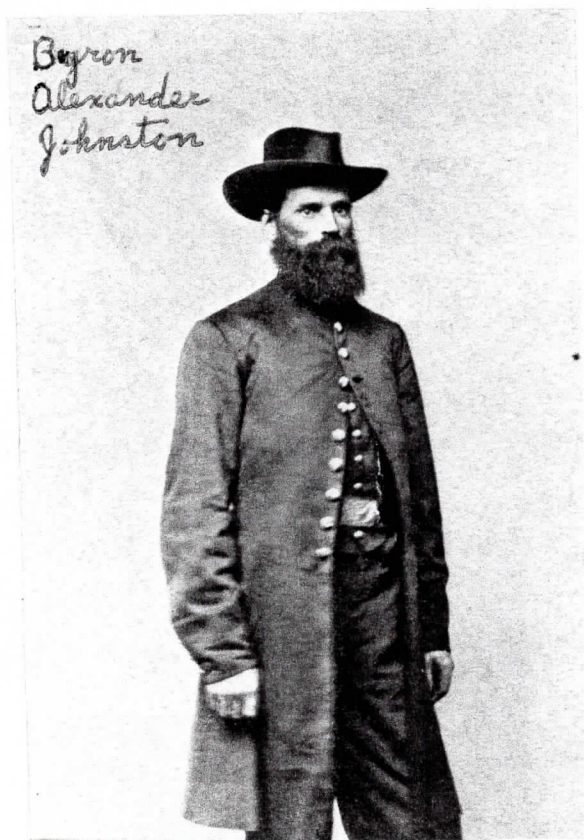


PRESENTATION COLT MODEL 1861 NAVY REVOLVER, CAL. .36
PRESENTED TO "BYRON A. JOHNSTON, 154th N.Y.S.V.
(ENGRAVED ON BACKSTRAP)

BYRON A. JOHNSTON was born January 31, 1827, at Ellicottville. In 1852 he journeyed overland to California, was there two and a half years and set off on his return by way of the isthmus. With 1,500 passengers aboard, the steamer *Yankee Blade* was wrecked off Point Conception and 100 lives were lost. Johnston was a carpenter by trade when he enlisted, May 7, 1861, to serve two years, in Co. H, 37th New York. He served as orderly sergeant and was discharged, January 19, 1862, at Fort Washington, Md., on a surgeon's certificate of disability. On July 21, 1862, he enrolled at Ellicottville, to serve three years; mustered in as first sergeant, Co. A, September 24, 1862; as second lieutenant, Co. B, January 3, 1863; as first lieutenant, Co. I, May 27, 1863; as captain, Co. F, July 9, 1864; mustered out with company, June 11, 1865, near Bladensburg, Md.

Commissioned second lieutenant, January 19, 1863, with rank from October 31, 1862, vice W. H. Lincoln resigned; first lieutenant, May 27, 1863, with rank from April 7, 1863, vice T. A. Allen promoted; captain, September 16, 1864, with rank from July 9, 1864, vice A. Crosby died of wounds received in action.



CAPT. BYRON A. JOHNSTON
Co. F, 154th REGT., N.Y.S. VOL. INF.