

tendant to him and asked, "Who was that brave little colonel of a Wisconsin regiment who carried back the flag? Give him my horse and saddle;" This shows plainly that there were brave men in the Union army and men of true nobility and honor in the Southern. Albertus L. Hazelton, a brother, was 2d Lieut. of Co. B, 16th Pa. V. Cav. and served his full enlistment. Loren Edwards, the wife's brother was a landsman on a man-of-war in the Roving Atlantic Squadron. Comrade Hazelton for many years was a minister of the Gospel in the M. E. Church, but now has retired and is spending the sunset days of a useful life in his home at Machias, N. Y.

PETER RANSOM

A son of Hiram and Emmaline (Storey) Ransom, was born May 21, 1843 in Groveland, N. Y. He was a farmer at the outbreak of the Rebellion and he was enrolled as a private in Co. L, 14th N. Y. H. A. on Dec. 25, 1863 at Genesee, N. Y. This gallant command fought at the Wilderness, Spottsylvania C. H., North Anna, Topotomy, Bethesda Church, Cold Harbor, 1st and 2d Petersburg, Mine Run, Weldon R. R., Pegram's Farm, and Ft. Stedman. In Sept., 1864 he was confined in the Fairfax Seminary an account of rheumatism, and was finally discharged Feb. 2, 1865 by reason of disability. Nov. 5, 1870 he was united in marriage to Delila Hedding, daughter of David and Wealthy (Storey) Hedding. Mrs Ransom was born Oct. 12, 1854 in New Hudson, N. Y. Five children crowned their marriage: Gertrude N., Robert C., Emmaline A., Leslie J., and Charles G. His grandfather Ransom served in Revolutionary War. Comrade Ransom is a faithful member of Alanson Crosby Post, 508, and is now employed as a night watchman. He lives in a cosy home in Franklinville, N. Y.

NATHANIEL PATTERSON

A son of Nathaniel and Jane (Vandenburg) was born April 8, 1842 in Farmersville, N. Y. He was a farmer when the call for volunteers came. He left the farm and was enrolled as a private of Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I., assigned to 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., enrolled Aug. 7, 1862 at Machias, N. Y. He was an active participant at Chancellorsville; while near Frederick City, Md. on the march to Gettysburg, they had stacked arms for the night and were rolled in their blankets, trying to sleep. A stampede of horses swept over them and one stepped on Comrade Patterson's left side, broke four ribs and affecting the spinal cord; he was sent to the field hospital, and remained for some time. Aug. 3, 1863 he was taken sick with diphtheria and paralysis, returned home and did not join his regiment until

May, 1864 at Atlanta, near Peach Tree Creek. He was at once detailed in the wagon train and served in this capacity until discharged June 11, 1865 at Bladensburg, Md. April 22, 1864 he was united in marriage at Ischua, N. Y. to Anne Martin, daughter of Benjamin and Lucy Kidder Martin. Mrs. Patterson was born July, 1833 in Middlebury, Vt. Two children were given to this union, Lucy Jane, born Mar. 11, 1860, and Altie May, born Sept. 19, 1867. Henry L. Patterson, a brother, was also in Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I., and died of inflammation of the brain at Baltimore, Md., and Charles in 188th N. Y. V. I. Hiram Martin, the wife's brother, was in Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I. Comrade Patterson is a faithful member of the Free-will Baptist church, and is spending the last days of his useful life in Franklinville, N. Y.

MELVILLE COOLEY

A son of Daniel and Roxanna (Gibbs) Cooley, was born June 11, 1844 at Hume, Allegany Co., N. Y. He was a farmer when the thunders of Civil War awoke the hills of his native county. He donned the blue Sept. 10, 1864 at Dunkirk, N. Y., in Co. E, 90th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 1st Div., 19th A. C. He shared the fortunes of this heroic regiment at Cedar Creek and other fields, and was at last discharged June 3, 1865 at Washington, D. C. Mar. 29, 1869 he was united in marriage to Mary G. Mitchell, in Lyndon, N. Y. Mrs. Cooley is a daughter of Matthew and Anna Burnett Mitchell, and was born Jan. 11, 1847. Five children were given to this union, Anna B., Cassie M., Will O., Ralph M., and Maggie A. Comrade Cooley has served as J. of P., highway commissioner of the town of Lyndon, N. Y. He is a faithful member of the Alanson Crosby Post, 508, and lives on a large and fertile farm in the town of Lyndon, and his P. O. is Elgin, N. Y.

ALONZO D. SILL

A son of William and Harriett Arnold Sill, was born Mar. 28, 1835 in Franklinville, N. Y. He was engaged in farming when the War of the Rebellion began, and was enrolled as a private, in July, 1862, at Humphrey Centre, N. Y., in Co. C, 154th N. Y. V. I., under Captain Warner. This company was placed in the 1st Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. He was in due time promoted to sergeant. He was strained and ruptured by lifting heavy timbers near Brook's Station in 1863, and on account of typhoid fever was confined in the Division Hospital until finally discharged, June 4, 1863, near Brook's Station. Dec. 27, 1864 he was happily united in marriage at Franklinville, N. Y. to Adaline (Linderman), daughter of Nicholas Linderman. Mrs. Sill was born Aug. 25, 1844 in Ischua, N. Y. One daughter crowned the

union, Ida M. (Longaker) born Oct. 28, 1865. Alonzo Linderman, the wife's brother, and George Winters, her half-brother, were in the service. Comrade Sill is a member of the A. O. U. W., trustee of the Baptist church, and member of Alanson Crosby Post, 508. He is one of the foremost merchants of Franklinville, N. Y., and has the respect and esteem of the community.

