

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 Ursulla 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 (Fowsmell) 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.

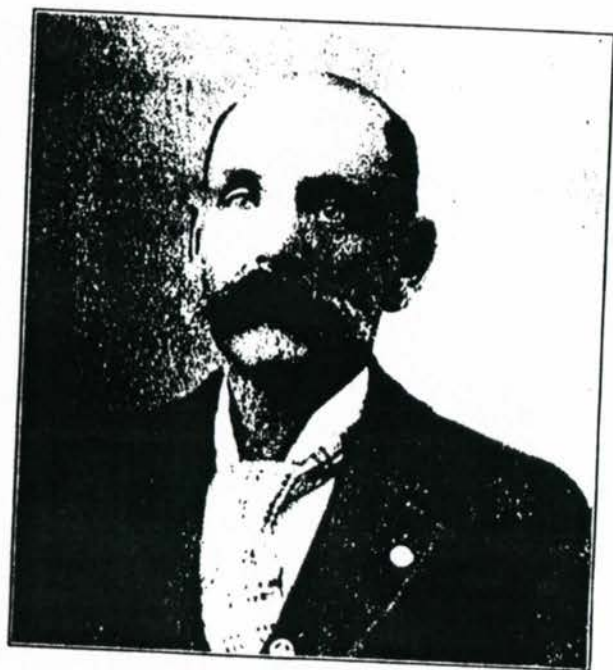
DAVID J. WILLIAMS

Son of James and Fannie Williams, was born in Pembashire, South Wales, Sept., 1823, and settled in this county in 1859. 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, 15th 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, 1891, 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, 1810, 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-

rysburg, N. Y. He shared the glories of war with this regiment in the struggles at Chancellorsville, Wauhatchie, Mission Ridge and Rocky Face Ridge. In the first fight he was wounded in the right thigh, left wrist, left knee and the abdomen. Was taken to the Corps hospital for the night but as it was shelled by the rebels in the morning they crossed the United States Ford and went to Berea Church hospital; the following morning found them on the move to Brook's Station, and finally in two days they landed in Carver Hospital, ward 56, Washington. He remained here until Sept. 11, 1863 with exception of a furlough given June 26, 1863 for 30 days, and at last rejoined his regiment at Alexandria. Altho his wounds had not entirely healed he did duty in his command and was ever ready to act. May 8, 1864 on the famous assault on Rocky Face Ridge, he was shot in the left shoulder by a sharpshooter and captured by the 5th Ark. and 2d Ky. V. I. of the Rebel army. There were 12 or 15 of his regiment captured at the same time, and they were at once hustled off to Dalton, and on the morning of the 11th of May, 1864 they were in Atlanta, to Andersonville bound. He endured the horrors of this infamous pen, no tongue can tell, no mind can reproduce all the agony of those days. Starvation, disease, insanity, staked among them, and the fiend Wirz gloated over the 125 new graves daily. On the fall of Atlanta, Sept. 2, 1864, it being too hot for the rebels to hold so many prisoners near Sherman's army, Sept. 7th they were at Savannah, where they stayed till Oct. 11, 1864, then to the Bull pen at Milan until Nov. 21, 1864, then to Blackshear for two days, was paroled and sent to Savannah, thence sent on Nov. 29th to Florence, and at last on Feb. 18th to Wilmington. In the hurry of the rebels to get away from Sherman's army, Com. Aldrich and four comrades, Woodard, Lyons and two others, hid in Wilmington until the rebels had departed and when the Boys in Blue of old Billy's army came, he joined them. His faded blouse, still bearing the corporal's stripe, his emaciated frame bent with suffering, bore evidence of his prison life. He soon found his way home, and was given his well-earned discharge June 22, 1865, at Annapolis. Feb. 2, 1869, at Ellijottville, N. Y., Com. Aldrich chose for his life's companion, Maryett Walker, daughter of Alanson and Polly (Beals) Walker; she was born Mar. 22, 1845 at Perrysburg, N. Y. Two children have hallowed their home ties, Carl W. and Anna M. His brother, Elias H., (named for Elias Hicks, the great Quaker preacher) served one year in Co. B, 44th N. Y. V. I., one year in Co. I, 123d N. Y. V. I., as orderly sergeant to Sept., 1864, and then was 1st Lieut. of 100th U. S. C. T., discharged at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31, 1865. He was never wounded, altho in Gettysburg, Sherman's campaign to Atlanta and many hard battles, including Franklin and Nashville, with the 100th U. S. C. T.; he died at DeQuincey, April 13, 1873. Com. Aldrich has served as P. M. for five years, Deputy U. S. Marshal 8



Andrew J. Langmade.

years, Deputy Sheriff 20 years, President of Ellicottville for 2 years, constable, notary public and many minor offices. Since the formation of Henry VanAernam post, 232, he has for the most part been its commander. He is a member of the Masons, K. O. T. M., and is spending the declining years of a well spent life in a quiet home in Ellicottville, N. Y. His companion passed to her reward in June, 1877. The dairy as kept by Mr. Aldrich in prison contains many pathetic touches showing the sad side of the prisoners lives and the heroes who died there. Had he not a constitution of iron and a will of steel he would never have come out of those pens alive.

1st Sergt. ANDREW J. LANGMADE.

On the Spring day of May 24, 1840 in the town of Yorkshire, N. Y., a son came into the home of William and Laura (Davis) Langmade, whom they afterwards named Andrew J. He grew to manhood in his native county and was working on the farm when the summons came for the boys to don the blue. He left the quiet home and, Dec. 12, 1861, at Yorkshire Center, he entered Co. K, 105th N. Y. V. 1., 3d Brig., 3d Div., 3d A. C. afterwards in 2d Brig., 2d Div., 1st A. C., as a private, and was successively promoted to 1st Sergt. about March, 1863. He shared the glories of this gallant command on many hard fought fields, Cedar Mt., Rappahannock Sta., Thoroughfare Gap, 2d Bull Run, Chantilly, South Mt., Antietam, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, where he was captured, July 1, 1863, in a few days parole, and, with 160 others and their Col. Adrian R. Root, sent to Annapolis. Returning to his command, he participated in the Wilderness, Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Bethesda church, Tolopotony, before Petersburg, June 17 and 18, White Oak Swamp, Jerusalem Plank Road and Weldon R. R. In winter of '62 and '3, while near Bell Plain Landing, he was injured in the spine by carrying a stick of timber, hernia resulting, but was off duty about 2 weeks. On the Weldon raid, Aug. 19, 1864, he was again taken prisoner and endured the horrors of Libby, two weeks; Bell Island, five weeks; and Salisbury to Feb. 28, 1865. He was one of eight comrades doomed to Salisbury and was the only one to return home to tell the story of this modern hell. Greatly weakened by his long prison life, he was sent to Annapolis, where he remained for six weeks in the hospital, and was given his well-earned discharge April 27, 1865 at Elmira, N. Y. After 2d Bull Run, Com. Langmade had command of his company in its engagements and was a heroic, trusted officer. In Mar., 1863 the 105th N. Y. was consolidated with the 94th N. Y. and was known as the 94th. On his return home he once more resumed his quiet farm life and was happily married to Mary A. Whiting, daughter of Levi and Chestina (Eastland) Whiting, Oct. 7, 1866, at Ashford.