening, the family had no premonition of the approaching end. He retired at 9:30 o'clock and at ten he had gone to his last rest.

Within a few feet from where he died, Esbon Andrews Ross was born Dec. 13, 1844. During his entire life he lived on the farm he inherited from his father, one of the pioneers of the community. Jan. 1, 1875, he was united in marriage to Martha J. Carter. She and the two children, Mary R. Reynolds, of Springfield, Mass., and Henry T. Ross, together with two grandchildren, Rosemary and Douglas Reynolds, survive him.

The funeral was held at the home Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A large number of friends and relatives from far and near was present to pay their last respects to the deceased.

Words are not necessary at this time to tell of his life, for all whom he knew, he considered his friends, and they well knew what he was and what his life had been.

Ever ready to praise and slow to criticize, he made life a pleasure for himself and those with whom he came in contact. 1915-

Death of Mrs. Susie McDonald

The death of Mrs. Susie McDonald occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. D. Baldwin, Thursday afternoon, August 19, following a long illness with valvular trouble of the heart. She had an operation at Harper hospital last November but it failed to give permanent relief and she had been confined to her bed for four months or more.

Mrs. McDonald was 50 years of age last June and her daughter is the only near relative surviving. The funeral will be held at St. Mary's church, Milford, at 10:15 standard, this Saturday morning. 1915-

Fred H. Miller Dead

BRI. ARGUS — 1915

The angel of death came into our midst Sunday afternoon, August 29 and claimed as its victim the spirit of Fred H. Miller, who has been gradually failing for the past five months, a part of which time he was a great sufferer.

Mr. Miller was a native of the state of New York, born in Hinsdale, Cattaraugus county, March 20, 1842. He spent his youth and young manhood there and at the call of his country during the civil war, enlisted in the 154th N. Y. infantry.

Before coming to Michigan he married Miss Malinda E. Thornton and they became the parents of three sons, all of whom are living. They are: Charles A. R. T., and F. E. Miller, all of Detroit. Mrs. Miller died in 1902 and in 1904 he married Mrs. M. A. Haynes, who survives him and who, during his long illness, has taxed her own strength to give him personal attention and constant care.

Fred H. Miller is well known in this place. For many years his pleasant face has been seen and his cheery word heard in our midst. Always accommodating, anxious to confer a favor, he won a large circle of friends who turned out in large numbers to pay him the respect due his memory at the obsequies on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. E. E. Hensch preached the sermon at the Presbyterian church, of which he has long been a faithful member. For over thirty years he served the church as elder. Interment was in the old village cemetery.

Besides the widow and sons, he is mourned by 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

MRS. HENRY RICHARDSON

Dies at Harper Hospital This Friday Morning

Bringing a sadness that cold type cannot describe—the news came to Milford early this Friday morning of the death at Harper hospital of Rachel Benham Richardson, wife of Henry

Richardson of South Lyon. She was taken to the hospital on an early train Thursday in the hope that an operation would save her life. This was undergone at once and news from her in the afternoon was slightly encouraging. Her death, however, came at 5 o'clock this Friday and her infant son died at 11 Thursday night.

The announcement for the funeral service is at the home at South Lyon Sunday at 2 o'clock conducted by Rev. A. C. Wilson of Milford.

Mrs. Richardson was one of our Milford girls, having spent most of her childhood here. She was left motherless when but a little child and with her younger sister was reared in the home of her uncle, Wm. Peters, and wife. She graduated from Milford high school in 1902, and then completed a course at M.A.C. After teaching several years, she was engaged as instructor in the bacteriological department of M.A.C., a position she held three years and relinquished to become the wife of Henry Richardson on September 19, 1914. She is survived by her husband, her father, A.D. Benham, and one sister, Miss Katherine Benham of Detroit.

Felix McCabe 1915

Felix McCabe, an almost life-long resident of Seneca Falls, died at the home of his son, Frank W. McCabe, in Detroit, Mich., on Sunday, August 8th, age 72 years. Mr. McCabe was born in Seneca Falls, and was a son of James McCabe, one of the early residents of the village. At the breaking out of the Civil war he enlisted in the 100th regiment and continued in the field until the close of hostilities. He had been in the employ of the National Advertising company for a period of thirty-one years, and of late years had been fireman in the boiler room. Felix McCabe was an honest man, a good citizen, a loyal soldier and true to every responsibility which he assumed. No man could have been more devoted to his respective duties in life. He shirked no duty, betrayed no confidence, but was faithful to every trust confided to him. Health failing him about a year ago, he went to Michigan to live with his son. A visit to his old home two weeks ago seemed to weaken him, and death resulted soon after his return. The body reached here for burial Wednesday, and the funeral was held at St. P.

