

house, asked for something to eat and at once were assured that there was nothing to be gotten. Some corn husks were hanging over the stove, and we took our bayonets and prodded in them, and discovered long pieces of bologna.' Jan. 15, 1866 at Franklinville, N. Y., Clarida Lowe, daughter of Teneyck and Abigail Buchanan Lowe became the loving helpmate of our comrade, Monroe. She was born March 30, 1845 at Franklinville, N. Y. Four children gladdened this home: Gracie, b. May 6, 1868, Fred, b. July 4, 1870, Mable, b. Oct. 6, 1871, and Maud, b. April 7, 1878. Henry Monroe, his brother, in 5th N. Y. Cav. was shot through the body over the right hip, the ball passing out on the further side of the back bone. Judson Lowe, the wife's brother, was in Co. B, 9th N. Y. V. Cav. Comrade Monroe is a faithful member of A. A. Hall Post, 666, and lives on a pleasant farm near E. Randolph, N. Y.

MORDIN OLDER.

Wallace and his good wife Julia (Mullican) Older were living at Farmersville, N. Y. when a son was born to them, Mordin, Mar. 10, 1842. His early training was one that fitted him for a useful, noble life. When the grim war burst upon our nation, he left the peaceful farm to shoulder the musket in defence of a glorious cause. He enlisted Aug. 2, 1862 at Bloomfield, Ont. Co., N. Y. as a private in Co. A, 126th N. Y. V. I. Sept. 26, 1862 at Harper's Ferry, he was captured, held a prisoner for a few days and sent to parole camp, Alexandria, Va., where he remained about three months. On his return to his command he was detailed at Gen. Hancock's H. Q. as a guard for about one year, and on the succession of Gen. Franklin, remained there in active service. He was often detailed on special guard duty at Bailey's Cross Roads. His whole history is one of faithful service. On his discharge June 3, 1865 at Alexandria, Va. he once more resumed his farm life, and later became a railroad man. April 21, 1873 at Hinsdale, N. Y., he was married to Maria L. Hackett, daughter of Stephen K. and Mary (Williams) Hackett. She was born Mar. 29, 1848 at Ischua, N. Y. One son, Will. H., born May 22, 1874 at Emporium, Pa., crowned the happiness of this union. He is a bright, promising young man, and has chosen the printer's trade for his life's work; he was married April 21, 1897 to Iva M. Hull, and they have a son, Gordon William, born Jan. 21, 1899. The ancestry of Comrade Older were from the pure old English stock. Grandfather Older was seized by a press-gang and forced to serve in the British navy; his ship touched on the Massachusetts coast, seven men and some officers went ashore and the men escaped, among them the youthful Older. He remained in America, and all the Olders can trace their origin to him. Mrs. Older's grandfather, Major Hackett, was a hero of the War of 1812; her

two brothers, David L. and George S. Hackett, were also in the Civil War. It is with sadness we record the death of our comrade; he was killed July 6, 1877 at Renova, Pa. by being caught between the cars. Mrs. Older is an estimable lady; she lives with her son in a cosy home at Scott's Corner's, N. Y. P. O. address, Hinsdale, N. Y.

WILLIAM W. OSGOOD.

Benjamin H. Osgood and Chloe Densmore were the parents of our subject, who was born Feb. 16, 1833 at Ischua, N. Y. On the autumn day Oct. 4, 1857 at Ischua, N. Y. he was united in marriage to Henrietta Webster. She is a daughter of Gifford and Marinda (Quinby) Webster, and was born Dec. 26, 1838 at Hinsdale, N. Y. Three children now rise up to call their union "Blessed;" Clayton, b. Mar. 30, 1860, Charles W., b. Mar. 29, 1863, Jennie V. b. Dec. 31, 1870. In all the nobleness of his young life, William W. Osgood went forth to defend his beloved country, enlisting Aug. 6, 1862 at Ischua in Co. C, 154th N. Y. V., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. After the battle of Chancellorsville, in which he bore active part, he was taken sick at Camp John Manley with cold; later developed into typhoid fever; sent to Washington, and in two weeks taken to Camp Distribution near Alexandria for one year. He intended to leave the hospital before this, but when convalescing he took cold and a relapse followed; on his recovery he acted as orderly until April 10, 1864, when he started for the regiment at Nashville; on his arrival he was immediately detailed with 50 men to guard one thousand head of cattle for the army at Chattanooga. The march was made in 14 days. While at Chattanooga, he was on provost guard duty for five months, rejoining his regiment before Atlanta, participating in the campaign in the Carolinas; receiving his discharge June 11, 1865 at Washington, D. C. Edwin Webster, the wife's brother, was in 13th N. Y. H. A., and died of home-sickness on the Peninsula in 1864. Both husband and wife are members of the M. E. Church. Comrade Osgood is a valued member of the Fair Oaks Post, 616, holding office of Chaplin, O. of D., J. V. C. and S. V. C. He is now living in the quiet village of Ischua, N. Y.

STEPHEN OSGOOD.

