

1832, whom they afterwards named Harmon G. Nov. 9, 1852, in Astabula Co., O., he was married to Elmira Lemon. Four children to them were given: Nathaniel, Fannie A., Lavica and Ida. His second marriage, to Louisa Green, was consummated at Coldspring, by whom he had three children, William, James and Jennie. He was living in Astabula Co., O. when the war burst upon the nation. He enlisted Oct. 16, 1861, at Morgan, O., in Co. K, 29th O. V. I., 2d Brig., Bank's Div., Army of the Potomac, as musician. We mention his battles with pride: Winchester, Port Republic, Culpepper C. H., Chancellorsville, Lookout Valley, Gettysburg, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Cold Harbor and Pittsburg Landing. He was ruptured by prying out a baggage wagon and confined in hospital at Winchester and Stevenson's Station for 11 weeks. In May, 1862 was given a 30 days' furlough with extension of 30 days, and in June rejoined his regiment at Ft. Jackson. June 9, 1864 he was captured at Port Republic but escaped the same night and, after wandering four or five days, regained the lines. In Nov., 1862 he received his discharge but stayed with the regiment till '65 as they did not know he had it. His two brothers fought in the army, William in 29th N. Y. V. I., and Leonard; the latter died in hospital. Nathaniel Wilder, his son, was in Co. A, 29th N. Y. V. I. and is still living. Mrs. Wilder's brothers, James and William Green, were soldiers of the 64th N. Y. V. I. Com. Wilder is the honored Commander of Whipple Post, 651, and lives on a pleasant farm near Onoville, N. Y.

## JOSEPH E. WILKINS.

Joseph E. Wilkins of New Hampshire and Emma Gibson of Mass. were the parents of our subject, who was born Jan. 6, 1841, at Buffalo, N. Y. He was employed on the street car line from Buffalo to Niagara when the President called for volunteers, and he enlisted at Buffalo, April, 1861, in Co. F, 21st N. Y. V. I., Patrick's Brig., 3d A. C. as a private and before the end of his service was promoted to 2d Lieut. of 92d N. Y. V. I. He bravely met the enemy at Sulphur Springs and Bull Run, where, Aug. 26, 1862, he was captured, paroled on the field and sent to parole camp, where he remained four months. He was finally discharged at Newburn, N. C., in 1865. Aug. 6, 1867, at Buffalo, he was married to Sarah C. Rounds, daughter of Dr. Levi E. and Anna Waikman Rounds. She was born Oct. 5, 1840 at Lockport, N. Y. Four children have graced this union: Emma, Anna C., Edna E. and Carrie A. Grandfather Gibson was a hero of 1812, while grandfather Wakeman fought in the Revolution. Com. Wilkins is a member of the Sherwood Post, Royal Arcanum, Expressmen Mut. Benefit Association, 121st N. Y. Vet. Assocation. He is holding a position of trust as express messenger on 13 and 14 on the Erie R. R. He lives in a pleasant home at Salamanca, N. Y.

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## WILLIAM BIRD,

Son of William and Mary Christie Bird, was born June 29, 1830, in Aberdeen, Scotland, and was united in marriage at Ellicottville, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1859, to Mary C. W. McCadden, daughter of Francis M. and Anna Mathews McCadden. Nine children were given to their home, Minnie, William J., James L., Charles E., Harry, Alexander, Richard, John H., and Benj. P. When the war burst upon the nation, Com. Bird was among the first to respond and rendered his valued services. He was enrolled May 13, 1861, at Ellicottville, N. Y., in Co. I, 37th N. Y. V. I., as 1st Sergt., promoted to 2d Lieut. May 5, 1862, 1st Lieut. Sept. 13, 1862, and Capt. Dec. 20, 1862. He was to the front in engagements of Yorktown, Williamsburg, Fair Oaks, 2d Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Cold Harbor and Petersburg. May 31, 1864 he received a gunshot through shoulder at Fairmount, Va., and June 17, 1864, at Petersburg, a piece of shell in left knee. His hospital record reads; Field Hospital, Savage Sta., 2 days; Mt. Pleasant Hospital, Washington, two weeks; Naval Academy, Annapolis, four weeks; all account of wounds receive in line of duty. Oct. 28, 1862 he was transferred, at Poolesville, Md., from Co. I to H, 37th, and was discharged from it June 22, 1863, at New York City, and re-enlisted Feb. 16, 1864, in Co. D, 179th N. Y. V. I., and was finally discharged Aug. 29, 1864, at Annapolis. His three brothers; George M. in 26th Mo. V. I.; James and Alexander in 154th N. Y. V. I. The wife's brother, R. J. McCadden, was in the 154th N. Y. Com. Bird has ably served as supervisor and sheriff, and also on the Board of Game and Fish Commissioners for 14 years. He is a member of F. & A. M., and Phil. Kearney Post, 18, of Minn., G. A. R. He is spending the declining years of life in Fairmount, Minn., respected by all.

## LEVI D. BRYANT,

Son of Seth and Lois Bryant of Pelham, Mass., was born near Rochester, N. Y., Nov. 16, 1822, and settled in this county in 1856. Feb. 16, 1858 he was married to Cornelia A. Hyde, daughter of Ira and Hannah Eldridge Hyde; she was born June 13, 1836, in Ellicottville, N. Y. Eight children crowned their home ties, Francis M., Dora A., Nellie M., Olive L., Mary, William, Lois and Mabel, dec. He was a painter when the war of Rebellion assumed its large proportions; he left the brush and took the musket, Sept. 5, 1864, at Avon, N. Y., in Co. G, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 20th A. C. He was on the march to the Sea, campaign in the Carolinas and Grand Review at Washington. Com. Bryant says, "At Savannah happened an incident which shows Sherman's character. The army had seized a lot of cotton. Three English officers claimed it as property of the Queen and

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