STEPHEN A. BECKWITH.

Stephen A. and Sarah Wilcox Beckwith are the parents of our subject, who was born Aug. 5, 1837 at Fredonia, N. Y. He early learned the painter's trade, and was thus engaged when the roar of old Sumpter's guns awoke the hills of his native state. He was among the first to enlist in the gallant 37th N. Y., being enrolled May 17, 1861, at Allegany, N. Y., in Co. H. This regiment was assigned to 3d Brig., Kearney's Div., 3d A. C. He entered the ranks as a private, and before the end of his career was made 1st duty sergeant. Among his many battles we mention Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, Chancellorsville, Fredericksburg, "Stick-in-the-Mud" and 2d Bull Run. He was taken sick on the Fair Oaks field, and confined in hospital at White House Landing, became insane and escaped, and wandered in the woods three days, was found by his comrades, taken into camp, and at last sent to David's Island, N. Y. H.; suffering with typhoid fever until Dec., 1862, from thence was sent to Ft. Hamilton for five days, then to convalescent camp; when scarcely able he once more resumed his soldier life in the field. Jan. 1, 1862 he was sent to New York on recruiting service, enrolling about 50 men for his regiment. As he quaintly remarks, "My legs were too long, they couldn't catch me." Having served his country faithfully, he was discharged June 22, 1863 at New York, by reason of expiration of time. On his return home he was married Oct. 5, 1864, at East Randolph N. Y., to Phillepena Seil, daughter of Geo. and Margaret Seil. Mrs. Beckwith was born Mar. 17, 1846 at Rochester. Five children have hallowed this union, Edwin J., born Sept., 1867, Geo. S., born June 25, 1870, Allie, born 1875, Bert, dec., born 1878, and Maud S., born May 8, 1882. We sadly record the following: John E. Beckwith, brother of our subject, was a member of the heroic 37th Ill. under Logan; he was shot in the head before Atlanta, having served within two days his three years enlistment. Comrade Beckwith is Past Commander of Sherwood Post, 380, and has been recommended as aide in the State Department. For 30 years a member of the Odd Fellows. At present a carriage manufacturer, and one of the truly honored men of his wn, Salamanca, N. Y.

MARION BAKER

Was born Dec. 7, 1815 in Machias, N. Y., and was engaged in farming when he was enrolled as a private in Co. H, 14th N. Y. H. A. on Nov. 9, 1863 at Steamburg, N. Y. He was in the fights at Weldon R. R., Southside R. R., before Petersburg, Ft. Stedman, and Ft. Haskell. While in front of Petersburg he was slightly wounded. In May, 1864 he was in the Central Park Hospital, New York City, for three months with fever and pneumonia. He was taken prisoner at Ft. Stedman; but was at once recaptured by the Union forces, Mar. 25, 1865. At various times he was on special detailed service, and was a faithful, honorable soldier and received his well-earned discharge in Sept., 1865 at Rochester, N. Y. His marriage to Samantha Brown was crowned by one son, Augustus, born in July, 1882. Comrade Baker is living on a little farm, and is a member of the Phillips Post of Machias, N. Y.

HENRY HARKNESS

Private of Co. E, 11th Pa. V. Cav., is a son of Jacob and Prudence Smith Harkness; he was born Feb. 7, 1839 in Springfield, Pa., and was living there when the thunders of Civil War summoned the Nation to arms; he was enrolled in Aug., 1861 at Philadelphia. Among his many battles we proudly name Deserted House, Blackwater, Wilson Ridge, where one-sixth of the company were killed, on the Peninsula campaign, Yorktown, Big Bethel, Williamsburg, Malvern Hill and Petersburg. He also witnessed the Monitor and Merrimac fight off Hampton Roads. Out of his regiment 117 were killed. June 30, 1862 he was confined in the hospital at Suffolk, suffering with typhoid fever, to August 5th. Having served faithfully his enlistment, he was discharged, Aug. 28, 1864 at Bermuda Hundred, Va. Dec. 28, 1868, in his native town, he was married to Ella Bailey, daughter of A. W. and Lydia Bailey, by whom he had two children, Howard, born April 25, 1871, and Myron, born Nov. 30, 1877. His second marriage, to Marion L. Teeter, daughter of Andrew and Jane Brooks Teeter, on Mar. 28, 1880; one son, Frank Harold, born Dec. 28, 1882, brightened their home at Salamanca, N. Y. His brother Martin served 6 months in 132d Pa. V. I. His first wife's father was also in the service. Comrade Harkness is a Master Mason and has been assessor for 12 years of Salamanca township, and is a member of Sherwood Post, 380, and is now spending the declining days of his useful life at 203 Wildwood Ave., Salamanca, N. Y.