Benjamin H. Osgood, now a man of 90 years, and his good wife Chlo Densmore were living in Franklinville, N. Y. when a son, Stephen, was born to them, Feb. 6, 1835. Believing in the divine decree, "Thou shalt eat bread in the sweat of thy brow," he early chose the life of a farmer. April 5, 1858 he took as his helpmate on life's journey Phoebe L. Thornton, daughter of Alonzo and Betsey E. (Stewart) Thornton. She was born Jan. 12, 1841 at Machias, N. Y. Four children have

strengthened their home ties:- Edwin A., dec., b. April 8, 1859, Lyman E., b. Oct. 13, 1862, Alina E., b. June 11, 1861, dec., Leola May, b. Jan. 1, 1868. He left his little family, and enlisted Aug. 6, 1862 at Ischua in Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., as a private. In Dec., 1862 he was confined in the hospital at Fairfax C. H. for two weeks, Patent Hospital two weeks, Newton University Hospital, Baltimore, until Mar., 1863; sent to convalescent camp for two weeks, to Camp Distribution for two weeks, and at last by walking from Acqua Creek to Stafford C. H. he rejoined his regiment. May 2, 1863 at Chancellorsville, he was wounded in the left hand and in the head by gunshot; sent to the Findlay Hospital, Washington, May 8, 1863, where he remained there until Sept., 1863. In June, 1863 he was furloughed for 30 days and on his return did duty as nurse until sent to the invalid corps in the Meridian Hills. He shared the hardships of his famous command through many campaigns and owing to his gentle nature he was valuable as a nurse, and was untiring in his efforts to alleviate the suffering of his comrades. July 1, 1865 he was given his honorable discharge at Washington. Edwin and William Osgood, his brothers, were also members of Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I.; the former was captured at Gettysburg, held at Bell Isle and died of starvation in a rebel hospital. Lyman Thornton, the wife's brother, was also the "Brig.-General of the Jay-hawkers" of the 154th N. Y. V. I., and brother-in-law, Fred H. Miller, was in same company. Comrade Osgood is a soldier of the Cross, a consistent member of the M. E. Church, in which he holds the office of Trustee, Steward, Class Leader, and District Class Leader. Mrs. Osgood is also an ardent follower of Christ, and a member of the M. E. church. They live on a pleasant farm near Ischua, N. Y. The Fair Oaks Post has honored him with the office of Chaplain for the past ten years.

DUDLEY PHILLIPS,

A son of Dudley and Roxianna (Chapman) Phillips, was born April 22, 1842 in Lee, Oneida Co., N. Y. and settled in this county in 1844. When the War of the Rebellion began to assume its gigantic proportions, he left the quiet farm life and was enrolled as a private Aug., 1862 at Machias, N. Y., in Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., and in due time was promoted to corporal. He bravely met the enemy in battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, Missionary Ridge, Lookout Valley, Kenesaw Mt., Peach Tree Creek, Rocky Faced Ridge, Resaca, before Atlanta, "March to the Sea," and the campaign in the Carolinas, ending with Snow Hill and the Benett House. A little while before Gettysburg, he was detailed with 55 men, five out of each company of the regiment, to go on a reconitering expedition to Sabillsville. They went out and back the

same day. While on the march from Chattanooga to Atlanta, he was taken with the intermittent fever, and was sent back to the hospital, where he remained for three weeks, rejoining his regiment before Atlanta. His record while in the army is one of faithful service, and bravely performed duty. When the welcome peace had come and the "Boys came marching home again," he was discharged June 11, 1865 at Bladensburg, Md. Corp. Dudley Phillips chose as his helpmate in life, Elizabeth H. Locke, daughter of Chester and Amelia (Hollister) Locke, and they were married Feb. 21, 1867 at Yorkshire Corners, N. Y. She was born April 30, 1845 at Machias, N. Y. One daughter, Irene A., born July 10, 1869, crowned this union. Norris Phillips, a brother, was also in the service. Harlin Locke, Mrs. Phillips brother, was in 154th N. Y. V. I. Commander Phillips is a member of the A. O. U. W., and the foremost G. A. R. man of Phillips Post, 329, at his home, Machias, N. Y. He lives on a large beautiful farm about three and one-half miles from Machias, N. Y.

JOHN RICHIE, alias JOHN HORTON.

August 22, 1845 in the Highlands of Scotland, John Richie was born. He was employed as a laborer in this country when the war began. True to his Scottish Chieftan blood, he enlisted in the Spring of 1864 at Saginaw City, Mich., in Co. L, 16th Mich. V. I., 3d Brig., 1st Div., 5th A. C. Among his many battles we name, Petersburg, Explosion of the Mine, Weldon R. R., Five Forks, 1st and 2d Hatchers Run, up to Appomatox C. H. In his first enlistment he fought at 2d Bull Run, and on the Seven Day Retreat. In all his gallant service he was never wounded, in the hospital, furloughed or captured. August 5, 1865, at Detroit, Mich., he was discharged. April 27, 1897 at Ischua, N. Y., Bessie E. Nottingham, daughter of Wellington and Sarah Nottingham became the loving wife of our comrade. One child, John Wellington, born May 17, 1898, has gladdened their home. Comrade Ritchie is a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., having passed the Grand Degree; he is a member of the Fair Oaks Post, and has held office of J. of V. He is an honest, hard-working farmer of Ischua, N. Y.

MELVIN ROBERTS.

Thomas W. and Susanna (Cornell) Roberts are the parents of our subject, Melvin, who was born July 1, 1847 near Meadville, Pa. He was engaged in farming in Bedford, Mich. when the War of the Rebellion began, and enlisted Feb. 1, 1864 in Co. D, 18th Mich. V. I., 3d Brig., 4th Div., 20th A. C., as a private. Among his many battles we mention the following:- Pond's Springs, Courtland, skirmishing with guerillas in Alabama, Sulphur Springs, and Athens, Ala., where, on