

chard at Gettysburg with a load of bread, gave it to Irwin and me, and we distributed it among the wounded soldiers. The rebel Gen. Olmstead was shot many times at Gettysburg while trying to take a battery on Little Round Top; Irwin and I carried him into the Spangler House, Irwin gave him whisky; he raised up in bed and shouted, "Tell my comrades that I died a brave man." He passed away that night." May 9, '64 he was injured at Rocky Face Ridge. The pioneers were cutting down the trees in front of the line, the camp had to move, and he took his tent on his shoulder and climbed a fence which broke and he severely injured a testicle and broke three ribs, but did not go to hospital and staid with the boys. In April, 1863, was in the hospital for six weeks, sent to Acqua Creek Hospital, got tired of it, and ran away to his regiment. He was discharged June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. His brother Adelbert, Co. F, 154th N. Y. V. I., served as first lieut., in every fight of the regiment, and promoted for bravery. Jonathan, his younger brother, was in only six weeks. Com. Ames is a member of Van Aernam Post at Ellicottville. He is honored by all his townsmen of Sugartown, N. Y.

## MOSES BOWEN,

Son of Moses and Betsey Hopkins Bowen, born Dec. 11, 1843, in Mansfield, N. Y., and was engaged in farming when he enlisted, as a private, Aug. 15, 1862, in Co. B, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 10th and 20th A. C. Nov. 5, 1862, he was taken with typhoid fever and confined in the hospital at Alexandria, Va. in the Baptist church till Jan. 9, '63, then sent to Portsmouth Grove, R. I. for three weeks, returned, but had a severe relapse of the fever and was in Lincoln Hospital, Washington, till Sept., '63, when he joined his regiment at Bridgeport, Ala. He fought at Wauhatchie, Mission Ridge, Lookout Mt., Rocky Face Ridge, Reseca, Pumpkin Vine Creek, All Burnt Hickory, New Hope Church, sent from Chatt. to New Albany, Ind. to Joe Holt Barracks on account of sickness, and at close of war was discharged from Louisville, June 27, 1865. "A little before Kenesaw Mt. we were ordered to advance our pickets, we did so, and that night were so near to them that the outer vidette could hear the rebels talking. We had driven them back that day with the bayonet, and they did not like that kind of medicine." Dec. 29, 1868, at Perrysburg, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Adiline Harvey, child of Charles and Eliza Manley Harvey, and after 25 years of devoted companionship, the wife and mother passed away, May 7, 1893. Two daughters feel her loss, Mary E. and Maude E. Francis M., his brother, was in the 154th N. Y., was wounded. Com. Bowen is an A. O. U. W., and a member of Van Aernam Post, 232. He is a kind and respected neighbor, and lives on a large, fertile farm near Ellicottville.

## 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. F. When the war burst upon the nation, Com. Bird was among the first to respond and tendered 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 Poolsville, 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., C. 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

demanding that Sherman give it up. They were quite importunate, and after they had threatened to report him to the Queen, Sherman said, 'That's just what I want, and tell her majesty, the Queen, that I will come over there with my boys in blue and shovel that cursed sand hill into the sea.' Seth, his brother, is now in the internal revenue department at Washington. On account of age, Com. Bryant has retired, has been chaplain of the post for last 16 years. He lives in a quiet home at Ellicottville, N. Y.

