

time of his discharge he was sick for two weeks in St. Mary's Hospital, from whence he was discharged in July, 1865. His brothers Steven, Elijah and Hiram served faithfully in the Northern army. His grandfather, Elijah Oaks, was a hero of the Rebellion. Com. Oaks is spending the last days of his useful life on a well-kept farm near Great Valley, N. Y.

## JAMES WILLIAMS,

Son of George and Ann (Brane) Williams, was born Oct. 19, 1827, in Gloucestershire, England, where he was united in marriage to Ursula Percilla Bryant, daughter of Francis and Anna Coole Bryant, Dec. 23, 1849. Mrs. Williams was born Aug. 8, 1829. They came to America in 1852 and settled near Randolph, N. Y. When the war arose, he was peacefully engaged in farming and, being a true patriot, he enlisted Dec. 22, 1863, at Jamestown, N. Y., in Co. A, 112th N. Y. V. I. of the famous 10th A. C. He shared the glories of his command till discharged June 22, 1865 at Camp Parole, near Annapolis, Md. He was with his command in all engagements until captured in August, 1864, near Bermuda Hundred; he was confined in Libby and Bell Isle for ten weeks, and after taken prisoner he was seized with the fever; his comrades were sent to Andersonville but on account of his sickness he was retained and paroled. He was carried off the rebel boat at the landing two miles from City Point to be placed in the omnibus, more dead than alive, and when he was brought to City Point the sight of the old flag and the Union transport ship so enthused him that, weak as he was from his terrible suffering, he got out alone and ran up the gang plank of the transport. He had entered the army weighing 188 pounds, and left it weighing 80. He did not join his regiment until 1865 at Dunkirk. He served faithfully and well and it is with pride he recounts those stirring days. One daughter, Martha, born in 1855 has crowned their home ties. Both husband and wife are spending the declining days of their life on a pleasant farm near Randolph, N. Y.

## JOHN G. WRIGHT,

Son of Abraham and Lydia Guy Wright, was born Oct. 7, 1828 in the town of Great Valley, N. Y. He was happily united in marriage in Humphrey, N. Y., Mar. 23, 1851, to Angeline Pierce, daughter of L. D. and Catherine (Fowsmoll) Pierce, who was born Feb. 10, 1829 in Onondaga Co., N. Y. Six children hallowed their home, Mary E., dec., Catherine L. (Mason), Harlow S., Laura E. Giles, Emma O. VanGorden, Myrton H. Com. Wright was living in Humphrey when the summons came for the boys to don the blue; he left the farm and his quiet home and was enrolled as a private, Sept. 15, 1864, in Co. A,

188th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 1st Div., 5th A. C. In Jan., 1865 he was confined in the Harwood hospital, Washington, for 4 months suffering with the measles. He was detailed to work in the cook house for a part of his service and being physically unable to go into battle he was given his well earned discharge July 11, 1865. His brother James was a member of the gallant 6th N. Y. V. Cav. Com. Wright has ably served the public as Commissioner, Overseer of the Poor and assessor. He is the honored Q. M. Sergt. of Rust Post, 357, and a Mason of the third degree. He lives in Great Valley, N. Y., passing his declining years in peace and quiet.

## DAVID J. WILLIAMS

Son of James and Fannie Williams, was born in Pembeshire, South Wales, Sept., 1823, and settled in this county in 1850. He was farming when our flag was trailed in the dust of the South. He knew his duty and he did it; in Sept., 1862 he was enrolled in the famous Co. F, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C. at Freedom; this command was one of the best that Cattaraugus county ever sent to the front. Comrade Williams was in the battles of Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mt., Mission Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, and the 100 days' fighting to Atlanta; he was wounded in the left shoulder at Peach Tree Creek and sent back to hospital at Chattanooga, where he remained until discharged in March, 1865. His first marriage to Elizabeth Williams was blessed by two children, Thomas M. W. and Robert J. His second marriage to Jennie E. Louis, who was born on March 21, 1847, in Oneida Co., N. Y., was consummated Nov. 22, 1882. Two children have graced their hearthstone, William H. and George D. Comrade Williams was an ardent member of the Baptist church and ever tried to live up the principles of true Christian manhood. He was a kind neighbor, brave soldier, affectionate husband and father. We record his death, which happened Aug. 29, 1894, death caused by heart disease and the gunshot wound in shoulder. No higher tribute can be paid to his memory than, that he was tender and loving to his friends and helped them to believe in the reality of a life "hid in Christ." His widow resides on a farm in Farmersville, N. Y., a quiet, esteemed woman.

## THOMAS R. ALDRICH,

Son of Thomas and Susanna Brown Aldrich, was born Oct. 6, 1840, in Quaker Springs, N. Y. and moved into this county in 1859. He was employed as a farmer when the President issued his call for volunteers. He left the farm and was enrolled as a private of Co. B, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., Aug. 8, 1862 at Per-