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Obituaries & Death Notices
Brighton Argus, 1915

Aug. 18, 1915 cont.-

George Dubard, 17 years of age, lost his life in the waters of Island Lake Sunday. The young man's home was at 76 Milwaukee Ave. Detroit and a student at Cass Technical school. He and a few other young people drove out from the city in an auto, arriving at the lake about 4 o'clock. They at once put on their bathing suits and went out for a swim. Young Dubard was hanging on the end of the boat and evidently dropped off unnoticed and went down. His body was later recovered in four feet of water. As there was no water in his lungs, his death must have resulted from heart disease. He leaves his parents, two sisters and one brother. An undertaker was summoned from Detroit and took the body home.

Aug. 25, 1915

Felix McCabe, an almost life long resident of Seneca Falls, died at the home of his son, Frank W McCabe in Detroit, Michigan on Sunday, Aug. 8, age 72 years. He was born in Seneca Falls, and was a son of James McCabe one of the early resident of the village. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted in the 160th regiment and continued in the field until the close of hostilities. He had been in the employ of the National Advertising Co. for a period of 31 years and of late years had been fireman in the boiler room.

He was an honest man, a good citizen, a loyal soldier and true to every responsibility which he assumed. He shirked no duty, betrayed no confidence and faithful to every trust confided to him. Failing health a year ago, he went to Michigan to live with his son. A visit to his old home, two weeks ago, seemed to weaken him and death resulted soon after his return. The body reached here for burial Wednesday and funeral held at St. Patrick's church yesterday, Rev. M J Dwyer officiating. Internment in St. Columbkill cemetery. (Seneca Falls N. Y. Revielle)

Word came to this place recently of the death from Heart trouble at George Barnes. He was formerly from Tyrone. (Hartland corr.)

Sept. 1, 1915

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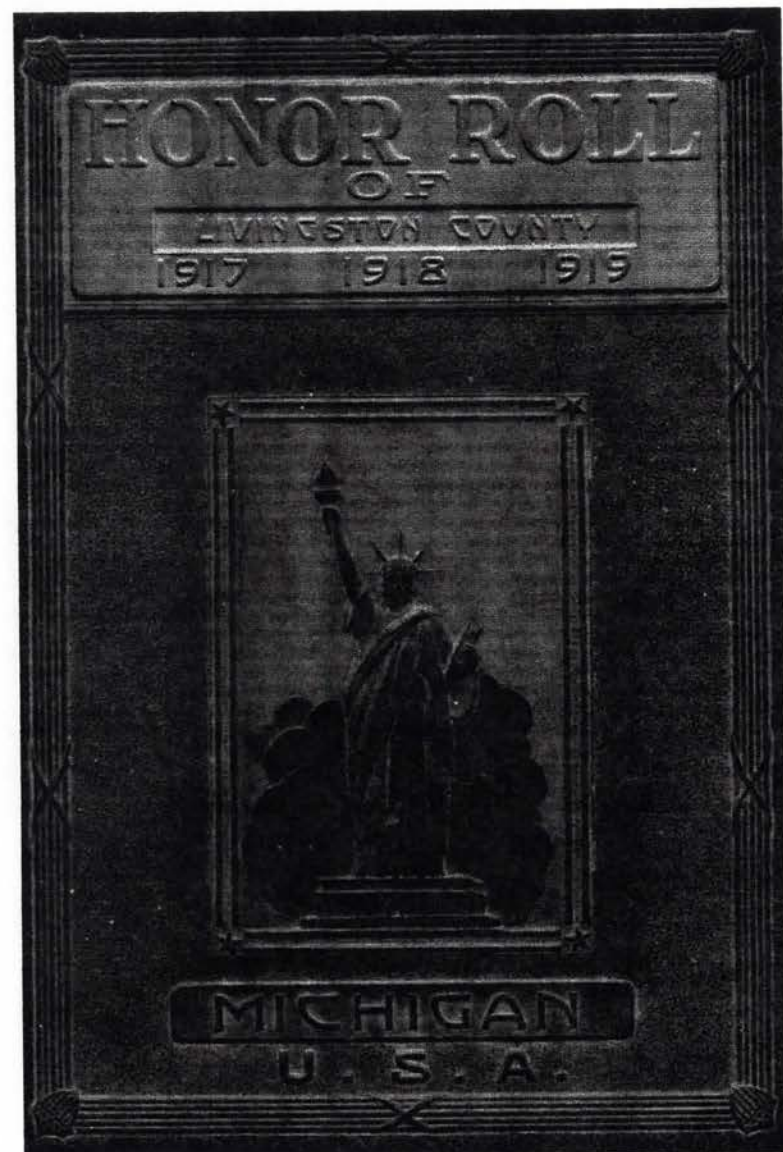
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GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
Brighton Post
29 May, 1904

