

Victor Monroe Burlingame

Victor Monroe Burlingame was the son of Rickertson and Lydia (Fitch) Burlingame and was born on 2 July 1807 in Oxford, Chenango Co., N.Y. He married first in Ellicottville, Cattaraugus Co., N.Y. in 1827, Lydia Thayer. Lydia was the daughter of Oliver and Hannah (Vining) Thayer and was born in 1804 in Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N.Y. Victor and Lydia settled in Ellicottville, and she died there on 27 July 1843. She was buried in the Old Cemetery in Ellicottville, N.Y. Victor married second on 8 Apr. 1844 in Ellicottville, Roxcena/Roxcy () Dow (born about 1818 in Vermont). Roxcy was a widow and had a daughter by her first marriage, Abby Dow (born about 1841 in Vt.).

Victor may have tried his hand at farming for a period of time but was the Constable and Keeper of the Jail in Ellicottville, N.Y. by 1850. At that time, he lived in the Toll House on the Old Plank Road, running between Ellicottville and Salamanca. Victor and Roxcy Burlingame removed to Hinsdale, N.Y. between 1855 and 1860 where Victor worked as a tavern keeper and Roxcy worked as a domestic servant.

Victor M. Burlingame served in the Civil War from Ellicottville as a private in Company A of the 154th N.Y. Volunteer Infantry. He enlisted on 21 July 1862 at Great Valley, mustered on 24 Sept. 1862 and was honorably discharged on 22 Sept. 1863 according to the Adjutant General's Office, Bureau of War Records, Albany, N.Y. According to the Department of Interior, Bureau of Pensions, Washington D.C., Victor was in action at Chancellorsville, VA. on 2 May 1863. He was captured as a prisoner-of-war by the South at Richmond, VA. on 9 May 1863. Victor was next admitted to Hospital # 21 in Richmond, VA. on 12 May 1863 and was paroled at City Point, VA. on 15 May 1863. He was reported at College Green Barracks on 16 May 1863 where he was listed as in the hospital, date of admission and cause not stated. He was sent to Convalescent Camp, Alexandria, VA. on 17 May 1863 and was mustered out at the camp on 22 Sept. 1863. Roxcy Burlingame received a pension for Victor's service after his death.

By 1865, Victor and Roxcy Burlingame had removed to Salamanca, N.Y. Victor was the keeper of a boarding house in that city, at least through 1870. They appear to have remained in that city, although he was listed in the 1875 N.Y.S. Census as living in Ellicottville with his oldest daughter and her husband, Frances (Burlingame) and Elbridge Drown. He was working as a shoemaker at that time. Roxcy Burlingame and Victor's younger children were not listed in that Census. They may have been visiting relatives out of the County. Victor M. Burlingame died on 11 Dec. 1888 in Salamanca, N.Y. He was buried in a public plot in Wildwood Cemetery in that city. Roxcy (Dow) Burlingame died on Sunday, 10 Feb. 1895 at her home in Salamanca as per the newspaper obituary.

Children by his first wife, Lydia (Thayer) Burlingame:

- * 1. Frances M., b. 23 Jan. 1828 in Ellicottville, N.Y.; d. 22 Mar. 1907 in Ellicottville; m. 17 July 1845 in Ellicottville by Israel Day, Esq. (as per the newspaper announcement), Elbridge M. Drown (son of Peter and Eliza [Green] Drown; b. 5 Nov. 1819 in Sweden, N.Y.; d. 2 Sept. 1904 in Ellicottville). They settled in Ellicottville, N.Y. He was a farmer, and also a dealer in real estate and cattle. They are buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Ellicottville.
- 2. Louisa, b. 1832 in Ellicottville, N.Y.; d. 20 Apr. 1906; m. Sunday, 12 Mar. 1854 by Rev. Mr. Buck in Ellicottville (as per the newspaper announcement), Hayden L. Litchfield (b. abt. 1833 in Ellicottville). He was a farmer and they resided at Salamanca, N.Y. They

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had a daughter Harriet (d. 1929) who married a Mr. Merchant. There are no living descendants.

3. Salome Mandane, b. 9 Aug. 1838 in Ellicottville; d. 24 July 1920 in that town; m. 1 Oct. 1854, Elisha Allen Litchfield (son of Levi and Nancy [Franch] Litchfield; b. 3 Sept. 1835 in Ellicottville; d. 5 June 1923 in Ellicottville). Elisha was a farmer. They are buried in Sunset Hill Cemetery in Ellicottville. They had one daughter:
 - a. Frances Abigail (b. 1865); m. Franklin Edwin Redfield.
4. Charles, b. 1841; m. Marion _____. By 1855 he was boarding in the Charles Henry family home in Ellicottville while working as a printer for Mr. Henry, who was an editor. He was living in Sturgis, Mich. in 1906. He had children by a second wife.

Children by his second wife, Roxcy (Dow) Burlingame:

5. Adell, b. 1848; m. James Thompkins. A son Walter resided in Conneaut, Ohio.
6. Edwin, b. Mar., 1850.
7. William/"Willie", b. 1852.
8. Mary, b. 1857; m. Charles Mitchell. They resided in Salamanca, N.Y.
9. Fred, b. Sept., 1859.
10. Claude, b. 1861.