## JOHN A. BUSH,

Son of Joseph and Lucretia (Green) Bush, was born May 19, 1832, in Farmersville, N. Y., and was married June 20, 1857, at E. Rushford, N. Y., to Helen M. Little, daughter of William and Lourana Manwaring Little, by whom he had two children, Laura and Jessie, dec. His second marriage was consummated Aug. 23, 1897, to Elizabeth Hudson, at Lancaster, N. Y., but she died Jan. 17, 1899. When the war of the Rebellion began he was a farmer and left the field and was enrolled as a private Aug. 6, 1862, at Machias, in Co. D, 154th N. Y. V. I., 3d Brig., 2d Div., 11th and 20th A. C., and in due time was made corporal and sergeant with the colors. He fought at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, where he was wounded in the right arm by a 2 and a half inch shell; he was in hospital at Gettysburg till Nov., 1863 with exception of a furlough given in Oct. of 30 days; he reported to Elmira, sent to Harrisburg, from thence to York, Pa., where he stayed till Jan., 1865, where he was discharged Jan. 30th. July 1, 1863 he was in a detail of one hundred to go from Emmettsburg to Whitestown and return, breaking camp at day break and returned at sunset. His two brothers, Robert of 71st N. Y. V. I. and Charles of 22d N. Y. H. A., served faithfully, and the wife's three brothers, Fred, Walter and Henry Little, see records. Com. Bush served as Collector of Farmersville in 1866 when \$12,464.14 was paid in, the largest tax ever raised in the town. He is a member of Phillips Post; and is one of the good citizens of Delevan, N. Y.

## ALONZO H. COOK,

Son of Reuben and Laura Hubbard Cook, was born Oct. 6, 1815, in Ticonderoga, N. Y. and came into this county in 1838. June 1, 1842 he was united in marriage to Polly Howell, child of Col. Abram and Sally Frisbee Howell; she was born July 29, 1816, in Delhi, N. Y. Seven children were given to the union: Philetus A., Sally M., Malisa, Bella H., Frances F., dead, Mary M. and Sarah L. After years of faithful companionship the wife and mother passed away Sept. 20, 1895. When the Civil war settled over our land, he felt it his duty to his country, so he enlisted as a private Dec. 31, 1861, in Co. K, 105th N.

Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 1st Div., 3d A. C. He fought at Haymarket and Antietam. He was wounded in the last battle by gunshot in head, left arm, and paralyzed his left leg; was taken to field hospital at Washington, where he remained till recovered and returned to regiment. He was captured at Gettysburg, sent to Anapolis, there paroled with his Col. Root. He served faithfully through all the hardships and privations, and was discharged April 27, 1865, at Elmira, N. Y. His grandfather Cook was in the Revolution seven years, and grandfather Howell was in 1812 war; why should not our comrade have fighting blood? He is a member of M. E. Church and the Howell post, 390, of Delevan, N. Y., where he is spending the sunset days of life. Although an old man, Mr. Cook is active and has an excellent memory.

## CHESTER DEMING

Son of Luther and Sally (Wadley) Deming, was born in 1837 in Wattertown, N. Y., and came into this county in 1838. He was engaged in farming when the call for volunteers came, and he enlisted, Sept., 1862, at Ellicottville, N. Y., in Co. G, 154th N. Y. V. I., 2d Brig., 2d Div., 11th A. C., as a private, and in due time was made sergeant. He fought gallantly at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Lookout Mt., Mission Ridge, Rocky Face Ridge, Dalton, Marietta, New Hope Church. July 1, 1863 he was captured at Gettysburg, and was confined in Libby and Bell Isle for 31 days and finally exchanged. At Chatt. he was furloughed and came home, and was married, Sept., 1864, at Mansfield, to Mary P. Smith, daughter of Clark and Mary Vanscork Smith. One son was given to this union, Chester A., born in 1872. In May, 1864, at New Hope Church, he was wounded in right cheek by a gunshot; was in field hospital for a time and sent to Louisville for six weeks, thence to Dennison, then to Chattanooga, and joined his command at Goldsboro, N. C., where he was given his position in the company. When the war closed he was discharged June 11, 1865, at Bladensburg, Md. His two brothers; Lyman of 81st N. Y. V. I., died in Andersonville; and Luther of same regiment, now living near Portville, N. Y. Sylvester Smith, wife's brother, served in 9th N. Y. V. Cav. Com. Deming is a member of Henry Van Aernam Post, Ellicottville, and lives on a pleasant farm near that place. P. O., Maples, N. Y. He is a respected citizen of his town.

## LUCIUS FORD,

Son of Nathaniel Ford, was born April 26, 1831, in Castile, N. Y. His beloved mother, Sally Copeland, has long ago passed to her reward. April 7, 1855, at E. Otto, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Malissa Brown, daughter of Erastus and Polly Showerman Brown; she was