Left to right. Standing—J. Wesley Fulton, Dr. H. P. Martin, Alden G. Carpenter, William H. Halleck (died 16 Aug. 1913), William W. Pentlin, Rev. E. H. Bradfield, Fred H. Miller (died 29 Aug. 1915), Henry L. Crippen, Henry B. Appleton, Benj. T. O. Clark (died 22 Sept. 1916), Prof. M. E. Valentine, John Sawyer (died 3 June 1918).

Seated—J. K. VanArsdale (deceased), Wallace L. Long, Charles Jacobs, Louis H. Westhal, Dr. Arthur E. Boylan (died 19 April 1907), James Shanks, Ernest M. Crippen, Daniel L. Smith, James Boylan (died 4 Jan. 1913), Henry Paddock.



Postmarked January 19, 2005

Dear Mr. Dunkelman,

We are sorry that we didn't get a reply off sooner but we have been trying to find out as much as possible about the two veterans as we could.

From the Livingston County, Michigan courthouse records of deaths we found the following:

Book 2; Pg. 232, # 211 - Died on 29 August 1915, Frederick H. Miller; male; white; married; 73 yrs. 5 mos. and 9 days of age; died in Brighton from a carcinoma of the stomach; born in Michigan; a miller by trade; son of James Miller of N.Y. and mother unknown. Registered on 10 Sept. 1915.

Book 2, Pg. 303, # 28 - Died on 10 February 1921, John R. burdick; male; white; married; 86 yrs. 5 mos. 20 days of age; died in the city of Howell of arteriosclerosis; born in New York State; a decorator by trade; son of Wm. Burdick of N.Y. State and mother unknown. registered on 7 March 1921.

Also saw that he had a son Wm. H. who died on 1 Sept. 1888 in Howell. (from a newspaper article).

From records of Lakeview Cemetery, Howell;

Sec. B, Lot 344:

Will H. Burdick died Aug. 29 1888 aged 24 years.

Betsey, wife of John R. Burdick, born on Nov. 5 1889 (error) died May 25, 1907

GAR veteran John R. Burdick, born Aug. 21, 1834, died Feb. 10, 1921.

Rose Burdick Cottrell, 1865-1906

From the records of the GAR, Waddell Post, here in Howell, J. R. Burdick last paid his dues on Jan. 1, 1901.

We have included other items related to the Burdick family, i.e.: Obituary of Louis A. Kirk whose father married a Miss Burdick; obituary of Mrs. Hazel Preston who is descended from the Burdicks; obituary of Mrs. Walter Sawyer, also a descendant of the Burdicks; obituary of Mrs. Richard Burdick (John R.); obituary of Fred H. Miller of Brighton; copy of a page from the 1915 Howell City Directory where John R. Burdick is listed as a janitor of the Central High School building; a card of thanks notice in the Livingston Republican newspaper from the J. R. Burdick family on the death of Betsey Burdick; copy of a photo from the Honor roll of Livingston County for 1917, 1918, and 1919 for the World War I veterans but which also included a photo of the GAR veterans in 1904 and in which you can see Fred H. Miller; and several pages from various Howell High School year books in which the janitor, John R. Burdick, is mentioned in very laudable terms (He is listed as Dick Burdick, John R. Burdick and John Roger Burdick); and a CD that has the photo of Fred. H. Miller that my wife scanned in for you.

We have contacted one of John R. Burdick's descendants and she will try and find something for us. There was no obituary for him as there is no microfilm of the local newspaper for 1921 - 1922. We hope she has something and will let you know if we get more.

Hope this helps in your search for the members of the 154th.

Best regards,

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