

FRANKLIN M. BURTON.

Vernum and Viney Mix Burton are the parents of our subject, private in Co. D, 179th N. Y. V. I. He was born May 23, 1842 at Hinsdale, N. Y., and was farming when the war of Rebellion began, enlisting March, 1864; on his way to the front was taken sick with mumps, and on recovery was retained as nurse in hospital at Elmira, N. Y. During his long, faithful service here, he showed the strength of his young manhood. While treating a gangrene patient he was inoculated with the poison. We cannot tell of his awful suffering; only the withered right hand tells the story. When peace had come he was discharged in May, 1865. Nov. 16, 1865, at Cuba, N. Y., he was united in marriage to Mary Miller, daughter of John and Mary Bayne Miller, being born Oct. 21, 1846, at Edinburg, Scotland, her ancestry being the rugged Miller clan. Two children have blessed their home, Gerrie and Henry V. His grandfather, Joseph Burton, espoused the cause of the colonists and fought in the Revolution, one dying at Andersonville. Mrs. Burton is a member of the L. O. T. M., and Com. Burton of Bartlett Post of Cuba, N. Y. They live at Hinsdale, N. Y.

LORENZO F. BUSH.

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 Rufus C. and Mary Johnson Bush were living in Barker, Broom Co., when a son, Lorenzo F., came to brighten their home Feb. 17, 1832. In the fall of '52 he came to live in this county. Aug. 31, 1856 he married Helen M. Vinton, daughter of William and Anna Hawkins Vinton; he was born at Hinsdale, Feb. 6, 1839. Four children have blessed their hearthstone, Nellie M. (Gill), Mary L., Anna E., dec., and Ernie W., dec. He was engaged as a carpenter and boat builder when the war-cloud rolled up from the South. Feeling it his paramount duty, he enlisted and went forth to battle, Sept. 30, 1862, in Co. I, of the 4th N. Y. V. I., 1st Brig., 1st Div., 11th A. C. He was a loyal defender of the flag and courageously fought at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Atlanta and many other battles; at Bridgeport, Ala., he was imprisoned while working in the swamps, but never entered hospital during his entire service. The last nine months of his gallant career were spent in the transportation department under Sherman. Many are the stories he can relate of the famous march from Chattanooga to the Sea. When peace had dawned upon our nation he was discharged, May, 1865, at Bladensburg, Va. His ancestors were patriots, great-grandfather Bush was a hero of the Revolution, and grandfather Bush of 1812 War. It is with pleasure he speaks of the bright scenes of his early manhood, and he is spending his declining years in a quiet home with his wife at Hinsdale, N. Y.

GEORGE BUTTON.

Joseph and Frances Kibler Button were the parents of our subject. He was born March 1, 1842 at Sheldon, N. Y. When our flag trailed in the dust of the South, thousands of brave men sprang up to arms, and among them was our subject, enlisting Aug. 11, 1862 at Cortland, N. Y., in Co. C, 130th N. Y. V. I., later known as 1st N. Y. Dragoons. He faced the enemy at Deserted House, siege of Suffolk and Manassas, where, Sept. 17, 1863, he was captured by Mosby's guerillas. We do not attempt to tell of his suffering at Libby for two weeks, Bell Isle three months, and Andersonville for 18 months. He was a prisoner for 21 months and not released till close of war, when he was only a shadow of his former self. On the way home he was taken sick with small-pox and was in hospital at Blackwell Island, N. Y. He was there 7 weeks, receiving his discharge May, 1865. On St. Patrick's Day, Mar. 17, 1866, at Hinsdale, N. Y., Malinda Moyer, daughter of John and Mary Fravel Moyer, became the wife of Com. Button; she was born Feb. 28, 1842 at Hinsdale. Four children were born to the union, Ida, Minnie, Mary and Adah P. Ferdinand Button was also in the 1st N. Y. Dragoons, being wounded in the service, and died April 3, 1896. The father, Joseph, deceased, was also in the Civil War. Mrs. Button's brothers, Solomon and Joseph Moyer, were in the 14th N. Y. V. I., the latter dying in the war. Com. Button is a valued member of Ira Thurber post, 540, of Allegany, N. Y. and is a worthy citizen of Hinsdale, N. Y.

MILLARD FILLMORE BUTTON

Is the son of Heeman and Jerusa Joslyn Button, and was born in Cortland, N. Y., Mar. 4, 1846. When only 17 years of age he enlisted Nov. 9, 1863, at Salamanca, N. Y., in Co. H, 14th N. Y. H. A., Co. Marshall's Brig., 9th A. C. He was a conspicuous participant in battles of the Wilderness, Spottsylvania C. H., North Anna, Cold Harbor, before Petersburg, in the works at Petersburg, Mine Explosion, Weldon R. R. Yellow Tavern, Ft. Stedman. In Oct., 1864 at Cold Point he was in hospital for one week and sent to Beverly, N. J.