

demand 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 Pell 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